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**AGENDA
JULY BOARD MEETING
July 21, 2025
High School Library
7:30 PM**

7:15 PM – *Work session:* Agenda review, questions and comments (Open).
Personnel, Litigation, and Contracts (Closed).

Agenda

1. Call to order and flag salute by President.
2. Approve the minutes of the following meetings:
 - Regular meeting from June 16, 2025
 - Curricular & Extracurricular Committee meeting on July 17, 2025
 - Transportation Committee meeting, on July 17, 2025.
3. Approve the Treasurer’s Report, all bills as listed and financial statements.
4. Communications.
5. Board committee reports.
6. Administrative reports.
7. **PERSONNEL:**
Resignation(s):
Accept, with regret, the resignation of Mrs. Macey Hamilton as a middle/high school math teacher, effective with the 2025-26 school year.

Accept, with regret, the resignation of Mrs. Jennifer Beach as a kindergarten teacher, effective with the 2025-26 school year.

PERSONNEL (Continued):

Hire(s):

Recommend approval to hire the following coaches for fall supplemental contracts for 2025-26, pending clearances.

Doug Lumley	PAID football coach (Was listed as volunteer on original list)
James Osborne	Paid football coach
Mike Sherman	Volunteer soccer coach for middle school
Aimee Peters	Volunteer soccer coach for middle school
Stephen Morimando	Volunteer soccer coach for boys' soccer

Recommend approval to hire additional summer maintenance employees, pending clearances and paperwork, at a rate of \$9.00/hour.

Elsie Kropp
Lila Reckhart
Rose Irion

Recommend approval for Mr. Ryan Shaw to be a volunteer percussion instructor for the 5M band for the 2025-26 school year, pending clearances.

AmeriCorps:

Recommend approval for a full-time (1700 Hour) Elementary School AmeriCorps position for the 2025-26 school year, at a cost of \$16,000 to the district.

8. FACILITIES REQUEST:

Recommend approval for The Chapel at Mercer to use the elementary LGI, entrance, hallway and a projector to conduct worship service during their sanctuary repair. This request is for July 27, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. All aspects of the facility agreement and fees will be applicable.

Recommend approval for the Mercer Elementary Cross-Country Boosters to use the elementary cross-country course and football field/track to host the elementary relays on Saturday, September 27, 2025. All aspects of the facilities will be followed.

Recommend approval for United Way of Mercer County to host an after-school program in the middle-high school library for the 2025-26 school year.

9. STAFF DEVELOPMENT:

Recommend approval for Mrs. Allyson Rust to attend Safety Care Recertification on July 29, 2025 at MIU IV from 8:30 – 3:30 at a cost of \$100.00 for the training.

10. **STUDENT TRAVEL:**

Recommend approval for Mrs. Kelly Heffern to accompany the 5M band to Walt Disney World, Orlando, Florida, to participate in the parade from November 30 to December 5, 2025. The only cost to the school district is a substitute for four (4) days. (\$400)

11. Recommend approval to accept the agreement between Mercer Area School District and LDP, Inc, referred to as Leader Services, which will provide Pennsylvania Medicaid Direct Services web applications and support services. This agreement is from July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$4,800.00, as attached.

12. Recommend approval of a three (3) year agreement with IXL Learning for a K-12 Math and English/Language Arts software site license. Cost to the district is \$50,006.25.

13. Recommend approval to set the adult meal prices for the 2025-26 school year. This required for participation in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).

Breakfast: Adults \$2.95
Lunch: Adults \$4.85

14. Recommend approval of the following Parent Booster/Support Organizations for the 2025-26 school year, as they all meet the requirements set forth by the Mercer Area School Board in Policy 915, as follows:

PEP (Partners in the Educ. Process)	Girls Basketball Boosters	Speech Boosters
Mercer Band Boosters	Golf Boosters	Track & Cross-Country Boosters
Boys Basketball Boosters	Mercer Area Soccer Helpers	Girls Volleyball Boosters
Choral Boosters	Softball Boosters	Wrestling Boosters Club
Baseball Boosters	Tech-Ed Booster Club	

15. Recommend approval of the insurance package, with Reinhardt’s Insurance Agency, for 2025-26 as follows:

Property Insurance with CM Regent	\$140,460
Workers Compensation with Encova	<u>\$ 47,630</u>
<i>subtotal</i>	<i>\$188,090</i>
Cyber Insurance with Chubb	<u>\$ 5,618</u>
Grand total	<u>\$193,708</u>

16. Recommend approval for Nissley Tree Service to complete tree trimming work at the high school stadium. Cost for the project is \$7,200.00.

17. Recommend approval of Mercer Area School District van routes and drivers, for the 2025-26 school year, as attached.

18. Recommend approval of Watsons, Inc. bus drivers and routes for the 2025-26 school, as attached.
19. Recommend approval of the 2025-26 elementary school student handbook, as attached. (List of changes included)
20. Recommend approval of the 2025-26 elementary staff handbook, as attached. (List of changes included)
21. Recommend approval of the 2025-26 middle/high school student handbook, as attached. (List of changes included)
22. Recommend approval of the 2025-26 middle/high school staff handbook, as attached. (List of changed included)
23. Recommend approval of the 2025-26 Mercer Area School District 1:1 handbook for, as attached.
24. Other business.
25. Adjournment.

****First read:*** Policy numbers 626, 626.1, and 827

<i>FYI:</i>	
August 4	Football – Heat acclimatization begins
August 11	Fall sports practice begins (PIAA)
August 12	7th grade orientation @ 7 p.m.
August 18	<u>School Board Meeting</u>
August 20	Meet the Mustangs @ 7:30 p.m.
August 25 & 26	Teacher in-service days
August 25	Kindergarten Orientation
August 27	First day for <u>students</u>
August 28	M/HS Open House 5:30 – 7:15 p.m.