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AGENDA
OCTOBER BOARD MEETING
October 20, 2025
High School Library
7:30 p.m.

Executive Session (7:00 p.m.): Student discipline, personnel, litigation, (closed);
Agenda Items: Finances, facilities, and other business (open).

Agenda

1. Call to order and flag salute by the President.
2. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 15, 2025 and the special meeting on October 7, 2025.
3. Approve the Treasurer's Report, all bills as listed and financial statements.
4. Communications.
5. Board committee reports.
6. Administrative reports.
7. Public comments.
8. **Personnel:**
Resignation:
Accept, with regret, the resignation of Mr. Michael Stabile as Business Manager effective November 15, 2025.

The Mercer Area School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, creed, age, handicaps, or national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational or employment policies.

Personnel (Continued):

Hire:

Recommend approval to hire Mrs. Michelle Goehring, as Business Manager, at a salary of \$91,500, prorated based on start date, per the attached contract. Mrs. Goehring will work 260 days and receive full benefits, pending clearances.

Recommend approval to hire Mr. Mark Shoemaker, at the rate of \$10.00/hour, as a weekend boiler operator, pending clearances.

Recommend approval of the 2025-2026 Winter Coaches, pending clearances, per the attached list.

Recommend approval of the following speech coaches for the 2025-26 school year, pending clearances.

Hugh Ringer (Head Coach)	Garrison Lutch
Matt Smeltzer	Chelsea Cameron
Daniel Davis	Danelle Englehart (1/2 time)
Wylie Earnhart	Sarah Johnson (1/2 time)
Michelle Dietrich	Jarod Hamilton (Volunteer)

EDUCATIONAL STAFFING SOLUTIONS (ESS):

Hire/Resignations:

Recommend approval to hire substitute teachers, aides & paraprofessionals and/or accept, with regret, the resignation of such employees submitted by Educational Staffing Solutions, as attached.

9. **Staff Development:**

Recommend approval for Mrs. Kristen Sansone and Mr. Charles Bigelow to attend a two-day Student Assistance Program training on October 21 & 22, 2025 at Mercer County Behavior Health Commission. The cost of the training, as well as one substitute will be paid for by a grant. There is no cost to the district.

Recommend approval for Mrs. Joni Kostelnik to attend Safety Care recertification training at MIU4 on November 18, 2025. The cost to the district is \$100 for training and one substitute teacher. (\$100)

Recommend approval for Mrs. Jillian Braden to attend Transition Council Meetings at MIU4 on December 10, 2025, February 25, and April 30, 2026. There is no cost to the district.

Staff Development (Continued):

Recommend approval for Miss Lacey Weaver to attend a Hydroponics/Aquaponics workshop on November 6, 2025 at the Jennings Environmental Education Center, Slippery Rock, PA. There are no registration costs for the program. Upon completion, Miss Weaver will receive a complimentary \$350 Aquaponics unit for use in the elementary school. One substitute is requested for the day. (\$100)

10. **Student Travel:**

Recommend approval for Mr. Doug Schmid to accompany the Tech Ed club to Baird Brothers Hardwoods, Canfield, OH on November 20, 2025. The only cost to the district is the use of a school van and a substitute teacher for the day. (\$100)

Recommend approval for Mrs. Marlena Priester to accompany the Culinary students to the gingerbread display at the City-County Building in Pittsburgh on December 16, 2025. The only cost to the district is a substitute teacher for the day. (\$100)

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

11. **Facilities:**

Recommend approval for Mrs. Wendy McClure and Mrs. Maggie Ference to host a Parent's Day Out fundraiser on November 14, 2025. This fundraiser will take place from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the elementary school. The cost for participation will be \$10 per student and open only to Mercer students in grades K-6. Proceeds from this event will be allocated towards the Holiday Feast in December.

Recommend approval for Mrs. Jessica Ingley to use the elementary school for Camp Invention, June 15 – 19, 2026 from 7:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. All aspects of the facilities policy will be followed.

Recommend approval for Dance Center Studios to use the middle/high school Auditorium and Chorus Room December 19 through December 21 for a dance recital. All aspects of the facilities policy will be followed.


12. Recommend approval of the following mentor for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years.

Mrs. Courtney Smithco for Miss Melanie Zeitler

13. Recommend approval to exonerate \$52.21 in school real estate taxes for property owned in Jefferson Twp. that was razed due to a fire. The property is located at 75 Fullingmill Road, Mercer, PA.

14. Recommend approval of a one-year maintenance agreement with Cummins Sales and Service, to service our generator at the elementary school, in the amount of \$1,226.16.
15. Recommend approval of an agreement between Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV and Mercer Area School District, for the use, reporting and audit of Pass Through Funds, associated with IDEA-B Section 611, in the amount of **\$274,390.69** for the 2025-26 school year.
16. Recommend approval of an agreement between Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV and Mercer Area School District, for IDEA-Section 619, in the amount of **\$3,040.00** for the 2025-26 school year.
17. Recommend approval of an agreement with Vector Solutions to provide access to professional development training modules for the 2025-2026 school year.
18. Recommend approval of the middle-high school library book order. (List attached)
19. Recommend approval of a Transportation Contract between Mercer Area School District and Reynolds School District to transport three (3) students to the Windy Acres School in Delaware Twp., at a rate of \$46.05/day for all three, to begin October 20, 2025, as attached.
20. Set the date for the December reorganization meeting.
21. Other Business
22. Adjournment

FYI:

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| October 22 | M/HS Fall Choral Concert @ 7:00 p.m. - HS Aud. |
| <u>October 31</u> | <u>2nd Quarter Begins</u> |
| November 2 | Daylight saving time ends – fall back one hour! |
| November 4 | <u>Election Day</u> |
| November 5 | Marching Band In-Review Concert @ 7:00 p.m. |
| November 6 | K-12 Report Cards |
| November 11 | Veteran’s Day Program @ 9:30 a.m. - Elementary gym  |
| November 12 | Elementary picture <u>retake</u> day |
| November 13 | School Board Committee Meetings (tentative) |
| November 14 & 15 | Madrigal Dinner - HS cafeteria @ 6:00 p.m. |
| November 17 | First Day for Winter Sports Practice |
| November 17 | Board Meeting |