

MERCER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOVEMBER 17, 2025 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: ARTHUR AMOS RODNEY BOBBY
MATTHEW HAZI DAVID LENGEL
SHANE NUGENT AIMEE PETERS
DEREK STOTSKY J. JARRETT WHALEN

MEMBERS ABSENT: STEVEN VanWOERT

OTHERS PRESENT: DR. RONALD R. ROWE, JR, SUPERINTENDENT
DR. MICHAEL G. PIDDINGTON, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
ERIC MAUSSER, MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
CHARLES BIGELOW, MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL ASST. PRINCIPAL
GREGORY ACRE, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
AMANDA SIMPSON, DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION
LYNN R. LONG, CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. David Lengel, at 7:40 p.m. in the high school library. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. There were eight members present.

MINUTES:

On a motion by Rodney Bobby, second by Shane Nugent, the Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting on October 20, 2025 and the Policy and Planning Committee Meeting of November 13, 2025. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

On a motion by Arthur Amos, second by Shane Nugent, the Board approved the Treasurer's Report, all bills as listed and financial reports. On a roll call vote, members Amos, Bobby, Hazi, Lengel, Nugent, Peters and Whalen voted yes. Member Stotsky abstained.

Motion: Passed

EARLY DISMISSAL:

On a motion by J. Jarrett Whalen, second by Rodney Bobby, the Board approved an early dismissal for teachers, staff and students on December 19, 2025 at 11:35 a.m. for elementary and 11:50 a.m. for middle/high school students. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

PERSONNEL:

On a motion by Rodney Bobby, second by J. Jarrett Whalen, the Board approved the following personnel items. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 17, 2025 CONTINUED:

PERSONNEL (Continued)

Volunteer(s):

Approved Mr. Michael H. Stabile as a volunteer Business Manager beginning November 18, 2025 and ending January 4, 2026.

Approved Ms. Justine Meyer as a volunteer Girls' Elementary Basketball Coach, pending clearances.

EDUCATIONAL STAFFING SOLUTIONS (ESS):

Hires/Resignations:

Approved the hiring of substitute teachers, aides and paraprofessionals and/or accept, with regret, the resignation of such employees, as submitted by Educational Staff Solutions, as attached.

STUDENT TRAVEL:

On a motion by Arthur Amos, second by Matthew Hazi, the Board approved the following requests for student travel. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

Approved Mrs. Shelley Rowe and an additional chaperone to accompany French students to Theo's Creperie in New Wilmington on a date TBD in December. The only cost to the district is the use of two school vans and a substitute for the day. (\$100)

Approved Mrs. Michalee Christy to accompany Show Choir students to Whispering Oaks in Hermitage for a performance on December 11, 2025. The only cost to the district is a bus for transportation.

Approved Mrs. Michalee Christy to accompany Chorus students to West Middlesex High School for the County Chorus Festival on November 20, 2025. The cost to the district is a substitute for the day and bus transportation. (\$100)

FACILITIES:

On a motion by Rodney Bobby, second by Arthur Amos, the Board approved the Western Pennsylvania Constables Association and Western Pennsylvania CERT to use the elementary school building on November 28, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. This group will utilize different areas to practice crisis and active shooter response. No students will be in the facility during this event. All aspects of the facilities policy will be followed. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

TENURE:

On a motion by Arthur Amos, second by J. Jarrett Whalen, the Board approved, in accordance with Section 1121 of the Pennsylvania School Code of 1949, that the following teacher be granted tenure based on the successful completion of three years of satisfactory service in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as recommended by the superintendent, Dr. Ronald R. Rowe, Jr. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

❖ Miss Haley Wells

MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 17, 2025 CONTINUED:

ELEMENTARY TUITION STUDENT:

On a motion by Rodney Bobby, second by Derek Stotsky, the Board approved to accept a 3rd grade tuition student beginning November 3, 2025 at a rate of \$5000.00/year, which will be prorated based on start date. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

COMPREHENSIVE CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES:

On a motion by Arthur Amos, second by Aimee Peters, the Board approved a Collaborative Agreement between Comprehensive Children and Family Services and Mercer Area School District to provide continuity of care for individuals who are shared by both agencies and/or a client who may require services provided by Mercer Area School District. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

NEWMAN S248 PLANER SALE:

On a motion by Shane Nugent, second by Aimee Peters, the Board approved awarding the bid for the Newman S248 wood shop planer and three (3) sets of blades to Sarah Juracko of Espyville, in the amount of \$1,057.00. On a voice vote, members Bobby, Lengel, Peters, Whalen, Amos, Hazi, Nugent and Stotsky voted yes.

Motion: Passed

INTERNET HOT SPOT FOR MAVA STUDENTS:

On a motion by J. Jarrett Whalen, second by Matthew Hazi, the Board approved providing the availability of hot spot internet to Mercer Area Virtual Academy (MAVA) students. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

PSBA DONATION OF BOOK:

On a motion by Rodney Bobby, second by Shane Nugent, the Board approved the donated book from PSBA, in recognition of our district's dedication to student achievement, entitled *Remarkably You* by Pat Zietlow Miller, for the elementary library. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no additional business, Shane Nugent motioned to adjourn the meeting, Aimee Peters seconded. On a voice vote, all members voted yes.

Lynn R. Long, Confidential Secretary

David R. Lengel, Board President