

MUHLENBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
February 11, 2026  
Lecture Hall, Muhlenberg High School  
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**Call to Order**

The Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District was called to order on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 7:10 PM by Board Vice President, Mrs. Kristyna Eagle.

**Members Present**

Vice President – Mrs. Kristyna Eagle  
Treasurer - Mr. Ronald J. Haas, Sr.  
Secretary – Mr. Enrique Castro, Jr.  
Assistant Secretary – Ms. Susan Roeckle  
Member – Mr. Andrew L. Eaton, Sr.  
Member – Mr. S. Wayne Hardy (via phone)  
Member – Mr. Garrett Hyneman  
Member – Mr. Robert Mengle  
Solicitor – Mr. Brian F. Boland, Esq.  
Recording Secretary – Mrs. Tara L. Flowers

**Members Absent**

President – Mrs. Cindy L. Mengle

**Administration Present**

Superintendent - Dr. Alan S. Futrick  
Assistant Superintendent - Dr. Gangi E. Cucciuffo  
Business Manager - Mr. Shane M. Mathias, CPA  
Director of Physical Plant – Mr. Ken Patterson  
Director of Pupil Services - Mr. Michael Mish  
Director of Special Education - Dr. Nicole Huntbach  
Supervisor of Special Education - Ms. Lori Morris  
Supervisor of Related Services - Mr. Byron Grosselfinger  
Director of Curriculum & Instruction 7-12 - Mr. Kyle Crater  
Director of Technology & Communications - Dr. Juliana Ciccarelli  
Director of Pupil Services - Mr. Michael J. Mish  
Community & Family Outreach Coord. & Distr. Interpreter – Ms. Elizabeth Laviena  
Director of Food Services & Nutrition - Mr. Carey Kline

Director of Human Resources - Dr. Jessica Heffner  
High School Assistant Principal - Ms. Nicole McGowan  
High School Assistant Principal - Ms. Cristina Lillis  
Junior High Assistant Principal - Dr. Joseph Scoboria  
Junior High Assistant Principal - Mr. Josh Rankin  
C.E. Cole Intermediate Assistant Principal - Dr. Tara Nelson  
C.E. Cole Intermediate Assistant Principal - Mr. William Dramby  
Elementary Assistant Principal - Ms. Julie Kehr  
Social Worker - Lauren Heydt  
Social Worker - Liliana Cuesta  
Social Worker- Amanda Foulds  
Social Worker - Emily Carmichael

### **Visitors**

Linda Roebuck                      Diane Benson  
Daniel Fair                         Robi Kramer  
Jason Walters

### **Educational Presentations**

*There were none.*

**Hearing of Visitors** - Muhlenberg School District taxpayers and residents have an opportunity, at this time, to comment on matters of concern, official action, or deliberation which are or may be before the Muhlenberg School Board. The Board retains the option to accept all public comment at this time. Presentations should be limited to two minutes per person. In the event that the Board determines that there is not sufficient time for residents or taxpayers of the School District to comment, the Board may defer the comment period to the next regular meeting.

*There were none.*

### **Committee Report**

A. Berks County Intermediate Unit – Mr. Andrew L. Eaton, Sr.

There will be a meeting next week.

B. Reading-Muhlenberg CTC – Mr. Robert Mengle

They are planning on expanding the CTC. So the district will have to come up now in the district's budget between 400 and 600,000 per year extra to cover the cost of the district's half of the building projects. That is bare bones basically at this time. They are saying it won't go up, but that is what they are looking at for the district's cost.

Dr. Futrick advised the CTC is proposing a \$20 million expansion of their existing facility; they are offering classrooms a logistics warehouse, veterinary, expanding their cosmetology, cafeteria expansion and a couple other classrooms. The number that Mr. Mengle is sharing back what the district shared with the business manager; nothing has been approved yet but this is what they are proposing and on the district's end this is what the district has to see if the district can handle from a budget. The district's next conversation will be sitting with the CTC

C. PSBA Liaison – Mrs. Kristyna Eagle

There is no report at this time.

D. Muhlenberg Community Library – Ms. Susan M. Roeckle

The library had their reorganization meeting in January which she attended and their monthly meeting this Monday. As she is the new liaison and the director is fairly new she asked for some talking points to pass along to the community. It's growing. They added 478 new patrons last year and offered 259 different programs for the community. Circulation increased by 28%, computer usage increased by 11% and Wi-fi by 22%. Those things are all important because that's how their funding is allocated through the county so the district wants to keep helping them increase all of those figures. In 2025, the library found ways to continue to develop relationships with very close neighbors the Muhlenberg School District by providing wonderful multiple opportunities for their students. Daily during the school year, C. E. Cole middle school students use the library to check out books, teach them how to use online resources to look for what they are interested in. They show them how to use a library to its fullest extent to discover the magical wonders that each holds. An internship program with Muhlenberg High School was started in 2025, providing the community's young people with life enriching opportunities to develop job skills, social skills, and future possibilities. A multiple science award-winning Muhlenberg High School student created and a very popular Saturday STEM program for elementary age students. Topics range from forensic science to computer science to the psychology of kindness. They look ahead to 2026 with the goal of enhanced customer experience and new students focusing on better resources and services. One of the things they emphasized was they are looking to expand the internship program. They would like to possibly have some juniors as well as seniors and she had nothing but positives to say about the district's students when they attend the library either through their days through C.E. Cole as internships or just

the kids that come to hang out after school. It's a really special resource that the district has, a community library right on campus.

- E. School Safety and Security Committee - Mr. Enrique Castro, Jr., Mr. S. Wayne Hardy and Mr. Robert Mengle

The School Safety & Security Committee met last week to review the district's Act 44 responsibilities, including a summary of this year's incidents, identified trends, and coordinated with the Muhlenberg Township Police Department. The committee discussed findings from the Junior High safety audit conducted by the BCIU, highlighting strengths, priority recommendations, and items requiring board awareness. Members also examined the PA Safety Grant options and emerging needs related to prevention. The committee is recommending the purchase of 6 Weapon Detectors, 4 to be covered by the Grant and 2 to be covered by the district.

Questions/Comments/Concerns

Discussion on mobility, who will be managing, man power, and potentially ordering more weapons detectors for the 5 /6 building. Cost is \$38,000 per unit. The discussion was made to move forward with a recommendation for four weapon detectors in the grant and purchasing four separate.

- F. Capital Projects Committee - Mr. Andrew Eaton, Sr., Mr. Ronald J. Haas, Sr., and Ms. Susan M. Roeckle

The committee's discussion centered primarily on the Junior High School project. Members reviewed updated floor plans, exterior and cafeteria renderings, parking layouts, and the proposed phasing plan. The committee also examined the projected schedule, bidding timeline, sequencing, and overall budget impact associated with the different scope options under consideration. In addition, the committee received brief updates on the Middle School and High School projects and discussed related capital considerations, including opportunities under the Guaranteed Energy Savings Act (GESA), access road planning, and site improvements that may intersect with the Junior High work. Continued alignment and timely decision-making were emphasized to maintain project momentum and stay within the district's broader capital plan. The 5 /6 building is on budget.

Questions/Comments/Concerns

Mr. Haas advised there are several options they may want to discuss as far as the junior high goes and it all comes down to HVAC which is a two-pipe system, a four-pipe system depending on how aggressive the district wants to get. Questioning does the

board wants to tear the junior high building down at 100 million. Mr. Mengle commented looking at the blueprints, talking 100 million for a new school, 65 million for the four-pipe system in the old building and the renovation and questioning why does the district need these big "M's" as this is a place of learning and he doesn't care about the big "M" and he wants the best teachers and the best teacher in the building. He would rather pay teachers better salaries than a stupid M as he calls it. Dr. Futrick responded why he sees "M's" all over the entire campus here. He stated it is about culture, it's about getting to a place where the district's kids are so proud to come to be part of something, part of a club, sport, activity. The District wants its kids to know where they're in any of its buildings, on any part of the campus, they're at Muhlenberg. Everything the district is doing is trying to brand that they see it everywhere; the district's colors are blue and gold, you see that everywhere. our kids wear shirts all the time, our staff wear shirts, the board has them on tonight wearing the blue and gold shirts. It's really about getting the kids into a whole understanding they are in the best place they can possibly learn and the best place they can grow. The reason why he sees the "M's" and he is going to see them from Fifth Street when they are going down the street, they are going to see them from Kutztown Road, Bellevue, wherever, they are going to know they are on this campus and in one of this district's classrooms. Shame on us for not branding anything, the district needs to have those things here the district's kids need that; it gives them an identity, it gives them a great sense of purpose, to him it is what an elite school district does. That is why he sees those all over the place.

Mr. Eaton spoke about building in costs of adding new teachers, adding more educational opportunities by asking for more money. If the district is going to ask taxpayers for more money that the district is not just talking to them about new roads and new buildings, some of this 65 million dollars and some of the 100 million dollars is actually going to be rolled into education.

Dr. Futrick assured the public the district can afford the 45 million plan for the junior high school, does the district go down the road and upgrade the entire HVAC system which 15 years from now the district would not have to do again or depose the district build a building that will be there for almost a hundred years and knock down what is there and build a three-story building model in front. Dr. Furick talked about how much thought has gone into everything and all three options.

G. Educational Programs – Dr. Gangi E. Cucciuffo

He wanted to continue his talk about his transition from his prior position in a different district to Muhlenberg. Today was his third meet and greet that he has had with staff at the building, today he was at the high school. He has teachers sign up for 20 minute sessions to be able to come down and talk about anything they want to talk about. As

everyone knows, the education business is a business of connection and relationships and he really wants to get to know as many people as he possibly can. That has happened now in three of the district's buildings and on Monday he will be in C.E. Cole doing the same thing. He is really excited about the district's teaching staff, the secretarial staff, the custodial staff, paraprofessionals and really working with them to enhance what's already a great place. So hard in the three schools that he has been doing this in, he has heard such great things about, the support that the district has community-wise, the support the district has from the board and from the district's administration and for each other is as educators it gives him chills knowing that this place is a great place and this district is going to continue to get even better. As part of that transition as well, he did go around with each of the building principals and do some walk through observation over the past two months. He is now starting to do this with the assistant principals as well; just so everyone can have a common understanding of what great teaching looks like in every single classroom. He would be remiss if he did not say that he is impressed. He knows that he will continue to be impressed, the bar keeps on raising and he is really excited for what the future holds. The district has such a great opportunity with the new buildings coming in and with the district's veteran staff really mentoring the younger teachers as well having those opportunities. Every single classroom he has walked into with another colleague, another administrator, or by himself, he feels welcomed and he knows when he looks around that classroom that the kids are loved and cared for and this is such a great place and he is really excited for what the future holds.

#### Questions/Comments/Concerns

*Mrs. Eagle thanked Dr. Cucciuffo for his mention of the support staff because as an educator she knows that her job is important and the teachers are important but the support staff with the support staff whether its the paras, the secretaries, the cafeteria staff they are all just as important as everyone else. and are often forgotten. Dr. Cucciuffo agrees it takes a village and any smile that a kid can get doesn't matter who it comes from.*

#### **Solicitor's Comments – Mr. Brian F. Boland, Esq.**

Way back when the plan was submitted from the building that's being built right now back to the township, as part of the plan approval, it's a routine that asks for a municipal improvements agreement. That is an agreement that says they are going to install the improvements in accordance with the plan. In this case it was sewer and water improvements and that's it, the district wasn't doing sidewalks, curbs, that stuff was all pretty much staying the same. These municipal improvements agreements came from the Muhlenberg Township Authority which is the Water and Sewer Authority and should have been done what back in the time of the plan was approved and the issue that came up was they thought the district

was going to give them an easement over the district's whole property for the water and sewer lines. In addition, they wanted an easement out on Sharp and Fifth Avenue and he explained the district cannot give an assessment on Sharp and Fifth that is a public road so there is no reason to be doing that and by the way those are the township's lines anyway. This whole thing ended up resolving, the district is giving them an easement which is about a 10-foot long into the meter pit that sits right at the intersection of Fifth and Sharp, so there is water line that goes in there and they wanted an easement into that meter pit and the district said okay that is fine. The sewer line originally said they wanted an easement for the sewer line and the district said the district will gladly give it to them if they want to own and operate that line, they said no they do not want to own it. Then there was no reason to give them an easement, it is the district's line, stuck with it and the district will take care of it. They agreed. These municipal improvement agreements he has them, the authorities meeting is tomorrow night if the district would be willing to sign them and get them to the authority so the authority could sign them.

**Superintendent's Comments - Dr. Alan S. Futrick**

The week of February 3rd was National School Counseling Week; fellow counselors over here, congratulations on for all you do. This school district is fortunate to have some of these counselors out there that sit and work with the district's students, are very patient, very compassionate, empathetic, nurturing and really put a lot of time, energy and effort into the district's kids. The District is very grateful for the school counselors. This past month the junior high school had a very successful science fair, there were several winners that are going to go on to the Berks County competition. The district had the 100th day of school, the elementary school did a tremendous job of keeping the kids excited and dressing like they are a hundred years old. The District has the school show coming up. It'll be next month. It's the 52nd annual spring musical called The Newsies on Friday, March 20, Saturday the 21st, so don't forget to purchase a ticket to come see the students. As everyone came in tonight they were down rehearsing they put in an awful lot of work into it and something be very proud and grateful for. He talked about how terrible this month's weather was; snow days, late starts, cold weather. He is hoping the district is past this and moving a lot closer to fleeing temperature wise much better and hope the district does not see any more snow in the next ten years. He wanted to thank Mr. Patterson and his department for coming in and moving the snow and really providing the students, the district staff and environment that they don't have to worry; sidewalks are cleared, parking lots are plowed. He doesn't know anyone out there that likes to shovel snow even if getting paid for it. He thanked them again for giving an environment to be successful and letting things continue.

## Personnel/Human Resources

### Personnel/Human Resources 8.01 - 8.07

Moved by Mr. Mengle and Mr. Eaton that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve **Personnel/Human Resources No. 8.01 through 8.07** in their entirety.

**Yeas:** Mr. Castro, Mrs. Eagle, Mr. Eaton, Mr. Haas, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Hyneman, Mr. Mengle, Ms. Roeckle. The motion **carried** unanimously.

### 8.01 Professional Appointments

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following professional appointments:

- a. Mr. Avere Newmiller, Long-Term Substitute Teacher (J. West), Muhlenberg Elementary Center, effective February 2, 2026 through on or about March 6, 2026, at a salary of \$75,586 (M, 9 Steps from the Top), prorated for days worked).
- b. Mr. Antonio Aguayo, Long-Term Substitute Teacher (R. McGowan), Muhlenberg Junior High School, effective February 2, 2026 through the end of the 2025-2026 school year, at a salary of \$54,970 (B, 16 Steps from the Top), prorated for days worked.

### 8.02 Classified Appointments

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following classified appointments:

- a. Ms. Ramona Corcino, Special Education Paraprofessional (M. Gurung), Muhlenberg Elementary Center, effective February 2, 2026, at a pay rate of \$21.46 per hour.
- b. Mr. Tyree Gibson, Special Education Paraprofessional (E. Figueroa), Muhlenberg High School, effective February 2, 2026, at a pay rate of \$21.46 per hour.

### 8.03 Acceptance of Resignations

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District accept the following resignations:

- a. Ms. Megan Gurung, Special Education Paraprofessional, Muhlenberg Elementary Center, effective January 11, 2026.
- b. Ms. Essence Figueroa, Special Education Paraprofessional, Muhlenberg Elementary Center, effective January 15, 2026.
- c. Mr. Ryan Wynings, Long-Term Substitute Teacher, Muhlenberg Elementary Center, effective January 21, 2026.
- d. Ms. Keishla Sanchez, Cafeteria Assistant, Muhlenberg Elementary Center, effective January 21, 2026.
- e. Ms. Xiomara Toledo, Elementary Teacher, C.E. Cole Intermediate, rescind effective June 5, 2026 change to effective March 31, 2026.
- f. Ms. Venus Barboza-Garcia, Clerical Assistant, Muhlenberg Junior High School, effective February 4, 2026.

#### **8.04 Mentor Assignments**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following mentor assignments at the professional rate of \$30.00 per hour for the 2025-2026 school year:

- a. Ms. Michelle Heckman, mentor for Ms. Elyssa Hession, Special Education Teacher, for thirty (30) hours.
- b. Ms. Laura Ricards, mentor for Averey Newmiller, Long-Term Substitute Teacher, for fifteen (15) hours.
- c. Ms. Alisha Neiman, mentor for Jaclyn Barbera, Long-Term Substitute Teacher, for fifteen (15) hours.
- d. Dr. Kathleen Brad, mentor for Antonio Aguayo, Long-Term Substitute Teacher, for fifteen (15) hours.

#### **8.05 Completion of Probation**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the completion of probation for the following classified employees:

- a. Mr. Brendan Roberson, Technology Support Specialist, completion of forty-five (45) day probation as of January 15, 2026 and recommended for permanent employment as of January 16, 2026.
- b. Ms. Nicole Stoudt, Class A Secretary, C.E. Cole Intermediate, completion of forty-five (45) day probation as of January 13, 2026 and recommended for permanent employment as of January 14, 2026.
- c. Ms. Jessica Martin, Special Education Paraprofessional, Muhlenberg Elementary Center, completion of forty-five (45) day probation as of January

- 16, 2026 and recommended for permanent employment as of January 20, 2026.
- d. Ms. Naomi Skeete, Clerical Assistant, Blue Center, completion of thirty (30) day probation as of January 16, 2026 and recommended for permanent employment as of January 20, 2026.
  - e. Ms. Brittney Godfrey, Cafeteria Worker, Muhlenberg High School, completion of forty-five (45) day probation as of February 10, 2026 and recommended for permanent employment as of February 11, 2026.
  - f. Mr. Alexander Beissel, Custodian, Muhlenberg Junior High School, completion of forty-five (45) day probation as of February 10, 2026 and recommended for permanent employment as of February 11, 2026.

#### 8.06 Co-Curricular Appointments

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following co-curricular appointments:

- a. Ms. Jennifer Hausman, MJHS Special Education Department Chair, effective December 11, 2025, at a salary of \$750, prorated for days worked.
- b. Mr. John Evans, MHS Musical Sound Engineer, effective January 5, 2026, at a salary of \$1,450 (year 1).

#### 8.07 Approval of Settlement and Release Agreement

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the Settlement and Release Agreement between Robert McGowan and Muhlenberg School District as presented.

### Management

#### Management 9.01 - 9.04

Moved by Mr. Hardy and Mr. Hyneman that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve **Management No. 9.01, 9.02 and 9.04** in their entirety.

**Yeas:** Ms. Roeckle, Mr. Castro, Mrs. Eagle, Mr. Eaton, Mr. Haas, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Hyneman, Mr. Mengle. The motion **carried** unanimously.

#### 9.01 Adoption of Policies

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District adopt the following district policies:

**100 Programs**

Policy No. 102, Academic Standards  
Policy No. 105.2, Exemption From Instruction

**200 Pupils**

Policy No. 204, Attendance  
Policy No. 218.1, Weapons  
Policy No. 221, Dress and Grooming

**300 Employees**

Policy No. 325, Dress and Grooming

**600 Finances**

Policy No. 610, Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation  
Policy No. 611, Purchases Budgeted  
Policy No. 626, Attachment

**9.02 School Calendar for the 2026-2027 School Year**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the School Calendar for the 2026-2027 school year as presented.

**9.03 Tabled.**

**9.04 Emergency Disaster Relocation Agreement**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the emergency disaster relocation agreement for My First Steps Child Care Center to use the Muhlenberg Elementary Center, 610 Sharp Avenue, Reading, PA 19605 as presented.

**Physical Plant and Transportation**

**Physical Plant and Transportation 10.01**

Moved by Ms. Roeckle and Mr. Hyneman that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve **Physical Plant and Transportation No. 10.01** in its entirety.

**Yeas:** Mr. Mengle, Ms. Roeckle, Mr. Castro, Mrs. Eagle, Mr. Eaton, Mr. Haas, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Mr. Hyneman. The motion **carried** unanimously.

**10.01 GESA Projects- HVAC Upgrades at MEC**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the HVAC upgrades at the Muhlenberg Elementary Center per the Guaranteed Energy Savings Agreement with McClure Company at a cost of \$5,728,917 (funded by Grant and Capital Projects Funds) as presented.

**Budget and Finance**

**Budget and Finance 11.01 - 11.04**

Moved by Mr. Eaton and Mr. Hyneman that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve **Budget and Finance 11.01 through 11.04** in their entirety.

**Yeas:** Mr. Mengle, Ms. Roeckle, Mr. Castro, Mrs. Eagle, Mr. Eaton, Mr. Haas, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Hyneman. The motion **carried** unanimously.

**11.01 Approval of Financial Reports**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following financial reports and that they become part of the permanent record of the meeting:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<b>Financial Report</b>	<b>Bills Paid Month</b>	<b>Investments</b>	<b>Budget Transfers</b>
General	Dec 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026 Ck#59969-60140 V#28527-28541	Dec 2025	Jan 2026

Cafeteria	Dec 2025	Dec 2025	Jan 2026 Ck#8853-8882 V#3210-3214	Dec 2025	
Capital Reserve (Fund 32)	Jan 2026	Jan 2026			
Capital Reserve (Fund 39)	Jan 2026	Jan 2026	Jan 2026 Ck#1128-1139		
Activity	Dec 2025	Dec 2025			

Questions/Comments/Concerns

Mr. Mengle questioned why the money was added back into the bond February, Fund 39, \$810,000 in interest earned. Mr. Mathias advised that is actually what the district earned so far on that money idle right now; it's basically sitting in that same account. the district can use that for capital projects, the district is just earning interest on that and then . Mr. Mengle questioned why isn't that money put to the side in the reserved fund. Mr. Mathias advised normally the procedure would be league in there and actually use it toward the project. Mr. Boland explained the way the bond was designed, that interest we refer to as capitalized interest that was calculated into the project when the district designed the project. For example the district borrowed 50 million, just making up the numbers, the project is going to cost us 53 million to build, but the district only needs 50 million and eran 4% or 3% interest so the district can borrow less than the total project because we'll capitalize the interest; the district will add the interest back in. So that's actually in there to pay the cost of the project, the district borrows less than actual cost of the project. Mr. Mengle commented the district is hoping it gains that income. Mr. Boland responded that's correct and here the district purchased guaranteed investment.

**11.02 Berks County Intermediate Unit Proposed Mandated Services Budget for the 2026-2027 School Year**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the Berks County Intermediate Unit Proposed Mandated Services Budget for the 2026-2027 School Year at the district's share of \$47,469.30.

**11.03 Public School Facility Improvement Grant Request**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the request for the Public School Facility Improvement Grant at an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the Muhlenberg School District C.E. Cole Intermediate School HVAC Replacement Project as presented. Grant application to be submitted through GSL Consulting.

**11.04 Berks County Intermediate Unit - Master Telecommunications Licensing Agreement**

Resolved, that the Board of School Directors approves the Master Telecommunications Licensing Agreement (MTLA) and associated Telecommunications Service Order (TSO) for participation in the Berks Regional Wide Area Network with the Berks County Intermediate Unit for the contract period including July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Be It Further Resolved, that the Superintendent is authorized to execute the MTLA and TSO on behalf of the District, with copies provided to the Technology Director, to meet required E-Rate filing timelines as presented.

**Education**

**Education 12.01 – 12.04**

Moved by Mr. Hyneman and Mr. Mengle, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve **Education 12.01 through 12.04 (Resolution 12.04 pulled for separate vote by Mr. Eaton)** in their entirety.

**Yeas:** Mr. Hyneman, Mr. Mengle, Ms. Roeckle, Mr. Castro, Mrs. Eagle, Mr. Eaton, Mr. Haas, Mr. Hardy. The motion **carried** unanimously.

**12.01 Conference Requests**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following conference requests:

- a. Ms. Sabrina Maples, to attend the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, PA on March 24, 2026 to March 27, 2026 at a cost not to exceed \$1,052 (Business Office Budget).
- b. Mr. Shane Mathias, to attend the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, PA on March 24, 2026 to March 27, 2026 at a cost not to exceed \$1,042 (Business Office Budget).

**12.02 Educational Field Trip Request**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following educational field trip request:

- a. Muhlenberg High School Competitive Cheer Team, travel to the National Cheer Competition in Orlando, FL on February 5, 2026 through February 9, 2026.

**12.03 Admission of Fact, Waiver of Hearing, Acknowledgment of Compliance with Procedural Safeguards and Consent to Expulsion**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District authorize the Admission of Fact, Waiver of Hearing, Acknowledgement of Compliance with Procedural Safeguards and Consent to Expulsion for the following student:

- a. Student "E", C.E. Cole Intermediate

**Education 12.04**

Moved by Mr. Hyneman and Mr. Hardy, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve **Education 12.04** in its entirety.

**Yeas:** Mr. Hardy, Mr. Hyneman, Mr. Mengle, Ms. Roeckle, Mr. Castro, Mrs. Eagle, Mr. Haas. **Abstain:** Mr. Eaton. The motion **carried**.

**12.04 The Forge - Academic, Leadership & Life Skills Program**

Resolved, that the Board of School Directors approves the implementation of an eight-week, academic, leadership, and life skills program for junior high and high school male students through The Forge, at a cost not to exceed \$3,500 per cohort.

**Minutes**

**13.01 Approval of Minutes**

Review minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 14, 2026 and the Regular Board Meeting of January 14, 2026.

Moved by Mr. Castro and Mr. Hyneman minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 14, 2026 and the Regular Board Meeting of January 14, 2026.

**Yeas:** Mr. Haas, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Hyneman, Mr. Mengle, Ms. Roeckle, Mr. Castro, Mrs. Eagle, Mr. Eaton. The motion **carried** unanimously.

### **Old Business**

*There was none.*

### **New Business**

#### **15.01 Memoriam of Mr. Richard E. Hoffmaster**

Resolved, that we remember the passing of Mr. Richard E. Hoffmaster who served in the Muhlenberg School District for twenty-nine (29) years (December 1995 - January 2024) as a School Board Member. We honor his memory for his dedicated service to the school district and community.

Be it further resolved that we convey through this resolution our deepest sympathy to his family, and that this resolution be made part of the permanent record in the minutes of the Muhlenberg School District.

**Yeas:** Mr. Eaton, Mr. Haas, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Hyneman, Mr. Mengle, Ms. Roeckle, Mr. Castro, Mrs. Eagle. The motion **carried** unanimously.

### Questions/Comments/Concerns

*Mrs. Eagle on behalf of Mrs Mengle stated, Mr. Hoffmaster and I were on the board together for 14 plus years, one of the things that stands out about our time on the board together was when they would disagree on something at a meeting which wasn't often, he would call me the next day and ask me if they were good. Her response to him is that they were good and when they would leave the board meeting they would put their differences aside and they were still friends and confirmed they were good. Mrs. Eagle spoke about meeting Mr. Hoffmaster twenty years ago for a mutual friend and when she decided to run for school board< mR. Hoffmaster reached out to her and he was there from the very beginning. Every holiday he was the first person to send her a text message and always had kind things to say. always ask about her family, ask about Mifflin, etc. She spoke about Mr. Hoffmaster being kind and doing anything for anybody.*

*Mr. Mengle spoke about he and Mr. Hoffmaster go way back to MTAA, he's a great guy. Always had the kids at heart, the teachers especially the teachers. Mr. Hoffmaster was always a good person who never wanted to argue.*

*Mr. Hardy spoke about being coaches together and he is going to be missed.*

*Mr. Boland spoke about having the pleasure of sitting next to Mr. Hoffmaster for 29 years and he is one of the best board members he ever heard from.; he always got the right answer. He always did the right thing and that is so uncommon. He just had this intense sixth sense about what was right for this community, what was right for the kids; this school district and this community is a far better place for having him.*

*Mr. Hyneman spoke about both of his kids playing MTAA and playing three sports every year, both he and wife coaching with Mr. Hoffmaster. While he was playing in a band Mr. Hoffmaster came up to him to ask him to run for the board that was over 20 years ago and he and Mr. Voit, the three of them stayed very close over the years. Mr. Hoffmaster knew everything that was going on in this community, no one could stump him. He really was a very good person and I'm sure everyone that knew him will miss him.*

*Ms. Roeckle spoke about knowing Mr. Hoffmaster a really long time and he was the one that actually asked him to run for school board. She talked about whatever she asked Mr. Hoffmaster during her campaign he was always there to help her and he was the first one to call her on election night to congratulate her.*

*Mr. Eaton spoke about being the youngest person up here and he met Mr. Hoffmaster through youth baseball when he was growing up in Exeter was playing against him and then he was able to play on a travel team that he coached. He talked about being approached by Mr. Hoffmaster when he found out he moved to Muhlenberg, he was one of the first people that ever just popped by his house knew where he lived. He talked about what he really was to this community; he was basically a liaison to everybody here. He talked about immediately after being in Muhlenberg when he approached him about running on the school board; he hosted his campaign dinner and did things for him that he never asked him to do. He talked about losing one of the best people you could ever have in the community and having to go out of the way to honor him.*

*Mr. Castro advised he is probably the person that knew him the least only meeting at the beginning of last year when he was debating on running for school board. He spoke about Mr. Hoffmaster reached out to him about his concerns. He talked about already knowing how much Mr. Hoffmaster cared and loved the school district before he called him and agreed with him being the liaison. He talked about Mr. Hoffmaster definitely will be missed.*

*Dr. Futrick spoke about one things everyone heard was how much Mr. Hoffmaster cared about Muhlenberg School District, not just the district, but Muhlenberg Township. He was great at getting people together, the right people together to get things done. He spoke about one of the things the district*

*was working with the Education Foundation with Dr. Yarworth and our Communications Department and want to set up a scholarship in Mr. Hoffmaster's name. This scholarship will annually be given to a CTC student from Muhlenberg that the district would get both of his children involved with the selection. He spoke about the district's stance; this is what the district would like to do to honor his legacy and honor everything he stood for.*

*Mr. Haas spoke about being one of the closest to Mr. Hoffmaster and have known him since 1975, they grew up together and raced at 13th street together. He talked about how their girlfriends were friends, ended up at prom together. He talked about growing Mr. Hoffmaster grew up in the city but loved Muhlenberg and took on the Muhlenberg community like it was his own family. He talked about from MTAA and being involved in softball, Mr. Hoffmaster was always supportive of him and couldn't ask for a better friend and will miss him.*

### **Hearing of Visitors**

Presentation is limited to approximately two minutes per person. Should any citizen require more than the two minutes allocated, please contact the Superintendent prior to the meeting. He will coordinate such requests for the Board. Citizens addressing the Board should be aware that the meeting is being taped.

*There were none.*

### **MSD/RMCTC Board Visitor of the Month**

Schedule 2025-2026

February	Mr. S. Wayne Hardy
March	Mr. Garrett Hyneman
April	Mr. Andrew L. Eaton, Sr.
May	Mr. Ronald J. Haas, Sr.

### **Review of Board Meetings and Calendar of Events**

February 9	6:30 PM	RMCTC Board Meeting
February 11	6:30 PM	Committee of the Whole and Regular Board Meeting

March 4	7:00 PM	Committee of the Whole Meeting
March 9	6:30 PM	RMCTC Board Meeting
March 11	7:00 PM	Regular Board Meeting
April 1	7:00 PM	Committee of the Whole Meeting
April 8	7:00 PM	Regular Board Meeting
April 13	6:30 PM	RMCTC Board Meeting
May 6	7:00 PM	Committee of the Whole Meeting
May 11	6:30 PM	RMCTC Board Meeting
May 13	7:00 PM	Regular Board Meeting
June 8	6:30 PM	RMCTC Board Meeting
June 10	6:30 PM	Committee of the Whole and Regular Board Meeting

**19.01 Adjourn Meeting**

Moved by Mr. Mengle and Mr. Castro that there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

**Yeas:** Mrs. Eagle, Mr. Eaton, Mr. Haas, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Hyneman, Mr. Mengle, Ms. Roeckle, Mr. Castro. The motion **carried** unanimously.

Attest:



Enrique Castro, Jr.  
Secretary