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**AGENDA
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 20, 2026**

7:30 PM

High School Library

Work Session (6:30 pm): *Closed* – Personnel, litigation and student discipline
Open – Agenda, general

Agenda

1. Call to order and flag salute by the President.
2. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 16, 2026 and the budget meeting on April 8, 2026.
3. Approve the Treasurer's Report, all bills as listed and financial reports.
4. Communications.
5. Board committee reports.
6. Administrative reports.
7. Public comments.

8. **PERSONNEL:**

Retirement:

Recommend approval to accept, with regret, the retirement of Dr. Ronald R. Rowe, Jr. Superintendent, effective August 31, 2026.

Resignation(s):

Recommend approval to accept, with regret, the resignation of Mrs. Leah Graziani as Jr. High Cheerleading Coach, effective at the end of basketball season.

Recommend approval to accept, with regret, the resignation of Mr. Russell Chace, as a security officer, effective April 3, 2026.

Hires:

Recommend approval for Mrs. Courtney Smithco to be hired as the Varsity Basketball Cheer Coach.

Recommend approval for Miss Kiley Kennis to be hired as the Middle School Football and Basketball Cheer Coach, pending clearances.

Recommend approval for Mrs. Jennifer Mausser to be a volunteer track and field coach.

Educational Staffing Solutions:

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

9. **STUDENT TRAVEL:**

Recommend approval for Mrs. Meghan Glass to accompany art students to the Congressional Art Show at the Hope Center in Sharon, PA on April 24, 2026. The cost to the district is a substitute teacher for the day and the use of a school van. (\$100)

Recommend approval for Mr. Bigelow to accompany four students to Law Day at the Mercer County Courthouse on April 30, 2026. The cost to the district is the use of a school van.

Recommend approval for Mrs. Meghan Glass to accompany the Art Club to the Carnegie Museum of Art in Pittsburgh on May 4, 2026. The cost to the district is a substitute teacher for the day. (\$100)

Recommend approval for Mrs. Marlena Priester to accompany the Culinary II students to the Strip District in Pittsburgh, May 11, 2026. The cost to the district is the use of a school van and a substitute for the day. (\$100)

Recommend approval for Anna Cook to accompany Anatomy and Physiology students to AHN in Pittsburgh to observe an open-heart surgery on May 13, 2026. The cost to the district is a substitute teacher for the day and the use of a school van. (\$100)

10. **FACILITIES REQUESTS:**

Recommend approval for the Mercer PeeWee and Midgets Flag Football to use the practice field on Sundays and Wednesdays from April 22 through May 31, 2026, and to use the football field on May 17, for a game. All aspects of the facilities policy will be followed.

Recommend approval for the Aavidum Club to host a movie night in the auditorium on May 15, 2026. Common Grounds Mercer is paying for the copy rights for the movie. All aspects of the facilities policy will be followed.

Recommend approval to permit the Mercer Memorial Day 500 Committee and the America 250 parade committee to use the elementary school parking lot and the soccer field parking lot for the following community events:

- Memorial Day 500 Parade – Monday, May 25, 2026
- American 250 Parade Celebration – Saturday, July 4, 2026

11. Recommend approval of an addendum to the agreement with Educational Staffing Solutions (ESS) for the 2026-2027 school year, as attached.
12. Recommend approval of the agreement between Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU) and Mercer Area School District for Financial Management Software and Support Services, which include Fund Accounting, Human Resources, and Payroll for the 2026-27 school year, as attached.
13. Recommend approval of an agreement with SmartFutures for a school district license that provides college & career readiness programming for students in grades K-12. Cost to the district is \$3,500.00.
14. Recommend approval of a cooperative agreement between Saint Francis University and the Mercer Area School District for the "College in High School Program" for the 2026-2027 school year. St. Francis' courses will include CHEM 113, FREN 112 & 201, SPAN 112 & 201, MATH 110, MATH 112, and PHYS 104.
15. Recommend approval of a renewal to the service agreement between Mercer Area School District and Combustion Service & Equipment Co., in the amount of \$12,600.00, for Boiler maintenance. (No increase from previous year)
16. Recommend approval to renew the agreement with GoGuardian in the amount of \$8,075.00 to provide security software for student devices for the 2026-2027 school year.
17. Recommend approval of an agreement between Glade Run Lutheran Services and Mercer Area School District for the 2026-27 school year, as attached.
18. Recommend approval of the Pennsylvania School-Based ACCESS Program for the 2026-27 school year.
19. Recommend approval of an agreement and contract with Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit 5 for Language Instructional Educational Program (LIEP) Services for the 2026-27 school year, as attached.

20. Recommend approval of the change in agreement, owners from JMI Consultants, LLC to NextEra Advisors, LLC, as our energy consultant, as presented.
21. Recommend approval of extended school year (ESY) services in the summer of 2026 for students at the following out-of-district placements. The cost to the district is transportation of students and all associated programming costs.
 - HOPE Center (Wexford) – 2 students
 - St. Stephen’s Lutheran Academy (Zelienople) – 2 students
 - Wesley School (Grove City) – 2 students
22. Recommend approval of the Agreement between PSBA Insurance and Mercer Area School District, to participate in the Better Unemployment Compensation System BASIC Program (BUCS Basic)
23. Recommend approval of the PSBA dues for the 2026-27 school year, in the amount of \$8,605.13, as attached.
24. Recommend approval of the Classified Salaries Handbook, as attached.
25. Recommend approval for the elementary library to receive the PA One Book donation for student circulation. This title was donated by the Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning and the Office of Commonwealth Libraries.

- “The Great Cookie Kerfuffle” by Jessica Shaw
26. Other Business.
27. Adjournment.

FYI:

April 28	NJHS/NHS/Mercer Hall of Fame Inductions @ 7:30 p.m. in HS auditorium
April 29	M/HS Spring Choral Concert @ 7:00 p.m.
May 1	Make-up day – School in session
May 5	National Teacher Day!
May 8	Prom at The Avalon at Buhl Park
May 14	School Board Committee Meetings if necessary
May 15	Elem Spring Choral/Band Concert 9:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. Elem LGI
May 18	Next School Board Meeting