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AGENDA
MAY BOARD MEETING
May 18, 2026
High School Library
7:30 PM

Work Session 7:00 P.M.: *Closed – Personnel, litigation and student discipline*
Open – Agenda, general questions and comments

1. Call to order and flag salute by the President.
2. Recommend approval of the minutes from the April 20, 2026 regular board meeting and the May 6, 2026 special board meeting.
3. Approve the Treasurer's Report, financial report, and all bills as listed.
4. Communications.
5. Board committee reports.
6. Administrative reports.
7. Public comments.
8. **Personnel:**
Retirement/Resignations:
Recommend approval to accept, with regret, the resignation of Mrs. Alexis Cannon as an elementary teacher, effective at the end of the 2025-26 school year.

Recommend approval to accept, with regret, the retirement of Miss Allison Thomas as an elementary teacher, effective at the end of the 2025-26 school year.

Personnel (Continued):

Hires:

Recommend approval to hire Ms. Tammy Cantella as a long-term Family Consumer Science substitute at a salary of \$58,739 with no benefits, pending clearances.

Recommend approval to hire Miss Kiley Kennis as a full-time Health & Physical Education teacher on step 1 of the Bachelor's Scale in the amount of \$56,750 with full benefits, pending clearances.

Recommend approval to hire Mrs. Korrin Thomas as a full-time Special Education teacher on step 5 of the Bachelor's Scale in the amount of \$59,123 with full benefits, pending clearances.

Recommend approval to hire Mrs. Samantha Fritz as a full-time Payroll Specialist/Assistant to the Business Manager, at a salary of \$36,000, prorated based on the start date of July 20, 2026, with full benefits, pending clearances.

Recommend approval to hire Ms. Micah Kelly as a volunteer wrestling coach for the 2026-27 school year.

Recommend approval to hire summer maintenance employees, as follows, pending clearances. Wages listed accordingly and there are no benefits with these positions.

- Pressley Washil @ \$10.50/hr.
- Logan Nugent @ \$10.50/hr.
- Justin Amos @ \$10.00/hr.
- Kameron Woods @ \$10.00/hr.
- Carrolin Piddington @ \$10.00/hr.
- Izzy Modulewski @ \$10.00/hr.

Promotion:

Recommend approval to promote Mrs. Delaney Munnal from $\frac{3}{4}$ time art teacher to full time beginning with the 2026-27 school year, on Step 6 of the Master's salary scale at \$62,564, with full benefits.

Remove Coaches:

Recommend approval to remove the following names from our list of coaches, as they did not coach during the 2025-26 school year.

Brian Phillips (wrestling)
Matthew Spragale (wrestling)

Zachary Swartz (wrestling)
Robert Palmer (boys' basketball)

9. **STUDENT TRAVEL:**

Recommend approval for Mrs. Meghan Glass to accompany Students for Charity to Brandy Springs Park on Thursday, May 21, 2026 for a cleanup day. The cost to the district is a substitute for a day. (\$100)

Recommend approval for the Jr. High, JV, and Varsity Football teams to participate in 7 on 7 workouts throughout the area. The football teams are requesting the use of school vans for transportation.

Recommend approval for Mrs. Michalee Christy to accompany chorus students to Universal Studios in Florida on January 2-6, 2027. The cost to the district is a substitute teacher for three days. (\$300)

10. **FACILITIES REQUEST:**

Recommend approval for Mercer Midget and Peewee Cheerleading to use the main entrance of the elementary school, main hallway restrooms, and LGI Room (in the event of inclement weather on June 2 & 3, 2026 from 5:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m. for uniform fitting. All aspects of the facilities policy will be followed.

Recommend approval for the Mercer Ministerium to use the auditorium at Mercer Middle/High School, for Baccalaureate services on June 3, 2026.

Recommend approval for Mercer Football Future Mustangs Kids Camp to use the restrooms at the middle-high school field on June 19 & 20, 2026.

Recommend approval for the Mercer Midget and Peewee Cheerleading to use the front grass area of the elementary school, circular loop at the elementary entrance, locker room restrooms, and music wing restrooms on the following dates, from 5:15 – 8:45 p.m. for cheer camp. In the event of inclement weather, the group is also requesting the use of the elementary LGI room. All aspects of the facilities policy shall be followed.

July 7-9, 2026

August 18 & 19, 2026

July 29 & 30, 2026

Every Tuesday through October 2026

August 3-7, 2026

Recommend approval for Micah Kelly to host summer workouts for female wrestlers, gym time will be scheduled through the athletic director.

Recommend approval for the Mercer County Sheriff's office to use the elementary school, including a hallway with 5 rooms, AV room, library and surrounding hall, 4-5 classrooms with movable desks chairs etc., for ALICE Training on August 17 & 18 2026 from 7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

FACILITIES (Continued):

Recommend approval for the 5M Band to host a Jr. High band festival on September 19, 2026. Use of the football field and practice fields are requested. All aspects of the facilities policy will be followed.

11. Elect the Board Treasurer for the 2026-2027 fiscal year. (Arthur Amos is currently serving as Board Treasurer)
12. Recommend approval of the *final budget* for the 2026-27 school year in the amount of **\$21,393,022.**
13. Recommend approval of the list of 2026 Mercer Area Senior High School graduates pending satisfactory completion of required courses, number of credits, and the high school principal's approval (list attached).
14. Recommend the following Per Capita and Act 511 Taxes be re-enacted for the 2026-2027 school year:
 - \$5.00 Per Capita under Section 679 of the School Code of 1949
 - \$5.00 Per Capita under Act 511
 - One percent (1%) Earned Income Tax*
 - \$5.00 Occupation Privilege Tax
 - One Percent (1%) Real Estate Transfer Tax
 - *Shared with municipalities
15. Recommend approval for Knox, McLaughlin, Gornall & Sennett, P.C. (Knox Law) to continue as the Mercer Area School District solicitor for the 2026-27 school year, at billing rates specified on the attached rate schedule.
16. Recommend approval to give MIU IV authorization to submit an application on behalf of the Mercer Area School District, to continue participation in the regional Education Leading to Employment and Career Training (ELECT) program consortium. If awarded, the Board further authorizes MIU IV to implement the ELECT program on activities as outlined in the approved application and consortium agreement.
17. Recommend approval of an Affiliation Agreement between Carlow University and Mercer Area School District to host an art education student teacher at Mercer Elementary. The student teacher will be supervised by Mrs. Delaney Munnal for an 8-week placement beginning in October 2026.
18. Recommend approval of the PSBA Policy Services Member Agreement between Pennsylvania School Boards Association, Inc. (PSBA) and Mercer Area School District.

19. Recommend approval to not purchase the previously sold delinquent taxes from Municipal Revenue Service. The District will receive 95% of all delinquent taxes collected by Municipal Revenue Service, in the years prior to 2023.
20. Recommend approval of a three (3) year agreement with Vector Solutions to provide access to professional development training modules for teachers and staff. Cost to the district is \$2,100.00/year.
21. Recommend approval to set the millage for the 2026-27 school year at _____.
(The current millage is 68.75)
22. Recommend approval of the 2026 Homestead and Farmstead exclusion resolution, and setting of the Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion credit amount.
23. **Tabled:**
Recommend approval to accept, with regret, the retirement of Dr. Ronald R. Rowe, Jr. Superintendent, effective August 31, 2026.
24. Other Business.
25. Adjournment

FYI:

May 19	Elementary Spring Art Show AND Science Fair 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
May 20	Middle/High School Band Concert @ 7:00 p.m.
May 25	NO School – Memorial Day 
June 3	Baccalaureate @ 7:30 p.m. in high school auditorium
June 4	Junior Class Trip to Cedar Point
June 5	Last Day for Students
"	Senior Awards Ceremony in high school auditorium @ 8:45 am
"	Grade 6 Promotion @ 10:00 a.m. in elementary gym
"	K-6 Report Card Distribution
"	Early Dismissal 12:00 (Elem) and 12:15 (Middle/High School)
"	Commencement @ 7:30 p.m. in high school auditorium
June 8	Teacher In-Service Day
