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AGENDA
JUNE BOARD MEETING
June 15, 2026

High School Library
7:30 PM

Work Session 7:00 P.M.:

Closed – Personnel, litigation, student discipline and Annual School District Safety Report

Open – Agenda, general questions and comments

Agenda

1. Call to order and flag salute by the President.
2. Approve the following minutes:
 - The regular board meeting of May 18, 2026
 - Curricular and Extra Curricular meeting on June 11, 2026
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:

Recommend approval to accept, with regret, the resignation of Mrs. Julianne Ryland as a van driver, effective at the end of the 2025-26 school year.

Recommend approval to accept, with regret, the resignation of Mrs. Samantha Fritz as the Asst. to the Business Manager/Payroll Specialist, effective June 2, 2026.

FMLA:

Recommend approval of an unpaid 60-day family medical leave for Mrs. Haley (Wells) Steff, beginning approximately November 9, 2026.

Recommend approval for Mrs. Erin Ellis to take a Family Medical Leave beginning August 21, 2026 for 60 days.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

Recommend approval for Mrs. Erin Ellis to take an unpaid Leave of Absence, following the conclusion of her FMLA, without benefits, for the remainder of the 2026-2027 school year.

Hire:

Recommend approval to hire Mrs. Aubrie Dennis, as Asst. to the Business Manager/Payroll Specialist, effective July 20, 2026, in the amount of \$36,000. These wages will be prorated based on the days worked in the fiscal year. This position is with full benefits, pending clearances.

Recommend approval to hire Ms. Brandy Boles, as a van driver, pending clearances.

Recommend approval to hire Mrs. Caryn Schreckenghost as a full year long term substitute science teacher for the entirety of the 2026-27 school year, pending clearances. She will be paid \$58,739 with no benefits.

Recommend approval to hire Miss Maya Price, as a full-time elementary teacher on step 1 of the Bachelor's scale, in the amount of \$56,750 with full benefits, pending clearances.

Recommend approval to hire Miss Ava Delvaux, as a full-time elementary teacher on step 1 of the Bachelor's scale, in the amount of \$56,750 with full benefits, pending clearances.

Recommend approval of the additional summer maintenance employees, pending clearances and paperwork. Wages listed accordingly with no benefits.

➤ Elsie Kropp	\$10.50
➤ Daphne Fox	\$10.50
➤ Delaney Sovesky	\$10.00
➤ Ava Milliren	\$10.00

8. **Personnel (Continued):**
EDUCATIONAL STAFFING SOLUTIONS (ESS):
Hires/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. **Professional Development:**
Recommend approval for Mrs. Allyson Rust to attend Safety Care recertification training at MIU4 on July 14, 2026. There is no cost to the district.
10. Recommend approval for the Junior Class (Class of 2028) to host the Jr.-Sr. Prom at The Avalon at Buhl, on Friday, May 14, 2027. There is no cost to the district.
11. Recommend approval for Mrs. Anna Cook, and one additional chaperone, to accompany the junior class to Cedar Point on June 3, 2027. The only cost to the district is for substitute(s) for the day. (\$100)
12. Request approval for the business manager to make any final budgetary transfers necessary to close the books for the 2025-26 school year.
13. Recommend approval to make the following changes to authorized signatories for the Organization Fund through Mercer County State Bank.

Remove: Mrs. Amanda Simpson as a signatory
Add: Mr. Charles Bigelow as a signatory
14. Recommend approval to close the following accounts for the 2026-27 school year:
First National Bank – Close the Organization Fund
Mercer County State Bank – Close the Yearbook Account
15. Recommend approval of the following depositories for the 2026-27 fiscal year:
First National Bank – General Fund, Payroll, Revolving Account, Cafeteria Fund, Yearbook, Flexible Spending Account, Real Estate Tax and Escrow Tax
Huntington – Vending Account
PLGIT – General Fund (Debt Service, Capital Projects, Employee Benefit and Cafeteria Accounts)
Black Rock – Capital Reserve Account
Mercer County State Bank – Revolving Account, Cafeteria Fund, Organization Fund and Mercer Area School District Foundation

16. Recommend approval of the food service management company renewal between AVI Food Systems, Inc. and Mercer Area School District. This is the second (2) year of the agreement. (Four (4) one-year renewals).
17. Recommend approval, in accordance with Section 1121 of the Pennsylvania School Code of 1949, that the following teachers 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.
 - Ms. Ava Park
 - Mrs. Alexis Cannon
 - Mrs. Jennifer Mausser
 - Mrs. Delaney Munnal
 - Mr. David Urey IV
 - Miss Lacey Weaver
18. Discussion to appoint voting delegates(s) who will represent Mercer Area School District at the 2026 PSBA Delegate Assembly on Saturday, November 7, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.
19. Recommend approval of a renewal of the agreement with Custom Computer Specialists for the use of Infinite Campus as the school district's student information system for the 2026-2027 school year, in the amount of \$14,243.80.
20. Recommend approval to purchase a new science curriculum series from SAVVAS for grades 2-4 in the amount of \$64,146.60.
21. Recommend approval of a 5-year annual roof inspection program, in the amount of \$3,200.00 per year for both buildings, performed by TMR Roofing.
22. Recommend approval of EVS (AVI Foodsystems, Inc.) budget for custodial services for the 2026-27 school year, in the amount of \$384,303.
23. Recommend approval of a renewal agreement with Follett School Solutions, LLC in the amount of \$2,303.60 for the annual licensing & maintenance of the library software program for the 2026-2027 school year.
24. Recommend approval of the following Parent Booster/Support Organization(s) for the 2026-27 school year, as they meet the requirements set forth by the Mercer Area School Board in Policy 915, as follows:
 - Track Boosters

25. Recommend approval to permit one (1) kindergarten student to attend Mercer Elementary School as a tuition student at the rate of \$5,000.00 per year for the 2026-27 school year.

26. Recommend approval to set the adult meal prices for the 2026-27 school year. This is required for participation in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP).

Breakfast:	Adults \$3.10
Lunch	Adults \$5.10

27. Recommend approval to award the security fencing bid for the elementary, to Metal Fence Supply, Slippery Rock, PA in the amount of \$16,489.00, per the attached.

28. Recommend approval to award the maintenance tractor bid to Watson's Inc., Hermitage, PA, based on the following options, as attached and summarized below:

- Option A. \$28,175.00 to include cab enclosure
- Option B. \$23,125.00 without cab enclosure

29. Recommend approval to award the bid for 100 Chromebooks to Virtucom, Peachtree Corners, GA, in the amount of \$52,600.00 for the middle/high school, per the attached.

30. Recommend approval to award the bid for 30 computers to Ford Office, Hermitage, PA, in the amount of \$32,132.00 for the elementary computer lab, per the attached.

31. Recommend approval to award the maintenance supplies bid, in the amount of \$14,845.87, per the attached list.

32. Other Business

33. Adjournment.

FYI:

June 19

School offices closed

July 4

Independence Day – School offices closed

July 21

Next School Board Meeting