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AGENDA
JULY BOARD MEETING
July 20, 2026
High School Library
7:30 PM

7:00 PM – *Work session:* Agenda review, questions and comments (Open).
Personnel, Litigation, and Contracts (Closed).

Agenda

1. Call to order and flag salute by President.
2. Approve the minutes of the following meetings:
 - Regular meeting from June 15, 2026
 - Policy and Planning Committee meeting on July 16, 2026
 - Curriculum and Extra-curricular Committee meeting on July 16, 2026
 - Transportation Committee meeting on July 16, 2026
3. Approve the Treasurer's Report, all bills as listed and financial statements.
4. Communications.
5. Board committee reports.
6. Administrative reports.
7. Recommend approval of a correction to the May 18, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes under the Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion to reflect the correct credit amount of \$299.09. The minutes incorrectly listed the amount as \$299.78.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

8. **PERSONNEL:**

Resignation(s):

Accept, with regret, the resignation of Ms. Tammy Cantella as a long-term Family Consumer Science substitute, effective June 24, 2026.

Accept, with regret, the resignation of Mrs. Renee Titus as elementary cafeteria monitor.

Hire(s):

Recommend approval to hire Ms. Laney Weaver as a long-term Family Consumer Science substitute at a salary of \$56,750, with no benefits, pending clearances.

Recommend approval of the Fall 2026 Coaches List, as attached.

Recommend approval for the following teachers to serve as mentors for the 2026-27 and 2027-28 school years:

Mr. Nathan Crooks for Ms. Ava Delvaux
Mrs. Courtney Shepherd-Conner for Ms. Maya Price
Mrs. Maggie Ference for Ms. Kiley Kennis

Recommend approval for the following 5M band advisors/personnel for the 2026-27 school year, pending clearances:

Mrs. Samantha Daniels – Assistant Band Director
Ms. Maysen Stewart – Flag Line Advisor
Ms. Amelia Taylor – Dance Line
Ms. Lacey Weaver – Majorette Advisor
Mr. Micah Wojnowski – Percussion Instructor
Mr. Jeff DeLorenzo - 5M Trailer Driver

Recommend approval to adjust Mrs. Rebecca Adams from daily cafeteria monitor to substitute cafeteria monitor beginning with the 2026-27 school year.

Recommend approval to adjust Ms. Alisha Tan from substitute cafeteria monitor to daily cafeteria monitor beginning with the 2026-27 school year.

Recommend approval to hire Ms. Maggie Jacks as daily cafeteria monitor for the 2026-27 school year.

9. **FACILITIES REQUEST:**

Recommend approval for the Mercer PeeWee and Midget Football Program to use the practice fields from July 21, 2026, through November 20, 2026, and the football field for up to two game dates, with scheduling to be coordinated through the Athletic Director.

Recommend approval for TADA dance studio to use the Auditorium, LGI, Choir room, and Band room for their recital on April 29, April 30, May 1, and May 2, 2027. All aspects of the facilities policy will be followed.

10. **STAFF DEVELOPMENT:**

Recommend approval for Dr. Michael Piddington to attend ALICE Active Shooter Response Instructor Training on August 17-18, 2026 at the Mercer Elementary School. There is no cost to the school district.

Recommend approval for Dr. Michael Piddington to attend the workshop series "How to Become a Transformational Leader" at MIU IV during the 2026-27 school year on the dates listed below. The cost to the district is \$400.00 for registration.

September 29, 2026	January 12, 2027
October 20, 2026	February 17, 2027
November 17, 2026	March 18, 2027
December 15, 2026	

Recommend approval for Mr. Greg Acre, Mrs. Kristen Sansone, and Mrs. Amanda Simpson to attend Safety-Care Training at MIU4 on August 4–5, 2026, and for Mrs. Korrin Thomas to attend on August 19–20, 2026, at a cost of \$185 per person.

11. **STUDENT TRAVEL:**

Recommend approval for Kelly Heffern to accompany the 5M band to Kennywood on August 11, 2026 for the Fall Fantasy parade. The cost to the district is bus transportation.

Recommend approval for the Girls Soccer team to use school vans on Sunday, August 16, 2026 to go to Waldameer Park. The cost to the district is the use of school vans.

12. Recommend approval to accept the agreement between Mercer Area School District and LDP, Inc, referred to as Leader Services, which will provide Pennsylvania Medicaid Direct Services web applications and support services. This agreement is from July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$4,670.00, as attached.

13. Recommend approval of the following Parent Booster/Support Organizations for the 2026-27 school year, as each organization meets the requirements set forth by the Mercer Area School Board Policy 915:

Tech Ed Booster Club	Mercer Area Soccer Helpers
Speech Boosters	Mercer High School Choral Boosters
Mercer Golf Boosters	Mercer Volleyball Boosters
Mercer Boys Basketball Boosters	Mercer Band Boosters
Mercer Girls Basketball Boosters	Mercer Softball Boosters
Elementary Cross Country Boosters	Mercer Boys Baseball Boosters

14. Recommend approval of the insurance package, with Reinhardt's Insurance Agency, for 2026-27 as follows:

Educators Professional Liability	\$ 11,955
Property Insurance with CM Regent	\$138,411
Workers Compensation with Encova	<u>\$ 51,826</u>
Subtotal:	\$202,192
Cyber Insurance with Chubb	<u>\$ 5,344</u>
Grand total:	\$207,536

15. Recommend approval of the attached School Service Agreement for the Girls on the Run (GOTR) and Heart & Sole programs for the 2026–27 school year. The Girls on the Run program will be coached by Mrs. Allyson Rust and Mrs. Korina Yanak, and the Heart & Sole program will be coached by Mrs. Alexandra Sniezek and Ms. Bridget Kniess.
16. Recommend approval of the Sponsor-to-Sponsor Agreement between the Community Action Partnership of Mercer County and Mercer Area School District from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, as attached.
17. Recommend approval of the Head Start Agreement between Community Action Partnership of Mercer County and Mercer Area School District from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, as attached.
18. Recommend approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Mercer Area School District and Mercer County Head Start from October 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027, as attached.
19. Recommend approval to permit one (1) fifth-grade student to attend Mercer Area Elementary School as a tuition student at the rate of \$5,000 per year for the 2026-27 school year.
20. Recommend approval of the School Partnership Agreement between the Mercer Area School District and William Penn Academy for the 2026–27 school year, as attached.
21. Recommend approval of the Linkage Agreement between the Mercer Area School District and Bethesda Lutheran Services for a period of one (1) year from the date of signing, as attached.
22. Recommend approval of the School Nurse Agreement between the Mercer Area School District and the Mercer County Career Center for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029, as attached.
23. Recommend approval of the Contract for the Transportation of School Pupils between the Mercer Area School District and the Reynolds School District from August 2026 to June 30, 2027 at an estimated rate of \$60 per day for the transportation of three (3) students, as attached.

24. Recommend approval of the Event Security Contractor Agreement between the Mercer Area School District and the PA State Constables Association for security services at various school activities from July 21, 2026, through June 30, 2029, as attached.
25. Recommend approval of an athletic training services agreement between UPMC Sports Medicine and the Mercer Area School District for the term of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029, as attached.
26. Recommend approval of the resolution authorizing the adoption of a district-wide student communication application for extracurricular and athletic groups, as attached.
27. Recommend approval to accept the donation of a basketball shooting machine from the Mercer Girls Basketball Boosters and the Mercer Boys Basketball Boosters.
28. Recommend approval of Mercer Area School District van routes and drivers, for the 2026-27 school year, as attached.
29. Recommend approval of Watsons, Inc. bus routes and drivers for the 2026-27 school, as attached.
30. Recommend approval of the Elementary School Student Handbook for the 2026-27 school year. (List of changes included)
31. Recommend approval of the 2026-27 Elementary Staff Handbook for the 2026-27 school year. (List of changes included)
32. Recommend approval of the Middle-High School Student/Parent Handbook for the 2026-27 school year. (List of changes included)
33. Recommend approval of the Middle/High School Staff Handbook for the 2026-27 school year. (List of changes included)
34. Recommend approval of the Mercer Area School District 1:1 handbook for the 2026-27 school year.
35. Recommend approval of the Mercer Area Virtual Academy (MAVA) Handbook for the 2026-27 school year.
36. Other business.
37. Adjournment.

***First read:** Policy numbers 102, 103, 103.1, 104, 105, 105.2, 122, 122.1, 123, 140, 204, 209.2, 218.1, 221, 234, 236.1, 317, 320, 325, 332, 610, 611, 619, 716, 718, 805.1, 805.2, 810, 816

Upcoming Dates

- August 11 – 7th Grade Orientation, 7:00 p.m.
- August 17 – **School Board Meeting**
- August 21 & 24 – Teacher In-Service Days
- August 21 – Kindergarten Orientation, 4:00–5:45 p.m.
- August 25 – **First Day for Students**
- August 26 – Middle School/High School Open House, 5:30–7:30 p.m.
- August 26 – Meet the Mustangs, 8:00 p.m.
- September 3 – Elementary Open House, 5:30–7:00 p.m.