

MERCER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES OF REGULAR JUNE 15, 2026 BOARD MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT:

ARTHUR AMOS
REBEKAH BOLYARD
DAVID LENGEL
AIMEE PETERS

RODNEY BOBBY
MATTHEW HAZI
SHANE NUGENT
DEREK STOTSKY

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ZACHARY RYAN

OTHERS PRESENT:

DR. RONALD R. ROWE, JR, SUPERINTENDENT
DR. MICHAEL G. PIDDINGTON, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
CHARLES BIGELOW, MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL ASST. PRINCIPAL
GREGORY ACRE, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
AMANDA SIMPSON, DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION
MICHELLE L. GOEHRING, BOARD SECRETARY/BUSINESS MANAGER

The meeting was called to order by the President, Mr. David Lengel, at 7:45 p.m. in the high school library. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. There were eight (8) members present.

MINUTES:

On a motion by Shane Nugent, second by Arthur Amos, the Board approved the minutes of the regular meeting of May 18, 2026 and the Curricular and Extra Curricular meeting on June 11, 2026. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

On a motion by Shane Nugent, second by Rebekah Bolyard, the Board approved the Treasurer's Report, all bills as listed and financial reports. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

PERSONNEL:

Resignation:

On a motion by Aimee Peters, second by Rebekah Bolyard, the Board approved the following resignations. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

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

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

MINUTES FROM JUNE 15, 2026 MEETING (CONTINUED):

FMLA:

On a motion by Rodney Bobby, second by Matthew Hazi, the Board approved the following FMLA requests. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

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

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

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

On a motion by Shane Nugent, second by Derek Stotsky, the Board approved 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. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

Hire:

On a motion by Rodney Bobby, second by Matthew Hazi, the Board approved the following hires. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

Granted 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.

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

Granted 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.

Granted 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.

Granted 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.

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

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

MINUTES FROM JUNE 15, 2026 MEETING (CONTINUED):

PERSONNEL (Continued):

EDUCATIONAL STAFFING SOLUTIONS (ESS):

Hires/Resignations:

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

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

On a motion by Rodney Bobby, second by Rebekah Bolyard, the Board approved Mrs. Allyson Rust to attend Safety Care recertification training at MIU4 on July 14, 2026. There is no cost to the district. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

PROM 2026-27:

On a motion by Rebekah Bolyard, second by Derek Stotsky, the Board approved 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. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

CEDAR POINT 2026-27:

On a motion by Rodney Bobby, second by Rebekah Bolyard approved 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 a substitute(s) for the day. (\$100 ea.) On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

2025-26 BUDGETARY TRANSFERS:

On a motion by Arthur Amos, second by Rodney Bobby, the Board approved the business manager to make any final budgetary transfers necessary to close the books for the 2025-26 school year. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

ORGANIZATION FUND SIGNATORIES:

On a motion by Rebekah Bolyard, second by Aimee Peters, the Board approved making the following changes to authorized signatories for the Organization Fund through Mercer County State Bank. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

Remove: Mrs. Amanda Simpson as a signatory

Add: Mr. Charles Bigelow as a signatory

CLOSE THE FOLLOWING ACCOUNTS:

On a motion by Arthur Amos, second by Rodney Bobby, the Board grant approval to close the following accounts for the 2026-27 school year: On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

First National Bank – Close the Organization Fund

Mercer County State Bank – Close the Yearbook Account

MINUTES FROM JUNE 15, 2026 MEETING (CONTINUED):

2026-27 DEPOSITORIES:

On a motion by Rodney Bobby, second by Arthur Amos, the Board approved the following depositories for the 2026-27 fiscal year. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

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

AVI FOOD SYSTEMS, INC.:

On a motion by Shane Nugent, second by Arthur Amos, the Board approved 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). On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

TENURE:

On a motion by Aimee Peters, second by Matthew Hazi, the Board granted 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. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

- Ms. Ava Park
- Mrs. Alexis Cannon
- Mrs. Jennifer Mausser
- Mrs. Delaney Munnal
- Mr. David Urey IV
- Miss Lacey Weaver

PSBA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY:

A motion was made by Aimee Peters, to nominate Matthew Hazi to represent Mercer Area School District at the 2026 PSBA Delegate Assembly on Saturday, November 7, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. David Lengel seconded the motion. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes for Matthew Hazi.

CUSTOM COMPUTER SPECIALISTS:

On a motion by Shane Nugent, second by Rodney Bobby, the Board approved the 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. On a roll call vote, members Amos, Bobby, Bolyard, Hazi, Lengel, Nugent, Peters and Stotsky voted yes. **Motion: Passed**

MINUTES FROM JUNE 15, 2026 MEETING (CONTINUED):

SAVVAS SCIENCE CURRICULUM:

On a motion by Arthur Amos, second by Rebekah Bolyard, the Board approved the purchase of a new science curriculum series from SAVVAS for grades 2-4 in the amount of \$64,146.60. On a roll call vote, members Bobby, Bolyard, Hazi, Lengel, Nugent, Peters, Stotsky, and Amos voted yes.

Motion: *Passed*

ROOF INSPECTION PROGRAM – TMR ROOFING:

On a motion by Rodney Bobby, second by Shane Nugent, the Board approved a 5-year annual roof inspection program, in the amount of \$3,200.00 per year for both buildings, performed by TMR Roofing. On a roll call vote, members Bolyard, Hazi, Lengel, Nugent, Peters, Stotsky, Amos and Bobby voted yes.

Motion: *Passed*

EVS – CUSTODIAL SERVICES:

On a motion by Arthur Amos, second by Derek Stotsky, the Board approved EVS (AVI Food Systems, Inc.) budget for custodial services for the 2026-27 school year, in the amount of \$384,303. On a roll call vote, members Hazi, Lengel, Nugent, Peters, Stotsky, Amos, Bobby and Bolyard voted yes.

Motion: *Passed*

FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS, LLC:

On a motion by Rodney Bobby, second by Matthew Hazi, the Board approved 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. On a roll call vote, members Lengel, Nugent, Peters, Stotsky, Amos, Bobby, Bolyard and Hazi voted yes.

Motion: *Passed*

PARENT BOOSTER/SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS:

On a motion by Shane Nugent, second by Derek Stotsky, the Board approved 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. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

- Track Boosters

TUITION STUDENT:

On a motion by Rodney Bobby, second by Rebekah Bolyard, the Board approved 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. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

MINUTES FROM JUNE 15, 2026 MEETING (CONTINUED):

COMMUNITY ELEGIBILITY PROVISION (CEP):

On a motion by Aimee Peters, second by Rebekah Bolyard, the Board approved setting the adult meal prices for the 2026-27 school year. This is required for participation in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

Breakfast:	Adults \$3.10
Lunch	Adults \$5.10

SECURITY FENCING AT ELEMENTARY:

On a motion by Rodney Bobby, second by Shane Nugent, the Board awarded the security fencing bid for the elementary, to Metal Fence Supply, Slippery Rock, PA in the amount of \$16,489.00, per the attached. On a roll call vote, members Nugent, Peters, Stotsky, Amos, Bobby, Bolyard, Hazi, and Lengel voted yes.

Motion: *Passed*

MAINTENANCE TRACTOR PURCHASE:

On a motion by Rodney Bobby, second by Shane Nugent, the Board awarded the maintenance tractor bid to Watson's Inc., Hermitage, PA, based on the following options, as attached and summarized below. On a roll call vote, members Peters, Stotsky, Amos, Bobby, Bolyard, Hazi, Lengel and Nugent voted yes.

Motion: *Passed*

- Option A. \$28,175.00 to include cab enclosure

CHROMEBOOK PURCHASE:

On a motion by Rebekah Bolyard, second by Shane Nugent, the Board awarded 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. On a roll call vote, members Stotsky, Amos, Bobby, Bolyard, Hazi, Lengel, Nugent, and Peters voted yes.

Motion: *Passed*

COMPUTER PURCHASE:

On a motion by Rodney Bobby, second by Derek Stotsky, the Board awarded 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. On a roll call vote, members Amos, Bobby, Bolyard, Hazi, Lengel, Nugent, Peters and Stotsky voted yes.

Motion: *Passed*

MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES:

On a motion Derek Stotsky, second by Rebekah Bolyard, the Board awarded the maintenance supplies bid, in the amount of \$14,845.87, per the attached list. On a roll call vote, members Bobby, Bolyard, Hazi, Lengel, Nugent, Peters, Stotsky, and Amos voted yes.

Motion: *Passed*

MINUTES FROM JUNE 15, 2026 MEETING (CONTINUED):

David Lengel made a request to add the following items to the June 15, 2026 agenda. Aimee Peters made the motion and Derek Stotsky seconded. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes for the additions.

STUDENT TUITION:

On a motion by Shane Nugent, second by Rodney Bobby, the Board approved one (1) sophomore student to attend Mercer High School as a tuition student at the rate of \$5,000.00 for the 2026-27 school year. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

STUDENT DISCIPLINE:

On a motion by David Lengel, second by Rodney Bobby, the Board approved the student discipline, as attached, as recommended by the discipline committee. On a voice vote, all members present voted yes.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no additional business, Rodney Bobby motioned to adjourn the meeting, Shane Nugent seconded. On a voice vote, all members voted yes.

Michelle L. Goehring, Board Secretary

David R. Lengel, Board President