

MUHLENBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes  
June 17, 2026  
Lecture Hall, Muhlenberg High School  
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**Call to Order**

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District was called to order on Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 6:31 PM by Board President, Mrs. Cindy L. Mengle.

**Members Present**

President – Mrs. Cindy L. Mengle  
Vice President – Mrs. Kristyna Eagle  
Treasurer - Mr. Ronald J. Haas, Sr.  
Secretary – Mr. Enrique Castro, Jr.  
Assistant Secretary – Ms. Susan Roeckle  
Member – Mr. S. Wayne Hardy (via phone)  
Member – Mr. Robert Mengle  
Solicitor – Mr. Brian J. Boland, Esq.  
Recording Secretary – Mrs. Tara L. Flowers

**Members Absent**

Member – Mr. Garrett Hyneman  
Member – Mr. Andrew L. Eaton, Sr.

**Administration Present**

Superintendent - Dr. Alan S. Futrick  
Assistant Superintendent - Dr. Gangi E. Cucciuffo, Ed.D  
Business Manager - Mr. Shane M. Mathias, CPA  
Director of Physical Plant – Mr. Ken Patterson  
Director of Special Education - Dr. Nicole Huntbach  
Supervisor of Special Education - Ms. Jaclyn Bellanca  
Supervisor of Special Education - Ms. Lori Morris  
Supervisor of Related Services - Mr. Byron Grosselfinger  
Licensed Behavior Specialist - Ms. Courtney Knittle  
Director of Curriculum & Instruction K-6 - Dr. Cathy Shappell  
Director of Curriculum & Instruction 7-12 - Mr. Kyle Crater  
Director of Pupil Services - Mr. Michael J. Mish  
Accountant - Mr. Kevin Vanino  
Supervisor of Alternative Education & Transportation - Mr. Steve Baylor

Athletic Director - Dr. Timothy Moyer  
High School Principal - Mr. Haniff Skeete  
High School Assistant Principal - Ms. Nicole McGowan  
Junior High Assistant Principal - Dr. Joseph Scoboria  
Junior High Assistant Principal - Ms. Michele Weaver  
C.E. Cole Intermediate Assistant Principal - Dr. Tara Nelson  
Elementary Principal - Ms. Ginny Hornberger  
Elementary Assistant Principal - Ms. Julie Kehr  
Elementary Assistant Principal - Mr. Daniel Kramer  
Social Worker- Ms. Emily Carmichael  
Social Worker - Ms. Amanda Foulds  
Social Worker - Ms. Lilianna Cuesta

### Visitors

|             |               |                      |                   |                  |
|-------------|---------------|----------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Don Main    | Austin Harmes | Linda Roebuck        | Manel Santiago    | Nytza Santiago   |
| Daniel Fair | Robi Kramer   | Diane Benson         | Shane Clark       | William Snelling |
| Janet Hess  | Ching Lee     | William Merriweather | Denise Nowotarski | Dana Godfrey     |

### Educational Presentations

#### A. Recognition of 2026 Retirees - Dr. Gangi E. Cucciuffo

Dr. Cucciuffo announced and congratulated each of the retirees and thanked them for their dedication and service to the community and the Muhlenberg School District children.

**Hearing of Visitors** - Muhlenberg School District taxpayers and residents have an opportunity, at this time, to comment on matters of concern, official action, or deliberation which are or may be before the Muhlenberg School Board. *This period of time is for comments only; it is not a time to engage in a question and answer or debate with the board. Comments from the Board are at the option of the Board.* The Board retains the option to accept all public comments at this time. Presentations *will* be limited to two minutes per person. In the event that the Board determines that there is not sufficient time for residents or taxpayers of the School District to comment, the Board may defer the comment period to the next regular meeting.

#### Janet Hess-resident

Attended the RMCTC's fashion show, wonderful event, asking for more administration presence

### Committee Report

A. Berks County Intermediate Unit – Mr. Andrew L. Eaton, Sr.

There is no report at this time.

B. Reading-Muhlenberg CTC – Mrs. Cindy L. Mengle

Their meeting was last week, they had their career camp at CTC for eight graders last week. They had 126 students register for that; they kids made things and were really enjoying themselves. Habitat for Humanity, the students made bird houses and raised \$1,500 with the bird house that they sold.

C. PSBA Liaison – Mrs. Kristyna Eagle

There is no report at this time.

D. Muhlenberg Community Library – Ms. Susan M. Roeckle

Every meeting she is very impressed with what a wonderful resource it is for the school district to have right here on campus with how involved they are with the students encouraging them all to get library cards and summer reading programs and getting them all signed up for that. It is a wonderful event, have the kids read all summer and do all kinds of activities for them and is free. She is so impressed with this board and how hard they work to keep the money in and get activities going to make this a real top-notch library that it is.

E. School Safety and Security Committee - Mr. Enrique Castro, Jr., Mr. S. Wayne Hardy and Mr. Robert Mengle

Mr. Castro reported at their School Safety and Security Committee Meeting they reviewed: Act 44 Annual Safety and Security Report

As required by Act 44, the district completed its annual review of school safety security and remains in compliance with all state requirements. Throughout the 2025-226 school year, Muhlenberg School District continued to strengthen its safety program through emergency preparedness planning, threat assessment teams, School resource Officers, staff training, student support services, security upgrades, and strong partnerships with local first responders. Key improvements included enhanced surveillance systems, updated emergency response procedures, expanded mental health supports, and ongoing safety training for staff. Looking ahead, the district plans to continue upgrading security infrastructure, maintain its SRO program, and implement weapon detection systems at the secondary level and athletic events. Overall, the district's safety and

security program remains strong and focused on providing a safe learning environment for all students and staff.

Questions/Comments/Concerns

*Mr. Mengle spoke about he and other board members being given an anonymous letter about an incident that occurred in one school. He talked about the people or person that wrote this, there are a lot of falsehoods for him. He wanted to address Mr Mish, Mr. Cucciuffo, and Dr. Frutrick; there are people that they put trust into to make sure that security is held to the highest standards; these falsehoods only resonate with the public if they are out there and they are disseminated. He advised it is totally untrue and advised this person wrote in the letter about due process and advised the district has due process and this is what the country was founded on, due process. He spoke about it as he read through it, he takes pride in that. Mr. Mengle spoke about how unbelievable it is that someone can write something, but again as a resident he can allow them to do this as one of their freedoms, but to print falsehoods and give it out there. He talked about these people say that the district did not do anything and allowed them to come back to school, but if they read their handout, the students handouts that are produced by this school and principals that do a great job, he wanted to thank them as this does not reflect anything on Mr. Mish or any administration; everyone does a heck of a job. Mr. Mengle could not believe people would write something like this and then not sign it; if they are going to come see him. He spoke about there being policies stating if you fight students are out, but the district has due process. Mr. Mengle talked about how the district cannot violate the law and the attorney will agree. Mr. Mengle talked about the letter given to him from an envelope from the school, in inter-district mail. Mr. Mengle spoke to the principals and the teachers that the board has their backs; the district will go to the full extent of the law and get the students out of the classroom and they are here to support them. He discussed the garbage like this taints everything that they do and they do a good job. Mr Mengle reiterated to the principals, the teacher and the administrative staff that they do a hell of a good job. He talked about understanding them and he does not listen to what is in the letter written but he wanted to address it in public that the board has their back.*

- F. Capital Projects Committee - Mr. Andrew Eaton, Sr., Mr. Ronald J. Haas, Sr., and Ms. Susan M. Roeckle

Dr. Futrick reported they had continued conversations on the project at the middle school, some of the summer projects and he asked Mr. Harmes to update on the middle school and in speaking in length about the roadways and parking lots. Mr. Harmes reported the roadways and parking lots, the main road running through the center of the campus is tracking for June 29th. He advised the little parking lot behind the parking garage is going to be paved up June 29th; they are working on the parking lot behind MEC and then additionally the parking lot behind that working on the bus. The high school natatorium is still tracking through the 23rd, essentially on schedule there.

He advised the 5-6 building is really coming along; finishing the flooring, the residence flooring and the bathrooms this work going on there; it's really starting to look like a school. It was confirmed that there will be power in the school soon.

G. Education Programs - Dr. Gangi E. Cucciuffo

There is no report at this time.

**Board Business**

**Personnel/Human Resources**

**1. Administrative Appointments**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following administrative appointments:

- a. Ms. Ashley Care, Director of Athletics (T. Moyer), Muhlenberg High School, effective July 1, 2026, at a salary of \$105,900.
- b. Mr. Aaron Kopetsky, Principal (J. Heilman), C.E. Cole Intermediate, effective July 1, 2026, at a salary of \$130,000.
- c. Mr. Jacob Conrad, Assistant Principal (A. Kopetsky) , C.E. Cole Intermediate, effective July 1, 2026, at a salary of \$100,000.
- d. Ms. Dana Godfrey, Assistant Principal (J. Scoboria), Muhlenberg Junior High School, effective July 1, 2026, at a salary of \$100,000.
- e. Ms. Crystal Jordan, Assistant Principal (J. Kehr), Muhlenberg Elementary Center, effective July 1, 2026, at a salary of \$100,000.
- f. Ms. Denise Nowotarski, Director of Business Services (S. Maples), effective July 1, 2027, at a salary of \$130,000.

**2. Professional Appointments**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District accept the following professional appointments:

- a. Ms. Jocelyn Seidt, Elementary Teacher (X. Toledo), C.E. Cole Intermediate, effective the first contractual day of the 2026-2027 school year, at a salary of \$59,988 (B, 14 Steps from the Top).
- b. Ms. Jaclyn Barbera, Elementary Teacher (D. Fair), C.E. Cole Intermediate, effective the first contractual day of the 2026-2027 school year, at a salary of \$58,479 (B, 15 Steps from the Top).

- c. Ms. Sarah Pacharis, Elementary Teacher (J. Conrad), Muhlenberg Elementary Center, effective the first contractual day of the 2026-2027 school year, at a salary of \$58,479 (B, 15 Steps from the Top).
- d. Mr. Kyle Jurgensen, Special Education Teacher (J. Hausman), C.E. Cole Intermediate, effective the first contractual day of the 2026-2027 school year, at a salary of \$64,616 (B+24, 15 Steps from the Top), given 3.5 years to attain and secure PDE Certification in Special Education.

### **3. Classified Appointments**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following classified appointments:

- a. Ms. Heather Alamed, Special Education Paraprofessional (O. Gehris), Muhlenberg Elementary Center, effective May 18, 2026, at pay rate of \$21.46 per hour.
- b. Ms. Mia Pittman, Special Education Paraprofessional (D. Montalvo), Muhlenberg Elementary Center, effective August 19, 2026, at pay rate of \$22.46 per hour.

### **4. Acceptance of Resignations**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District accept the following resignations:

- a. Ms. Courtney Mitchell, Speech & Language Pathologist, Muhlenberg Elementary Center, effective June 5, 2026.
- b. Ms. Sabrina Maples, Assistant Business Manager, effective May 29, 2026.
- c. Ms. Lori Steiner, Class A Secretary, Muhlenberg High School, resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective July 10, 2026.
- d. Ms. Naomi Skeete, Clerical Assistant, Blue Center, effective June 11, 2026.
- e. Mr. Domenic Velazquez, Outside Custodian, Administration Building, effective June 19, 2026.
- f. Ms. Gisselle Valencia-Diaz, Cafeteria Worker, C.E. Cole Intermediate, effective June 5, 2026.
- g. Ms. Teresa Pietrusewicz, Health Services Technician, Muhlenberg Junior High School, resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective June 5, 2026.

### **5. Co-Curricular Appointments**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following co-curricular appointments:

- a. Mr. Bryant Herndon, MHS Girls Basketball Assistant Coach, effective May 26, 2026, at a salary of \$4,350 (year 2).
- b. Mr. William Merriweather, MHS Girls Basketball Co-Assistant Coach, effective May 26, 2026, at a salary of \$2,175 (year 2).
- c. Ms. Kaela Stankiewicz, MHS Girls Basketball Co-Assistant Coach, effective May 26, 2026, at a salary of \$2,175 (year 2).
- d. Ms. Katelyn Dieffenbach, Unified Sports Co-Head Bocce Coach, effective March 1 2026, at a salary of \$1,000.
- e. Mr. Anthony Calvaresi, Jr., Unified Sports Co-Head Bocce Coach, effective March 1, 2026, salary of \$1,000 funded by Unified Sports.
- f. Ms. Katelyn Dieffenbach, Unified Sports Co-Head Track and Field Coach, effective March 1, 2026, at a salary of \$1,500.
- g. Ms. Cameron Gring, Unified Sports Co-Head Track and Field Coach, effective March 1, 2026, salary of \$1,500 funded by Unified Sports.

**6. Completion of Probation**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the completion of probation for the following classified employee:

- a. Ms. Rachel Kline, Cafeteria Assistant, completion of forty-five (45) day probation as of May 20, 2026 and recommended for permanent employment as of May 21, 2026.

**7. Request for Leave of Absence/FMLA Leave**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the request for a Leave of Absence/FMLA leave for the following employees:

- a. Employee No. 3422, Special Education Teacher, FMLA/Leave of Absence, effective May 11, 2026 through on or about June 22, 2026.
- b. Employee No. 2834, Teacher, extended FMLA Leave, effective the first contractual day of the 2026-2027 school year through on or about January 4, 2027.

**8. Summer Hours for Staff**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following employees for summer hours as presented.

**9. 2026 Extended School Year Assignments**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following assignments for the 2026 Extended School Year Program, as presented:

Teachers

|                     |                          |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Ms. Megan Migliore  | Mr. Jessica Mulutzie     |
| Ms. Francine Silvoy | Mr. Anthony Calvaresi    |
| Ms. Meghan Goetz    | Ms. Emily Rudderow       |
| Ms. Tamara Torres   | Ms. Katelyn Dieffenbach  |
| Mr. Shane Silas     | Mr. Brian Hendricks      |
| Ms. Amanda Kemmerer | Mr. Ms. Stefanie Cerroni |

Paraprofessionals

|                                |                       |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Ms. Rosemarie Sysenh           | Ms. Ramona Corcino    |
| Ms. Alexandria Garcia-Martinez | Ms. Krystina Missimer |
| Ms. Aliyah Buzydlowski         | Ms. Jennifer Eberhart |
| Ms. Carina Arana-Morales       | Ms. Susan Garl        |
| Ms. Cindy Wanamaker            | Ms. Shana Kelly       |
| Ms. Jessica Martin             | Ms. Elitz Leon        |

Speech Language Pathologists:

Ms. Pamina Nieves

**10. Professional and Classified Assignments for MSD unplugged 2026**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following professional and classified assignments for MSD Unplugged program, as presented:

Teachers:

|                       |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Ms. Amy Chiarelli     | Ms. Kayla Lowe        |
| Mr. Matthew Fry       | Mr. Jacob Stoudt      |
| Ms. Sarah Kopetsky    | Ms. Daniel Solvino    |
| Ms. Maria Avila       | Ms. Kylie Redcay      |
| Mr. Christopher Evans | Mr. Erika Yenser      |
| Mr. Melissa Blickley  | Ms. Jennifer Pacharis |
| Mr. Robert Wolfe      | Ms. Janele Vadelund   |
| Mr. Robert Brad       | Ms. Edith Rubert      |
| Ms. Megan Grandinetti |                       |

Paraprofessionals:

|                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Ms. Clavel Callenteno | Mr. Austin Chapman |
| Ms. Michelle Eaton    |                    |

**11. Pre-Educator Assignments for MSD Unplugged 2026**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following pre-educator assignments for the MSD Unplugged program, as presented:

| <u>Student Name</u> | <u>College</u>          |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Kyle Archie         | Kutztown University     |
| Evan Blickley       | Penn State University   |
| Athena Braun        | Kutztown University     |
| Meghan Farrell      | West Chester University |
| Sofia Fiorvanti     | Kutztown University     |
| Maria Gittens       | Lebanon Valley College  |
| Neveah Hammond      | Kutztown University     |

|                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Julia Kramer           | Kutztown University     |
| Ainsley McLain         | Penn State University   |
| Hayley Moyer           | Kutztown University     |
| Liliana Petersen       | Lebanon Valley College  |
| Felicia Phillips       | Kutztown University     |
| Blake Smith            | Penn State University   |
| Eva Stettler           | Kutztown University     |
| Bryn Williams          | Penn State University   |
| Julia Yeager           | Kutztown University     |
| Victoria Lapa          | Kutztown University     |
| Alexandra Brodetsky    | Kutztown University     |
| Evelyn Sanchez Morales | Albright College        |
| Amanda Hoover          | Albright College        |
| Yana Colon             | West Chester University |
| Sarah Love             | Kutztown University     |
| Alli Kauffman          | West Chester University |
| Ava Futrick            | Albright College        |

**12. Cooperative Agreement in Football with Antietam School District**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the agreement between Antietam School District and Muhlenberg School District in the sport of Football (Fall) as the host school as presented.

**Management**

**1. Adoption of Policies**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District adopt the following district policies:

- a. Policy No. 805, Emergency Preparedness and Response
- b. Policy No. 805.1, Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies
- c. Policy No. 805.2, School Security Personnel
- d. Policy No. 810, Transportation
- e. Policy No. 827, Conflict of Interest

**2. Superintendent's Authorization to Employ for the 2026-2027 School Year**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District authorize the Superintendent to employ qualified persons for open positions as budgeted for the 2026-2027 school year, subject to Board ratification of employment at the Board's next public meeting.

**3. 2026-2027 Annual Membership to Pennsylvania School Boards Association, Inc.**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the annual membership to the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, Inc. in the amount of \$20,490.42 for 2026-2027 (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027).

**4. Voting Delegates to the 2026 PSBA Delegate Assembly**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District appoint \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ as the District's voting delegates to the 2026 PSBA Delegate Assembly.

**5. Approval of Berks County Safety & Security Consortium Services**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the shared Consortium consulting and technical services provided by the BCIU Safety & Security Administrator for the 2026-2027 school year, at a cost of \$6,500 annually as presented.

**6. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding for MEA**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Muhlenberg School District and the Muhlenberg Education Association as presented.

**Physical Plant and Transportation**

**1. Roof Preventative Maintenance for MEC**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the roof preventative maintenance of the Muhlenberg Elementary Center roof at a total cost of \$33,650 as presented (Capital Reserve Fund).

**2. Natatorium Scoreboard**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve a not-to-exceed budget of \$1,950,000.00 for project costs and the apparent low bid/pricing obtained through the Gordian Purchase Program for the Renovations to the Muhlenberg Junior High School Library and LGI, creating six instructional spaces; subject to review by the District's Solicitor.

**3. Approval of Change Orders High School Renovation Project**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the purchasing of the scoreboard for the natatorium with Daktronics at a total cost of \$110,374 as presented (Capital Projects Fund ).

**4. Approval of Change Order High School Addition and Renovations**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the change order for the Muhlenberg High School addition and renovations of the alternative education wing and addition of an elementary toilet room at a cost of \$83,326.04 as presented.

**Budget and Finance**

**1. Approval of Financial Reports**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following financial reports and that they become part of the permanent record of the meeting:

| Fund    | Treasurer's Report | Financial Report | Bills Paid Month                            | Investments | Budget Transfers |
|---------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| General | Apr 2026           | Apr 2026         | May 2026<br>Ck#60690-60838<br>V#28577-28590 | Apr 2026    |                  |

|                              |          |          |                                         |          |  |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------------------------------------|----------|--|
| Cafeteria                    | Apr 2026 | Apr 2026 | May 2026<br>Ck#8977-9015<br>V#3233-3238 | Apr 2026 |  |
| Capital Reserve<br>(Fund 32) | May 2026 | May 2026 |                                         |          |  |
| Capital Reserve<br>(Fund 39) | May 2026 | May 2026 | May 2026<br>Ck#25001-25013              |          |  |
| Activity                     | Apr 2026 | Apr 2026 |                                         |          |  |

## 2. Award Bids for School Supplies for the 2026-2027 School Year

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District accept the award of bids, from the Berks County Joint Purchasing Cooperative, for the following school supplies for the 2026-2027 school year:

|       |                                     |                    |
|-------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| a.    | Art Supplies                        | \$32,428.84        |
| b.    | Classroom and Office Supplies       | 57,212.04          |
| c.    | Copy Paper                          | 13,327.37          |
| d.    | Custodial Supplies                  | 80,345.38          |
| e.    | Physical Ed. Equipment and Supplies | 236.13             |
| Total |                                     | <hr/> \$183,549.76 |

**3. Award Bids for Food Supplies for the 2026-2027 School Year**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District accept the award of bids, from the Cafeteria Food Cooperative (CAFCO), for the following food supplies for the 2026-2027 school year:

|       |                             |                |
|-------|-----------------------------|----------------|
| a.    | Food Service Paper Products | \$52,527.02    |
| b.    | Fresh Bread                 | 51,013.62      |
| c.    | Grocery                     | 826,653.18     |
| d.    | Milk and Dairy              | 124,630.93     |
| e.    | NOI Food Products           | 261,831.84     |
|       |                             | <hr/>          |
| Total |                             | \$1,316,656.59 |

**4. Reading-Muhlenberg Career & Technology Center Budget for the 2026-2027 School Year**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the Reading-Muhlenberg Career & Technology Center Budget for the 2026-2027 school year at the district's share of \$3,088,714.19 for operations, \$154,823.58 for debt service related to the welding building, and \$30,000 for capital improvements.

**5. Approval of Amergis Educational Staffing Agreement**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the agreement with Amergis Educational Staffing for supplemental staffing of school nurses, as needed for the 2026-2027 school year as presented.

**6. Disposal of Surplus Property**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District authorize the disposal of the following surplus property in accordance with district Policy 706.1, Disposal of Surplus Property as presented:

- a. Textbooks/Resource Materials - These items are no longer needed, outdated, unused and/or out of contract.
- b. Choral Risers at MHS - These items are old and pose a safety issue if used.

**7. District Insurance Programs**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the district's insurance programs for the 2026-2027 school year per the proposal submitted by Acrisure:

| Type                          | 7/1/2026– 6/30/2027 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Property                      | \$139,887           |
| General Liability & Crime     | 70,630              |
| Automobile                    | 10,025              |
| Excess Liability              | 6,971               |
| School Board E & O            | -                   |
| Privacy and Network Liability | 22,673              |
| Student Accident              | 10,900              |
| Boiler & Machinery            | 4,678               |
| Total Premium                 | \$265,764           |

**8. 2026-2027 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution**

Resolved, by the Board of School Directors of Muhlenberg School District, that homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions are authorized for the school year beginning July 1, 2026, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), as follows:

**Aggregate amount available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction.** The following amounts are available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction for the school year beginning July 1, 2026:

- a. **Gambling tax funds.** The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.505(b), as a property tax reduction allocation funded by gambling tax funds, the amount of \$2,081,600.92.

- b. **Philadelphia tax credit reimbursement funds.** PDE has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.324(3), as reimbursement for Philadelphia tax credits claimed against the School District earned income tax by School District resident taxpayers, the amount of \$11,314.80.
- c. **Property Tax Reduction Funds.** Funds will be available during the school year for real estate reduction as a result of undistributed funds from the property tax reduction funds received in 2025-2026. These funds will be added to the allocation for this school year in the amount of \$60.11.
- d. **Aggregate amount available.** Adding these amounts, the aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction is \$2,092,921.83.

**Homestead/farmstead numbers.** Pursuant to Act 50, 54 Pa. C.S. § 8584(i), and Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), the County has provided the School District with a certified report listing approved homesteads and farmsteads as follows:

- a. **Homestead property number.** The number of approved homesteads within the School District is 5,063.
- b. **Farmstead property number.** The number of approved farmsteads within the School District is 2.
- c. **Homestead/farmstead combined number.** Adding these numbers, the aggregate number of approved homesteads and farmsteads is 5,065.

**Real estate tax reduction calculation.** The school board has decided that the homestead exclusion amount and the farmstead exclusion amount shall be equal. Dividing the paragraph 1(d) aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction of \$2,092,921.83 by the paragraph 2(c) aggregate number of approved homesteads and farmsteads of 5,065, before considering the assessed value of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads having an assessed value below the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount to be established as the homestead and farmstead exclusion amount, the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$413.21.

Based on calculations provided by the School District Business Office from the best available information and carefully evaluated by the School Board, considering the assessed value of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads having an assessed value below the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount to be established as the homestead exclusion and the farmstead exclusion amount, an additional aggregate amount of \$2,674.79 will be available during the school year for real estate tax reduction applicable to approximately 5,065 homesteads and farmsteads, resulting in an additional real estate tax reduction amount available for each homestead and farmstead of \$.52.

Adding this additional amount to the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$413.21 the final maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$413.73.

**Homestead exclusion calculation.** Dividing the paragraph 3 maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$413.72 by the School District real estate tax rate of 40.156 mills (.040156) the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a homestead exclusion for each approved homestead is 10,303 and the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a farmstead exclusion for each approved farmstead is 10,303.

**Homestead/farmstead exclusion authorization.** The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved homestead within the School District shall reflect a homestead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the homestead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of 10,303. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved farmstead within the School District shall reflect an additional farmstead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the farmstead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of 10,303. The homestead exclusion and farmstead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction will apply only to tax notices issued based on the initial tax duplicate used in issuing initial real estate tax notices for the school year, which will be issued on or promptly after July 1, and will not apply to interim real estate tax bills.

## **9. General Fund Transfer**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District transfer zero percent (0%) of residual general fund balance, from fiscal year 2025-2026, greater than eight percent (8%) of the 2026-2027 budgeted expenditures to the Capital Reserve Fund and one hundred percent (100%) to be transferred to Assigned Building Projects fund balance. The Assigned Building Projects fund balance is for the anticipated costs of new construction, including debt service.

## **10. Adoption of Final Budget for 2026-2027 School Year**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District adopt the 2026-2027 Final Budget as presented by the Administration. The Final Balanced Budget Expenditures total \$96,136,956; Revenues total \$96,136,956. The millage rate of 40.156 mills depicts a 1.75 millage increase.

Said budget shall set forth a levy of the following tax structure: a tax of 40.156 (\$40.156 per \$1,000.00) of assessed market value of real estate; and the district's share of a realty transfer tax of 1%; a local services tax of \$52.00 for Laureldale and a local services tax of \$52.00 for

Muhlenberg Township; a 1% earned income tax; a mercantile tax consisting of one mil on wholesale transactions; and a business privilege tax at the rate of one and one-half mils on the gross volume of business, to provide the necessary revenue for same as presented.

## **Education**

### **1. Admission of Fact, Waiver of Hearing, Acknowledgment of Compliance with Procedural Safeguards and Consent to Expulsion**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District authorize the Admission of Fact, Waiver of Hearing, Acknowledgement of Compliance with Procedural Safeguards and Consent to Expulsion for the following students:

- a. Student "I", Muhlenberg Junior High School
- b. Student "J", Muhlenberg Junior High School
- c. Student "K", Muhlenberg High School
- d. Student "L", Muhlenberg Junior High School

### **2. Acceptance of Gifts, Grants, Donations**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District accept the following donation in accordance with district Policy 702, Gifts, Grants, Donation:

- a. Elizabethtown College (Science in Motion), donation of science instructional equipment and supplies for Muhlenberg Junior High School to use for students of Muhlenberg School District.

### **3. Devereux Pennsylvania Children's Services Linkage Agreement**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the Linkage Agreement between Devereux Pennsylvania Children's Services and the Muhlenberg School District, effective July 1, 2026 for a one (1) year period on an as needed basis.

### **4. Berks County Intermediate Unit Special Education Agreement and Schedule "A" Agreement**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the Special Education Agreement and Schedule "A" Agreement with the Berks County Intermediate Unit to provide special education services for the 2026-2027 school year as presented.

**5. Students to Complete the School Year as Non-Resident Student**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the request for the following students to complete the 2025-2026 school year as non-resident students:

- a. Student No. 38607, 5th Grade, C.E. Cole Intermediate
- b. Student No. 37069, 7th Grade, Muhlenberg Junior High School

**6. Washington & Jefferson College Affiliation Agreement**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the affiliation agreement between the Muhlenberg School District and Washington & Jefferson College.

**7. Memorandum of Understanding with CONCERN**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the Memorandum of Understanding agreement between CONCERN – Professional Services for Children, Youth and Families and the Muhlenberg School District to provide school based outpatient therapy for students for the 2026-2027 school year on an as needed basis at no cost to the district as presented.

**8. Adoption of Revised Curricula, Textbooks and Instructional Materials for the 2026-2027 School Year**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District adopt the revised curricula, textbooks and instructional materials as recommended and presented for the 2026-2027 school year as in accordance with the Pennsylvania School Code, Article VIII, Section 803.

**9. AFJROTC Educational Field Trip Request**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following educational field trip request:

- a. Muhlenberg High School AFJROTC, travel to the Dover Air Force Base in Delaware on July 23, 2026.

**10. Conference Request**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following conference request:

- a. Mr. Ken Patterson, to attend the Steel Eagle Leadership Institute in Bedford Springs, PA on July 9, 2026 to July 10, 2026 at a cost not to exceed \$298.75 (funded through the Physical Plant budget).

## **Minutes**

Review minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 13, 2026 and the Regular Board Meeting of May 13, 2026.

## **Old Business**

Mrs. Eagle spoke about the co-op with Antietam how important that is in speaking about the extracurriculars and how successful in certain types of things; they don't have the opportunities there and this give the kids the opportunity to to get involved in something and she knows the kids at Muhlenberg will welcome the kids will open arms to have a good year, she thanked the district for this.

## **New Business**

Mrs. Mengle wanted to thank Julia and Tiana for a wonderful job for graduation, it was remarkable the work that they put in and the amazed with everyone that had helped to make this such a nice event for the kids.

Mr. Castro wanted to thank Dr. Futrick and all of the staff for inviting the Board to the end of the year luncheon, it was such a pleasure to see everyone, the public does not get to see that, so when so busy dealing with students; they seem to work so amazingly well together. He also gave kudos to the food services team, he really enjoyed his time being there and just wanted to thank everyone. Mrs. Eagle spoke about when the Board is invited to things it is appreciated, and when they are unable to come it is not because they do not want to be there, it is with her working in education it is not ebay to get there.

## **Hearing of Visitors**

Presentation is limited to approximately two minutes per person. Should any citizen require more than the two minutes allocated, please contact the Superintendent prior to the meeting. He will coordinate such requests for the Board. Citizens addressing the Board should be aware that the meeting is being taped.

## **Mr. Dan Fair- resident**

Graduation, excitement, enthusiasm, high energy, he only wished the acknowledgement of service members and the band tribute to the five armed forces service would have not been removed from program and is hoping this can be put back in

Ching Lee-resident

Problem with wild bushes continuing on his property, requesting the school trim bushes at least three times a year- mid-spring, mid-summer, mid-autumn

**MSD/RMCTC Board Visitor of the Month**

Schedule 2026-2027

|           |                          |
|-----------|--------------------------|
| September | Mr. Enrique Castro, Jr.  |
| October   | Mr. Robert Mengle        |
| November  | Mrs. Kristyna Eagle      |
| December  | Ms. Susan M. Roeckle     |
| January   | Mrs. Cindy L. Mengle     |
| February  | Mr. S. Wayne Hardy       |
| March     | Mr. Garrett Hyneman      |
| April     | Mr. Andrew L. Eaton, Sr. |
| May       | Mr. Ronald J. Haas, Sr.  |

**Review of Board Meetings and Calendar of Events**

|              |         |                                       |
|--------------|---------|---------------------------------------|
| June 8       | 6:30 PM | RMCTC Board Meeting                   |
| June 17      | 6:30 PM | COW Meeting and Regular Board Meeting |
| August 10    | 6:30 PM | RMCTC Board Meeting                   |
| August 12    | 6:30 PM | COW Meeting and Regular Board Meeting |
| September 9  | 6:30 PM | COW Meeting and Regular Board Meeting |
| September 21 | 6:30 PM | RMCTC Board Meeting                   |
| October 12   | 6:30 PM | RMCTC Board Meeting                   |

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| October 14  | 6:30 PM | COW Meeting and Regular Board Meeting                           |
| November 9  | 6:30 PM | RMCTC Board Meeting                                             |
| November 11 | 6:30 PM | COW Meeting and Regular Board Meeting                           |
| December 2  | 6:30 PM | Annual Organization Meeting; COW Meeting; Regular Board Meeting |

### **Adjourn Meeting**

Moved by Mrs. Eagle and Ms. Roeckle that there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM.

Attest:

  
Enrique Castro Jr.  
Secretary