

MUHLENBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2026
Lecture Hall, Muhlenberg High School
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Call to Order

The Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District was called to order on Wednesday, June 17, 2026 at 7:11 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

Daniel Fair	Linda Roebuck	Diane Benson	Manel Santiago	Nytza Santiago
Robi Kramer	Shane Clark	William Snelling	Dana Godgrey	Ching Lee
William Merriweather	Denise Nowotarski			

Educational Presentations

There were none.

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 comment 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.

There were none.

Solicitor's Comments – Mr. Brian J. Boland, Esq.

There were none.

Superintendent's Comments - Dr. Alan S. Futrick

He knows that the community is aware, the community had a devastating fire this past weekend that impacted a staff member and seven students, five Muhlenberg families and numerous other families. He spoke about when devastating, they have lost everything. and are without a home; on one hand everyone is extremely saddened with what happened to those families; on the other hand he takes a lot of pride in Muhlenberg's response to aiding those families. Everybody sitting here did an outstanding job of pitching in and helping, but a couple people he would like to highlight the social workers here. He asked the social workers to stand up and be recognized, whatever the families needed, they have been helping the families along the way and thanked them for this. He thanked Ms. Liz Laviena, the district parent outreach coordinator, he thinks lived up there helping people as she has reached out to every family, has reached out to every kid, has personally working with the Red Cross, has sent numerous connect-ed messages out on the district's behalf notifying the community, partnered with other community agencies and thanked her for doing those things. Just letting the district's staff, teachers, and community have done a tremendous job all around.

Questions/Comments/Concerns

Mr. Mish advised as of right now as far as any physical items, the Red Cross just can't take anymore. There is an overabundant amount of things that have been donated at this point so they actually shut down the collection of anything. Everyone of the district's families and employees have been placed and are in housing already. In conjunction with the Lions Club, the district is going to try and create a fire relief fund for the district's families monetarily. The district met with the Red Cross the other day to coordinate some efforts and they gave the district some guidance. Hopefully by next week, the district will be able to take monetary collections and help those families.

Mrs. Eagle spoke about students who have helped their classmate by starting a fundraiser and watching these kids come together for their friend just shows what a community is.

Ms. Foulds spoke about her call from the Red Cross and the importance of when doing donations e=be mindful of what donating. The Red Cross informed the district that only 10% of physical items end up being used, because what is being donated is not what is necessarily needed. She spoke about how everybody has such amazing intentions and the community comes together, but Adler Brewery is overflowing with items that now they need to find a home for.

Mr. Castro thanked everyone who was out there helping the families, everyone knows what time of night it happened. He thanked Dr. Futrick immediately notifying all of the board members who were talking to each other and talking to Dr. Futrick, but the social workers and the SROs, the administrators all were on it. He talked about the board and was asking questions about what they can do but he was already on it talking to help the families. So kudos to everyone and thank you for that and kudos to the Muhlenberg community. He spoke about all of what is seen on social media of people attacking each other. Muhlenberg was really Muhlenberg strong, they all came together.

Personnel/Human Resources

Personnel/Human Resources 7.01 - 7.12

Moved by Mrs. Eagle and Mr. Mengle that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve **Personnel/Human Resources No. 7.01 through 7.12** in their entirety.

Yeas: Mr. Castro, Mrs. Eagle, Mr. Haas, Mr. Hardy, Mrs. Mengle, Mr. Mengle, Ms. Roeckle. The motion **carried** unanimously.

7.01 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, 2026, at a salary of \$130,000.

7.02 Professional Appointments

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District accept the 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.

7.03 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.

7.04 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 Pietruszewicz, Health Services Technician, Muhlenberg Junior High School, resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective June 5, 2026.

7.05 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.

7.06 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.

7.07 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.

7.08 Summer Hours for Staff

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

7.09 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

7.10 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	

7.11 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

7.11 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 8.01 - 8.06

Moved by Ms. Roeckle and Mrs. Eagle that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve **Management No. 8.01 through 8.06** in their entirety.

Yeas: Ms. Roeckle, Mr. Castro, Mrs. Eagle, Mr. Haas, Mr. Hardy, Mrs. Mengle, Mr. Mengle. The motion **carried** unanimously.

8.01 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

8.02 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.

8.03 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).

8.04 Voting Delegates to the 2026 PSBA Delegate Assembly

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District appoint Mr. Ronald J. Haas, Sr. and Mr. Robert Mengle as the District's voting delegates to the 2026 PSBA Delegate Assembly.

8.05 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.

8.06 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

Physical Plant and Transportation 9.01 - 9.03

Moved by Mr. Hardy and Mrs. Eagle that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve **Physical Plant and Transportation 9.01 through 9.03 (Physical Plant and Transportation 9.02 was pulled for separate vote by Mr. Mengle)** in their entirety.

Yeas: Mr. Mengle, Ms. Roeckle, Mr. Castro, Mrs. Eagle, Mr. Haas, Mr. Hardy, Mrs. Mengle. The motion **carried** unanimously.

9.01 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).

9.02 Pulled for separate vote.

9.03 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.

Physical Plant and Transportation 9.02

Moved by Mrs. Eagle and Mr. Mengle that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve **Physical Plant and Transportation 9.02** in its entirety.

Yeas: Mrs. Mengle, Mr. Mengle, Ms. Roeckle, Mr. Castro, Mrs. Eagle, Mr. Haas, Mr. Hardy. The motion **carried** unanimously.

9.02 Natatorium Scoreboard

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 not to exceed \$110,374 as presented (Capital Projects Fund).

Budget and Finance

Budget and Finance 10.01 - 10.10

Moved by Mr. Mengle and Ms. Roeckle that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve **Budget and Finance 10.01 through 10.10** in their entirety.

Yeas: Mrs. Mengle, Mr. Mengle, Ms. Roeckle, Mr. Castro, Mrs. Eagle, Mr. Haas, Mr. Hardy,. The motion **carried** unanimously.

10.01 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 Ck#60690-60838 V#28577-28590	Apr 2026	
Cafeteria	Apr 2026	Apr 2026	May 2026 Ck#8977-9015 V#3233-3238	Apr 2026	
Capital Reserve (Fund 32)	May 2026	May 2026			
Capital Reserve (Fund 39)	May 2026	May 2026	May 2026 Ck#25001-25013		
Activity	Apr 2026	Apr 2026			

10.02 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		\$183,549.76

10.03 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
Total		\$1,316,656.59

10.04 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.

10.05 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.

10.06 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.

10.07 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

10.08 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.

10.09 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.

10.10 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 mils 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 an 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

Education 11.01 – 11.10

Moved by Mrs. Eagle and Mr. Castro, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve **Education 11.01 through 11.10** in their entirety.

Yeas: Mr. Hardy, Mrs. Mengle, Mr. Mengle, Ms. Roeckle, Mr. Castro, Mrs. Eagle, Mr. Haas. The motion **carried** unanimously.

11.01 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

11.02 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.

11.03 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.

11.04 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.

11.05 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

11.06 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.

11.07 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.

11.08 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.

11.09 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.

11.10 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).

12.01 Approval of Minutes

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

Moved by Mr. Mengle and Mr. Castro minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 13, 2026 and the Regular Board Meeting of May 13, 2026.

Yeas: Mr. Haas, Mr. Hardy, Mrs. Mengle, Mr. Mengle, Ms. Roeckle, Mr. Castro, Mrs. Eagle. The motion **carried** unanimously.

Old Business

Mr. Castro wanted to make a comment to both the Board and the district staff to clarify his stance, since he has been sitting on the Board since December he has witnessed some heated conversations and disputes both here in board meetings and through walk throughs and other meetings between board members and district staff; he is going to say his understanding of the Board and then he is going to ask the Board President, Mrs. Mengle what she thinks of this. He talked about if the Board has any questions with the district, as board members, the Board should be asking Dr. Futrick and Dr. Futrick should be holding the staff accountable. The same as if those heated disputes, that are being disrespectful to board members, are continuing to happen, he is going to be asking Dr. Futrick, how is he holding that staff member accountable, because everyone has roles to play. The voters, the taxpayers, voted for the board to ask those questions so that the board can make decisions about budgets and policies; they did not vote for the board to be their managers. He advised the board is working with Dr. Futrick, they'll present questions to him, that is his impression of the Board. He commented that the board will respect all of the district staff members, but they also expect the same. He does not expect whether here in the board room or walking in a walk-through or visiting a building to witness any more of those heated disputes between a board member and a staff member, because that is very uncomfortable for the rest of the board members, any other staff member, or student who witnesses them. If it does happen, he will be immediately addressing Dr. Futrick and how he is going to handle it.

New Business

There was none.

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.

There were none.

MSD/RMCTC Board Visitor of the Month

Schedule 2025-2026

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
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

18.01 Adjourn Meeting

Moved by Mrs. Eagle and Mr. Castro that there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Yeas; Mr. Haas, Mr. Hardy, Mrs. Mengle, Mr. Mengle, Mr. Mengle, Ms. Roeckle, Mr. Castro, Mrs. Eagle. The motion **carried** unanimously.

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Enrique Castro, Jr.', written over a horizontal line.

Enrique Castro, Jr.
Secretary