

MIFFLINBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
***Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania 17844-0285***  
***Regular Meeting***  
***Board Minutes***  
***August 11, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.***

CALL TO ORDER – President Eberhart called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

OPENING PROCEDURES – President Eberhart called for a moment of silent meditation after which he led the group in a pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL found the following in attendance:

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| <u>Board Members:</u> | Mindy Benfer   | Tim Scholl     |
|                       | Tom Eberhart   | Tyler Snook    |
|                       | Carl Emery     | Brandon Straub |
|                       | Brandon Hommel | Melissa Wagner |
|                       |                | Troy Zimmerman |

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| <u>Administration:</u>                             | Kenneth Dady, Superintendent                        |
|                                                    | Renee Jilinski, Business Administrator              |
|                                                    | Jeremiah Allen, High School Principal               |
|                                                    | Jason Dressler, Assistant High School Principal     |
|                                                    | Philip Heggenstaller, Intermediate School Principal |
|                                                    | Brett Hoffmaster, Elementary Principal              |
|                                                    | Danielle Dressler, Director of Student Services     |
|                                                    | Jane Spickler, Director of Special Education        |
|                                                    | Duane Snayberger, Director of Curriculum            |
|                                                    | Kristi Long, Food Service Director                  |
|                                                    | George Boyer, Facilities Director                   |
|                                                    | Chis Long, Non-Traditional Education Principal      |
| Danielle Kratzer, Assistant Business Administrator |                                                     |

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| <u>Others:</u> | Tammy L. Boop, Board Secretary        |
|                | Austin White, McCormick Law Firm      |
|                | Justin Strawser, The Daily Item       |
|                | Vincent DeFonzo, The Standard-Journal |
|                | Others: 1                             |

#### EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The minutes of the June 9, 2026, meeting are presented for approval.

Motion by Tom Eberhart and seconded by Tyler Snook to approve the minutes of June 9, 2026, as presented. Motion #1 carried.

## CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

ADD – Agenda Item 2D – Dual Enrollment Agreement with Messiah University

Motion by Carl Emery and seconded by Mindy Benfer to add Agenda Item #2D to the agenda. Motion #2 carried.

ADD – Agenda Item 2E – Letter of Agreement with CSIU for Title 1 Services for Northumberland Christian School.

Motion by Tim Scholl and seconded by Mindy Benfer to add Agenda item #2E to the agenda. Motion #3 carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON AGENDA ITEMS – None

## SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

### **1. POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT - Troy Zimmerman**

#### 1.A. Policy Review

The following policies are presented to the Board for review prior to a first reading:

116-Tutorial Instruction

117-Homebound Instruction

118-Independent Study

118.1-Home Independent Study-Retire this policy

### **2. EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT - Tyler Snook**

#### 2.A. 2026-2027 Bus Routes-Attachment

The administration recommends approving the 2026-2027 bus routes pending further review and verification from Dr. Dady.

Motion by Tyler Snook and seconded by Melissa Wagner to approve the 2026-2027 bus routes pending further review and verification from Dr. Dady. Motion #4 carried.

## 2.B. AI4MS Curriculum - Attachment

The administration recommends approving the AI4MS Curriculum as presented. This course will be taught at the middle school.

Motion by Tom Eberhart and seconded by Tyler Snook to table this agenda item until the September 2026 School Board meeting. Motion #5 carried.

## 2.C. Building Level Plans - Attachment

The administration recommends approving the building level plans for the elementary and intermediate schools as presented for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion by Tyler Snook and seconded by Mindy Benfer to approve the building level plans for the elementary and intermediate schools as presented. Motion #6 carried.

## 2.D. Dual Enrollment Agreement-Messiah University – Attachment

The administration recommends approving an agreement with Messiah University for dual enrollment.

Motion by Tyler Snook and second by Mindy Benfer to approve an agreement with Messiah University as presented. Motion #7 carried.

## 2.E. Letter of Agreement – Title 1 Services – Attachment

The administration recommends approving an agreement with CSIU for Title 1 Services for Northumberland Christian School.

Motion by Tyler Snook and seconded by Mindy Benfer to approve a Title 1 Service Agreement with the CSIU as presented. Motion #8 carried.

# 3. PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT - Brandon Straub

## 3.A. Change Order - Attachment

The administration recommends approving Change Order #4 for Musco Pole Base Drilling.

Motion by Brandon Straub and seconded by Carl Emery to approve Change Order #4 as presented. Vote by roll call was: Yes – Benfer, Eberhart, Emery, Hommel, Scholl, Snook, Straub, Wagner, Zimmerman. Results: Unanimous. Motion #9 carried.

### 3.B. Change Orders — Attachment-**Informational Item Only**

The attached change orders are presented for the Boards review.

### 3.C. Construction Agreements & MOUs-Attachment

The administration recommends approving the following construction agreement and MOU for the stadium project:

Keystone Construction MOU - Stadium Pad  
Keystone Construction Field Maintenance Agreement

Motion by Brandon Straub and seconded by Mindy Benfer to approve the recommended construction agreement and MOU for the stadium project as presented. Vote by roll call was: Yes – Eberhart, Emery, Hommel, Scholl, Snook, Straub, Wagner, Zimmerman, Benfer. Results: Unanimous. Motion #10 carried.

### 3.D. Turf Tank

The administration recommends approving a 3-year subscription for Turf Tank. A robotic turf lining system.

Motion by Brandon Straub and seconded by Mindy Benfer to approve a 3-year subscription for Turf Tank as presented. Vote by roll call was: Yes – Emery, Hommel, Scholl, Snook, Wagner, Zimmerman, Benfer, Eberhart. No – Straub. Results: 8 yes, 1 no. Motion #11 carried.

## 4. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT - Mindy Benfer

### 4.A. Acknowledge Monetary Donations-**Information Item Only**

The following donations were accepted:

\$140-Lemonade Stand Sale for the Bocce Team in memory of Sadie Zimmerman  
\$500-Be-Co Propane-Girls' Soccer Team  
\$500-Chilly Willys-Girls' Soccer Team  
\$500—Swag at 340-Girls' Soccer Team

### 4.B. Financial Information Clubs — **Information Item Only**

Attached is 25-26 financial information for the following clubs:

Intermediate School HSA's self audit  
Boys Basketball budget

#### 4.C. Financial Reports/Ratification of Expenditures

The administration recommends approving all financial reports as presented, subject to audit, and ratification of the expenses for the months of June and July 2026.

Motion by Mindy Benfer and seconded by Tyler Snook to approve the financial reports for the months of June and July 2026 as presented. Vote by roll call was: Yes – Hommel, Scholl, Snook, Straub, Wagner, Zimmerman, Benfer, Eberhart, Emery. Results: Unanimous. Motion #12 carried.

#### 4.D. Public Schools Improvements Facilities Grant 2026-2027 - Attachment

The administration recommends approving the following resolution and financial commitment:

New Resolution — Public Improvement Facilities Grant

New Financial Commitment Letter for the Public Improvement Facilities Grant

Motion by Mindy Benfer and seconded by Melissa Wagner to approve the resolution and financial commitment for the Public Schools Improvements Facilities Grant as presented. Vote by roll call was: Yes – Scholl, Snook, Straub, Wagner, Zimmerman, Benfer, Eberhart, Emery, Hommel. Results: Unanimous. Motion #13 carried.

#### 4.E. Monetary Donations

The administration recommends accepting the following monetary donations:

\$2,000—Boys' Lacrosse Booster Club—to purchase lacrosse equipment

Motion by Mindy Benfer and seconded by Tyler Snook to accept the monetary donation from the Boys' Lacrosse Booster Club as presented. Vote by roll call was: Yes – Snook, Straub, Wagner, Zimmerman, Benfer, Eberhart, Emery, Hommel, Scholl. Results: Unanimous. Motion #14 carried.

#### 4.F. 2026-2027 Food Service Vendors-Attachment 10D

The administration recommends approving the attached vendors to provide food to the School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch Program for the 2026-2027 school year. The awarded vendors have submitted the lowest price for goods, and have agreed to our terms, delivery, and payment schedule as outlined in the bid(s).

Motion by Mindy Benfer and seconded by Tyler Snook to approve the recommended vendors for food service as presented. Vote by roll call was: Yes – Straub, Wagner, Zimmerman, Benfer, Eberhart, Emery, Hommel, Scholl, Snook. Results: Unanimous. Motion #14 carried.

#### 4.G. Ratification of Contracts, Agreements & MOUs-Attachment 10E

The administration recommends ratifying the following contracts, agreements and MOUs for the 2026-2027 school year:

RENEWAL- CSIU Guest Teacher Program  
RENEWAL - CSIU eToole Membership Agreement  
RENEWAL - CSIU - Special Education Services Agreement  
RENEWAL - CSIU - IDEA Agreement  
RENEWAL - CSIU - Title III MOU  
RENEWAL - New Story Agreement  
RENEWAL - CMSU-Prevention Specialist—Matt Baker  
RENEWAL - CSIU School Psychologist Services  
RENEWAL - Kidsworld Therapy Services

Motion by Mindy Benfer and seconded by Tyler Snook to ratify the recommended contracts, agreements and MOUs as presented. Vote by roll call was: Yes – Wagner, Zimmerman, Benfer, Eberhart, Emery, Hommel, Scholl, Snook, Straub. Results: Unanimous. Motion #15 carried.

#### 4.H. Booster Club & HSA-Attachment 10F

The administration recommends approving the following club and HSA for the 2026-2027 school year:

Boys' Basketball Booster Club  
Middle School HSA

Motion by Mindy Benfer and seconded by Tyler Snook to approve the recommended club and HSA for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion #16 carried.

### 5. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT - Tim Scholl

#### 5.A. Resignation

The administration recommends accepting the following resignation:

Brinley Shellenberger - Full-time Category 2 Aide at the intermediate school effective at the end of ESY.

Motion by Tim Scholl and seconded by Tyler Snook to accept the recommended resignation as presented. Motion #17 carried.

#### 5.B. Deduct Day

The administration recommends approving one deduct day for Employee #210503 on September 11, 2026.

Motion by Tim Scholl and second by Melissa Wagner to approve one deduct day for Employee #210503 as presented. Motion #18 carried.

#### 5.C. Election of Nine-Month Employees-Attachment

In accordance with the Letter of Intent issued at the close of each school year, it is necessary to reelect the aides and food service personnel for the ensuing school year. A list of nine-month employees is attached.

Motion by Tim Scholl and seconded by Mindy Benfer to approve the attached list of nine-month employees for the 26-27 school year as presented. Motion #19 carried.

#### 5.D. Approval of Substitutes-Attachment

The administration recommends the approval of the attached list of substitutes for the ensuing school year. All new employees have provided the District with copies of the necessary background checks to comply with all state regulations.

Motion by Tim Scholl and seconded by Mindy Benfer to approve the list of recommended substitutes as presented. Motion #20 carried.

#### 5.E. Short-Term Substitutes

The administration recommends approving the following as short-term substitutes for the start of the 2026-2027 school year:

Kelly Heimbach - First Grade Teacher  
Laura Swarey - Fifth Grade Teacher

Motion by Tim Scholl and seconded by Mindy Benfer to approve the recommended short-term substitutes as presented. Motion #21 carried.

#### 5.F. Department Leads

The administration recommends approving the following department leads for the 2026-2027 school year.

##### **Elementary**

ELA — Brett Derr  
Math — Kelly Snayberger  
Science — Casey Snook  
Social Studies — Katrina Mitchell  
Extended Academics — Kaitlyn Carey  
Special Education — Stacy Mast

### **Secondary**

ELA — Laura Zimmerman  
Math — Bryan Schwab  
Science — Erica Underhill  
Social Studies — Stacy Reitenbach  
Fine Arts — Lori Rodichok  
Health and PE — Crystal Nylund  
Technology — Emil Stenger  
Special Education — Kara Tucker

Motion by Tim Scholl and seconded by Melissa Wagner to approve the recommended department leads for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion #22 carried.

### **5.G. Mentors**

The administration recommends approving the following mentors for the 2026-2027 school year.

Gretchen Powell for Erin Paternostro  
Maura Heiges for Sarah Kim - **Transitional**  
Mackenzie Willsea for Lisa Kelly  
Rachael Stroup for Tesa Hoffman - **Transitional**  
Jennifer Harter for Morgan Benner - **Transitional**  
Linda Fry for Victoria Balliet  
William Grose for Spencer Watts  
Jonathon Fetterolf for Harrison Abram  
Ann Kay for Lexus Scholl  
Jenna Klemick for Casey Peck  
Joe Stanford & Matt Wells (shared) for Denise Rose

Motion by Tim Scholl and seconded by Melissa Wagner to approve the recommended mentors for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion #23 carried.

### **5.H. Advisors**

The administration recommends approving the advisors as presented for the 2026-2027 school year.

#### **Middle School**

Nicole Bailey - Yearbook Advisor  
Crystal Nylund - Director of Intramurals

#### **High School**

Class of 2027 — Sarah Hawksworth & Mallery Raup  
Class of 2028 — Margaret Neary & Dana Wirnsberger  
Class of 2029 - Victoria Creasy & Rachel Hackenberg  
Yearbook — David Sunderland

Student Council — Theresa Koch

Motion by Tim Scholl and seconded by Melissa Wagner to approve the recommended list of advisors for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion #24 carried.

#### 5.I. Event Personnel Salary Schedule

The administration recommends approving the event personnel salary schedule for the 2026-2027 school year:

Football, Basketball \$52.00  
Football (2 JH/JV games) \$48.00  
Football (1 JH/JV game) \$36.00  
Boys/Girls Soccer, Field Hockey \$46.00  
JH Basketball/Wrestling (1 game/match) \$34.00  
JH Basketball (3 games) \$48.00  
JH Basketball (2 games) \$42.00  
JH/Varsity Wrestling (together) \$48.00  
Per Hour \$12.00

\*\*Pay per event is calculated by the approximate time of events in past years.

Motion by Tim Scholl and seconded by Mindy Benfer to approve the recommended event personnel salary schedule as presented. Vote by roll call was: Yes – Zimmerman, Benfer, Eberhart, Emery, Hommel, Scholl, Snook, Straub, Wagner. Results: Unanimous. Motion #25 carried.

#### 5.J. Event Personnel

The administration recommends approving the following as event personnel for the 2026-2027 school year.

Bryan Hauck  
Marie Hubler  
Ty Stroup  
Jillian Hauck  
Gwenda Cohick

Motion by Tim Scholl and seconded by Mindy Benfer to approve the recommended event personnel as presented. Motion #26 carried.

#### 5.K. Fall Game Workers

The administration recommends approving the list of game workers for the Fall sports season as presented.

**Game Managers:**

Varsity Football – Dave Oberlin - \$68  
Field Hockey – Tammy Bollinger - \$61  
Cross Country – Tammy Bollinger - \$61  
Soccer – Ann Kay - \$61  
JH Softball – Dave Oberlin – \$45  
Substitutes – Stacy Reitenbach

**Tickets: \$32**

Dale Rudy, Heather Landis, Jen Haines, Vanessa Swanseen, Corrie Post, Lindsay Beck, Stacy Reitebach, & Torie Susan

**Field Hockey Scorer: \$32**

Ellen Stauffer

**Clock Operators: \$32**

Wayne Bierly, Shannon De Giorgis, & Heather Landis

**Football Stats: \$32 (\$42 away game)**

Eric Klinefelter

**Football Announcer: \$32**

Dave Cooney

Motion by Tim Scholl and seconded by Tyler Snook to approve the recommended Fall game workers as presented. Vote by roll call was: Yes – Benfer, Eberhart, Emery, Hommel, Scholl, Snook, Straub Wagner, Zimmerman. Results: Unanimous. Motion #27 carried.

**5.L. Coaches**

The administration recommends approving the following coaches for the 2026-2027 sports season.

Head Varsity Boys Soccer – Andres Macias - \$4600.00  
Assistant Boys Varsity Soccer – Chris Gemberling - \$3400  
Head Varsity Wrestling – Derek Reber - \$6209  
Head Varsity Girls Wrestling - Autumn Shuck- \$5524  
Head Girls Basketball – Riley Stoltzfus - \$5524  
Head Swimming (Co-ed) – Matthew Wells - \$5524  
Head Bowling (Co-ed) – Curtis Camp - \$3320  
Head Winter Cheer – Laura Valle-Torres - \$1957  
Head JH Boys Wrestling – Jeremy Tucker - \$2575  
Head JH Girls Wrestling – Jamie Melendez - \$2575  
Head JH Boys Basketball – Zac Kurtz - \$2575  
Unified Bocce (Co-ed) – Kami Bickel - \$2171

Motion by Tim Scholl and seconded by Tyler Snook to approve the recommended coaches as presented. Vote by roll call was: Yes – Eberhart, Emery, Hommel, Scholl, Snook, Straub, Wagner, Zimmerman, Benfer. Results: Unanimous. Motion #28 carried.

#### 5.M. Volunteer Coaches

The administration recommends approving the following volunteer coaches for the 2026-2027 sports season:

Jared Sholley – Cross Country (JH/Varsity Boys & Girls)  
Craig Howe – Golf  
Shelly Howe – Golf  
Nolan Beck – Girls Tennis

Motion by Tim Scholl and seconded by Mindy Benfer to approve the recommended volunteer coaches as presented. Motion #29 carried.

#### 5.N. 26-27 & 27-28 Sports Pass Prices

The administration recommends approving the following sports pass prices for the 26-27 school year and the 27-28 school year:

##### **2026-2027**

Fall Sports - \$30  
Winter Sports - \$30  
Spring Sports - \$20  
All Sports Pass - \$50  
Student All-Pass - \$15  
Senior Citizens (62 & older) - \$25 Lifetime Pass

##### **2027-2028**

Fall Sports - \$30  
Winter Sports - \$30  
Spring Sports - \$20  
All Sports Pass - \$65  
Student All-Pass - \$15  
Senior Citizens (62 & older) - \$25 Lifetime Pass

Motion by Tim Scholl and seconded by Mindy Benfer to approve the recommended sports pass prices as presented. Vote by roll call was: Yes – Emery, Hommel, Scholl, Snook, Straub, Wagner, Zimmerman, Benfer, Eberhart. Results: Unanimous. Motion #30 carried.

#### 5.O. Bus Drivers

The administration recommends approving the attached list of bus drivers for the 2026-2027 school year.

Motion by Tim Scholl and seconded by Tyler Snook to approve the recommended list of bus drivers as presented. Motion #31 carried.

#### 5.P. Bus Monitors

The administration recommends approving the following as bus monitors for the 2026-2027 school year:

Kathleen DeForge  
Stephanie Oberdorf  
Elisha Steffen

##### **Substitutes**

Lisa Sampsell  
Anne Heimbach

Motion by Tim Scholl and seconded by Tyler Snook to approve the recommended bus monitors for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion #32 carried.

#### 5.Q. Marching Band Staff & Stipends

The administration recommends approving the following marching band staff and stipends for the 2026-2027 marching band season:

Matt Wells-\$2000  
Lori Rodichok-\$1500  
Shannon Roush-\$1250  
Taylor Martin-\$1250  
Brendan Fullam-\$1250  
Kim Fullam-\$1250

Motion by Tim Scholl and seconded by Mindy Benfer to approve the recommended marching band staff as presented. Vote by roll call was: Yes – Hommel, Scholl, Snook, Straub, Wagner, Zimmerman, Benfer, Eberhart, Emery. Results: Unanimous. Motion #33 carried.

#### 5.R. MOU - MAEA Unit Clarification — Attachment

The administration recommends approving an MOU with MAEA for Unit Clarification.

Motion by Tim Scholl and seconded by Mindy Benfer to approve an MOU with MAEA for Unit Clarification as presented. Motion #34 carried.

#### 5.S. To Be Hired

The administration recommends ratifying the approval of the following staff:

Erin Paternostro, Mifflinburg — Emotional Support Teacher — Step 1 Bachelors — \$57,200

Sarah Kim, Lewisburg - Learning Support Teacher-Step 6 Bachelors-\$63,025

Lisa Kelly, New Berlin-Autistic Support Teacher—Step 2 Bachelors—\$58,225

Tesa Hoffman, Northumberland-Speech Language Pathologist—Step 5 Masters—\$64,000

Morgan Benner, Selinsgrove — Speech Language Pathologist — Step 3 Masters — \$62,350

Lexus Turrisi, Milton - Social Worker - Step 5 Masters - \$64,400

Harrison Abram, Downingtown, PA - Math Teacher - Step 1 Bachelors — \$57,200

Denise Rose, Paoli, PA - Vocal Music Teacher - Step 4 Masters - \$63,375

Mallory Leitzel, Millmont - Full-Time Title 1 Aide — Level 7 of the Title 1 Aide pay scale — \$15.83/hour

Susan Church, Mifflinburg — Part-time Category 1 Aide — Level 1 of the Category 1 Aide pay scale — \$12.50/hour

Brittany Huffman - Part-time Category 2 Aide — Level 1 of the Category 1 Aide pay scale — \$13.30/hour

Stacey Moyer, Millmont — Full-time Category 2 Aide — Level 13 of the Category 2 Aide pay scale — \$18.41/hour

Motion by Tim Scholl and seconded by Mindy Benfer to ratify the approval of the recommended staff as presented. Vote by roll call was: Yes – Scholl, Snook, Straub, Wagner, Zimmerman, Benfer, Eberhart, Emery, Hommel. Results: Unanimous. Motion #35 carried.

#### 5.T. Staff Transfer—Information Item Only

Shannon Heil will transfer from a Category 2 Aide at the intermediate school to a Category 2 Aide at the middle school.

## **6. COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Dady announced that the padding and turf are currently being installed at the new stadium and the video scoreboard will be delayed until October.

The RCAP grant information for Union County still has not been released by the State.

The first day of school for students is August 25, 2026.

The annual Blue & White Football Game will be held on August 19, 2026.

## **7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

## **8. OLD BUSINESS**

## **9. NEW BUSINESS**

**10. ADJOURNMENT** – Prior to adjournment, on a motion by Tyler Snook and seconded by Carl Emery the Board entered into executive session for personnel matters. The Board did not return to the public meeting. Motion #36 carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy L Boop  
Executive Assistant/School Board Secretary