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SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING

September 21, 2026

High School Library

7:30 PM

Executive Session – 7:00 PM

Agenda review, questions and comments (Open)

Personnel, Litigation, and Contracts (Closed)

AGENDA

1. Call to order and flag salute by the President.
2. Approve the minutes of the following meetings:
 - Regular Board Meeting on August 17, 2026
 - Policy and Planning Committee Meeting on September 17, 2026
3. Approve the Treasurer's Report, all bills as listed and financial statements.
4. Communications.
5. Board committee reports.
6. Administrative reports.
7. Public Comments.

8. **PERSONNEL:**

Retirement(s):

Recommend approval to accept, with regret, the retirement of Mrs. Tammy Bright as an elementary teacher, effective June 7, 2027.

Resignation(s):

Recommend approval to accept, with regret, the resignation of Mrs. Caryn Schreckenghost as a Long-Term Substitute Science Teacher, effective immediately.

Hire(s):

Recommend approval to hire Diane Nugent, Darla Roman, and Maggie Ference as Webmasters for the 2026-27 school year.

Recommend approval for the following teachers to serve as mentors for the 2026-2027 school year:

Mrs. Shelley Rowe
Mr. Derek Myers

Recommend approval to hire advisors for the 2026-2027 school year, as attached.

Recommend approval to hire Mr. Kevan Yorns as a part-time Social Studies Teacher at one-half of Step 1 of the Bachelor's salary scale, \$28,375, pro-rated for the remainder of the 2026-2027 school year, with no benefits, pending clearances, effective immediately.

Recommend approval to hire the Jr. High Girls Basketball Coaches for the Fall 2026 season, pending clearances, as attached.

Recommend approval of Ms. Debbie Foster as an elementary volunteer Cross-Country coach for the 2026-2027 school year, pending clearances.

Recommend approval to hire Mrs. Krista Bobby as a van driver at a rate of \$72.00 per day, pending clearances.

Educational Staffing Solutions (ESS):

Recommend the approval of substitute teachers, aides and paraprofessionals and/or accept with regret, the resignation of such employees provided by Educational Staffing Solutions (ESS), as attached.

9. **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:**

Recommend approval for Mrs. Allyson Rust to attend the Mercer County Counselors meetings on November 6, 2026, at Thiel College, and February 26, 2027, at the Mercer County Career Center. There is no cost to the District.

Recommend approval for Miss Sharilynn Jones to attend the Pennsylvania K-12 Student Assistance Program (SAP) Training on October 27 and 28, 2026, at the Mercer County Behavioral Health Commission. There is no cost to the District.

Recommend approval for Mrs. Korina Yanak, Mrs. Lydia Sipe, and Miss Kylie McElrath to attend the Speech Therapist Professional Learning Community meetings on October 27, 2026, February 11, 2027, and April 12, 2027. There is no cost to the District.

Recommend approval for Mrs. Jillian Braden to attend Transition Council Meetings at MIU4 on October 7, 2026, December 9, 2026, February 24, 2027, and April 19, 2027. There is no cost to the District.

Recommend approval for Ms. Ava Park to attend Wilson Reading System training at MIU4 on October 1, October 28, and October 29, 2026. The cost to the district is \$700 and one substitute teacher for each day (\$300).

10. FACILITIES REQUEST:

Recommend the approval for the Mercer County Community Band to hold its Annual Christmas Concert in the High School Auditorium on Sunday, November 29, 2026. All aspects of the Facilities Policy will be followed.

Recommend approval for Sankey Financial to use the High School Auditorium on Saturday, November 14, 2026, for a retirement seminar. All aspects of the Facilities Policy will be followed.

Recommend approval for the Band Boosters to use the High School Cafeteria on Saturday, November 7, 2026, to host a spaghetti dinner fundraiser. All aspects of the Facilities Policy will be followed.

11. STUDENT TRAVEL:

Recommend approval for the first-grade class (approximately 62 students) to travel to Irons Mill Farmstead, New Wilmington, PA, on October 15, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Two (2) buses and one (1) van are requested for transportation. The cost of admission (\$12 per student) and transportation will be paid by the PEP Association. There is no cost to the District.

Recommend approval for the fourth-grade class (approximately 80 students) to travel to Oil Creek State Park, Oil City, PA, on October 16, 2026. Two (2) buses and one (1) van are requested for transportation, which will be paid for by the PEP Association. There is no cost to the District.

Recommend approval for Mrs. Shelley Rowe and Mrs. Meghan Glass to accompany French Club and Art Club students to the Frick Museum in Pittsburgh to visit the French Impressionists Exhibit on Friday, September 25, 2026. The cost to the district is two substitute teachers for the day (\$200).

Recommend approval for Mrs. Courtney Smithco to accompany students to the Youth Leadership Conference on Wednesday, September 30, 2026 at the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Sharon, PA. The event is through the Mercer County Behavioral Health Commission. The cost to the District is the use of a school van.

Recommend approval for Mrs. Courtney Smithco to accompany students to the AEVIDUM Club “The Talk” at Wilmington Area High School on Thursday, October 22, 2026. The cost to the District is the use of a school van.

Recommend approval for Ms. Kelly Heffern and Mrs. Courtney Smithco to accompany members of the 5M Band, cheerleaders and homecoming court to the elementary school on Friday, October 2, 2026 for an assembly. Two (2) buses are requested for transportation, which will be paid for by the School-Wide Positive Behavior Support (SWPBS). There is no cost to the District.

12. Recommend the approval of the Contract for the Transportation of School Pupils between the Mercer Area School District and Grove City Area School District from August 2026 to June 30, 2027, at an estimated rate of \$60 per day for the transportation of two (2) students, as attached.
13. Recommend the approval of a Linkage Agreement between Sharon Regional Medical Center’s Partial Hospitalization Programs, Kite Strings and Pathfinders, as attached.
14. Recommend approval for TMR Roofing to complete remedial roof repairs to both the Elementary School and High School in the amount of \$13,975, as attached.
15. Recommend approval to award stock metal bid to West Middlesex School District in the amount of \$600, as attached.
16. Recommend approval of an Engagement Agreement between the Reschini Group and Mercer Area School District to fulfill reporting requirements mandated by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) and Internal Revenue Service for 2026, as attached.
17. Other Business.
18. Adjournment

First read of the following policies: 102, 105, 204.1, 209, 246, 249, 704, 803, 805.2, 822

Upcoming Dates

- October 2 – Homecoming Assembly/ Homecoming Football Game at 7:00 pm
- October 3 – Homecoming Dance 7:00 - 10:00 pm
- October 8 & 9 –Early Dismissal for all Students, Elementary Conferences
- October 12 – Columbus Day, No School
- October 19 – **School Board Meeting**