MUHLENBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
September 9, 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, September 9, 2026 at 6:45 PM by Board President, Mrs. Cindy L. Mengle.

There was a brief executive session held prior to the meeting regarding legal matters.

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 (via zoom)
Member – Mr. Andrew L. Eaton, Sr. (via zoom)
Member – Mr. S. Wayne Hardy (via phone)
Member – Mr. Garrett Hyneman
Solicitor – Mr. Brian F. Boland, Esq.
Recording Secretary – Mrs. Tara L. Flowers

Members Absent

Member – Mr. Robert Mengle

Administration Present

Superintendent - Dr. Alan S. Futrick
Assistant Superintendent - Dr. Gangi E. Cucciuffo
Chief Financial Officer - Mr. Shane M. Mathias, CPA
Executive Director of Strategic Programs & Emp. Dev.- Dr. Cathy Shappell
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. Autumn Gilmore
Licensed Behavior Specialist - Ms. Courtney Knittle
Licensed Behavior Specialist - Ms. Melissa Cooper
Director of Food Services & Nutrition - Mr. Carey Kline
Director of Pupil Services - Mr. Michael J. Mish

Director of Curriculum & Instruction K-12 - Mr. Kyle Crater
Curriculum & Instruction Supervisor - Dr. Janet Heilman
Supervisor of Student Services - Dr. Joseph Scoboria
Supervisor of Alt. Education & Co-Curr. Programs- Ms. Lori Morris
Director of Transportation - Dr. Timothy Moyer
High School Principal - Mr. Haniff Skeete
High School Assistant Principal - Ms. Cristina Lillis
High School Assistant Principal - Ms. Nicole McGowan
High School Assistant Principal - Mr. William Dramby
Junior High Principal - Mr. Christopher Becker
Junior High Assistant Principal - Mr. Joshua Rankin
Junior High Assistant Principal - Ms. Michele Weaver
C.E. Cole Intermediate Assistant Principal - Dr. Tara Nelson
C.E. Cole Intermediate Assistant Principal - Mr. Jacob Conrad
C.E. Cole Intermediate Assistant Principal - Ms. Xiomara Toledo
Elementary Principal - Ms. Ginny Hornberger
Elementary Assistant Principal - Ms. Daniel Kramer
Elementary Assistant Principal - Ms. Crystal Jordan
Social Worker- Ms. Lauren Heydt
Social Worker - Ms. Emily Carmichael

Visitors

Don Main	Austin Harmes	Linda Roebuck	Daniel Fair
Diane Benson	Shane Clark		

Educational Presentations

A. PSBA's Honor Roll of School Board Service and Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials - Dr. Alan S. Futrick

Dr. Futrick honored Mrs. Kristyna Eagle for five years of service and Mr. Garrett Hyneman for fifteen years of service. Dr. Futrick honored Mr. Ken Patterson for his status as a Pennsylvania Certified School Facilities Professional as well as a Pennsylvania Certified School Business Official by the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Association of School Board Officials.

B. First Reading of Policies - Dr. Alan S. Futrick

<u>100 Programs</u>
Policy No. 122, Extracurricular Activities

Policy No. 122.1, Non-Sponsored Student Groups
Policy No. 140, Charter Schools

200 Pupils
Policy No. 221, Dress and Grooming
Policy No. 236.1, Threat Assessment

300 Employees
Policy No. 325, Dress and Grooming
Policy No. 332, Working Periods

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.

There were none.

Committee Reports

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

The next CTC meeting is not for another two weeks.

C. PSBA Liaison – Mrs. Kristyna Eagle

There is no report at this time.

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

There is no report at this time.

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

The next School Safety and Security committee meeting is scheduled for September 28th. Mr. Castro added although the meeting is coming up, the weapon detectors seem to have rolled out quite nicely in the junior high school. He advised a lot of great posts for the parents to be aware of what's going on as well as the kids to know what to take out of their backpacks so that things go smoothly; no complaints or issues from his son who walks through them every day. Dr. Futrick also shared they have been very well received and thanked Mr. Mish for rolling out the weapon detectors and working with the district staff to make sure they are fully prepared. Dr. Futrick advised he spoke with Mr. Skeete at the high school, originally it took an hour to get everybody in the first day of school, however as of today they are now down to forty-three minutes which is great. Dr. Futrick advised the junior high is at about twenty-six minutes, keep in mind the junior high does not have the cell phone pouches so that does add a layer there, but the district is moving in a very good direction. They are being extremely well received by the students. He was thinking about putting out a connect-ed message but instead went around and had the students share their feelings (*with videos on social media*) on how they perceive the weapon detectors and how it makes them feel at school. They feel very comfortable, secure, safe; same thing with the cell phones, they are all talking about the ability to focus more, concentrate better and then also asking the teachers what is like now teaching when they are not battling now with somebody to put their cell phone away makes a huge difference. The district will continue to refine it as it moves forward and continue to make adjustments to make it better. Mr. Castro also it helps that the district did not make it feel like they were walking into a courthouse or an airport, the way the district has it set up with the Muhlenberg logo all over it, they are coming into school.

Questions/Comments/Concerns

Mrs. Mengle spoke about enjoying watching the videos(on social media with Dr. Futrick) of the students enthusiasm of coming into school to learn. Dr. Futrick talked about if anyone watched the videos the kids enjoyed talking, even though putting them on the spot once he got them going they were very comfortable doing it. He advised there were over 100,000 views on the videos so people are watching them which is great.

F. Capital Projects Committee - Mr. Andrew Eaton, Sr., Ms. Susan M. Roeckle and Mr. Robert Mengle

Dr. Futrick reported there was a meeting held on September 2nd, they reviewed a couple of the board actions that were related to the asbestos abatement and the sound system. They provided updates to where the district is at with the high school second floor, the natatorium, the alternative education area and the junior high projects, including what remaining work still out there to do. They discussed some of the unforeseen conditions

that they have encountered over the '26 summer and particularly the asbestos and what they can do this summer to get ahead of that stuff and address it. Those are things that they will continue to discuss as they move forward with this committee. Ms. Roeckle added she appreciated the cooperation from the teachers and the staff in helping get the classrooms set up. They really stepped up to the plate and she was so impressed. Dr. Futrick talked about Ms. Roeckle and Mr. Mengle came to the campus the Saturday morning before school started to progress, granted there is still work to be done but the district staff, custodians, maintenance, teachers, support staff, administrators and everybody just did such a wonderful job getting this building to open up.

Questions/Comments/Concerns

Mr. Haas was hoping the board would take into consideration the first floor project and look at a different alternative way of doing it. He explained back in 2002, there were temporary classrooms behind the stage and they worked three rooms a time. He advised it wasn't fair to the contractors at the time number one, and number two the job that the district got because it was rushed. He explained that he feels the district should really sit down and look at how to proceed with the first floor before it turns out to be another disaster. Mr. Main responded that they are actively working with the prime contractors to come up with options and they will be looking at that over the next month or two and bringing those recommendations forward. He believes the contractors, based on this past summer too, are eager to look at any ways they can either get ahead by working over breaks, evenings, those kinds of things and any ideas on phasing; that will be the focus of that group moving forward. Mr. Haas commented that the district does not want to drag this out and then be back to almost summer anyways. Dr. Futrick advised he would like to make some kind of decision on what this is going to look like by November. Mr. Main responded this fall so they can plan accordingly. Dr. Futrick advised he will keep the board in the loop. Mr. Haas spoke about ECI and their work being rushed. Mr. Main advised they have a very thorough punch list and are going to correct it.

G. Extra-Curricular and Co-Curricular Committee - Mrs. Kristyna Eagle, Mr. Ronald J. Haas, Sr., and Mrs. Cindy L. Mengle

Dr. Futrick reported this is a new committee that the district is forming this school year and the first meeting is scheduled for September 24th. This will take a look at all of the opportunities the district offers the kids here at Muhlenberg, whether it is a club, sport, activity, really taking a look at those things and seeing where the district can grow the extracurriculars and co-curriculars.

H. Education Programs - Dr. Gangi E. Cucciuffo

On August 24th the district welcomed 4,300 students back into the buildings. Everyone knows what the most important things are on the first day and first week; the district gets in, gets them fed, and gets them home. The district didn't lose any kids during that first week and that is kudos to the leadership, the principals, the teachers, the secretaries, the custodians, everyone did a great job. He wanted to give a special shout out to all of the administrators, teachers, office staff, anybody that helped the paraprofessionals that helped with the youngest learners, especially the kindergarteners and first graders, getting them to where they needed to be. He explained yes the name tags are great, but when a name tag is on the floor who it associates with becomes a little tricky; it was all hands on deck for the first few days to get the youngest kids to where they need to be. The athletics, the extracurriculars are well underway. There is something special about Muhlenberg when there are 4,300 kids on one campus, making it the biggest one campus in the county, obviously being K-12, but there is no other school district that does that. When kids leave at dismissal, a lot of them are not leaving, a lot of them are staying here for practices and games. Just driving in here this evening, he drove right past the soccer game, there was a tennis match coming back and it is such a great place to see the kids striving in what they love to do in school and out of school. That is something very special. Lastly, it truly does take a village, and it took a village to get started this year; everybody rolled up their sleeves and got the district where it needed to be to get kids into the building. He can honestly say once the kids got here, this was the smoothest start that he has ever been apart of and that is kudos to this community, kudos to this administration and to any of the district employees as well because it could have been very easy to throw hands up and say they ain't doing it on Monday; but instead the district was going to get there and everybody chipped in. Especially at the high school and junior high, it was puzzle pieces that came together as one group, finished something such as cleaning, another group came in and took care of what they needed to take care of and that just kept going throughout that weekend; and it's still going on it's not perfect, but it's going to be there very soon. Thank you to the district employees, thank you to the contractors for putting that little extra oomph in to get the district where it needs to be. The first day with the teaching staff and paraprofessional staff was fantastic, it was a lot of fun, they had a great breakfast. The district honored a lot of staff that have hit that thirty year mark at Muhlenberg, thirty years ago was a different time in education and to be able to last thirty years in one district and put all your heart and soul into that it gives him chills that he got to shake some of the longest tenured educators during that time as they came up on that stage and celebrated them for their longevity.

Questions/Comments Concerns:

Mr. Hyneman commented that this generation of students are experiencing the most loneliness and depression ever and the two groups that are kind of immune from that are in sports and

music; they have friends, they develop friends, friends for life in some cases. He spoke about the more kids get involved in extracurriculars, the better off everyone will be. Mrs. Eagle talked about the back to school nights, thanks to all of the teachers who did them because she knows it is tough to come back. She and her husband both commented how all of the kids that volunteered were all so helpful and friendly, and the teachers all did a great job and they appreciate that, well done.

Board Business

Personnel/Human Resources

1. Professional Appointments

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

a. Ms. Kimberly Bray, Long-Term Substitute Teacher (M. Sterious) Muhlenberg Elementary Teacher, effective the first contractual day of the 2026-2027 school year through on or about November 11, 2026, at a salary of $56,970 (B, 16 Steps from the Top) prorated for days worked.
b. Mr. Thomas Brady, Long-Term Substitute Teacher (M. Heckman), Muhlenberg High School, effective the first contractual day of the 2026-2027 school year through on or about December 23, 2026, at a salary of $56,970 (B, 16 Steps from the Top), prorated for day worked.

2. Classified Appointments

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

a. Ms Alexis Smith, Special Education Paraprofessional (V. Barboza), Muhlenberg Elementary Center, effective August 19, 2026, at a pay rate of $22.46 per hour.
b. Ms. Naomy Torres, Special Education Paraprofessional (I. Domine), Muhlenberg Elementary Center, effective August 19, 2026, at a pay rate of $22.46 per hour.
c. Ms. Tionna Brooks, Special Education Paraprofessional (P. Gisler), Muhlenberg Elementary Center, effective August 19, 2026, at a pay rate of $22.46 per hour.
d. Mr. Jessie Ricks, Second Shift Custodian (M. Ionas), Muhlenberg Elementary Center, effective September 1, 2026, at a salary of $57,415, prorated for days worked.
e. Ms. Leona Macrina, Special Education Paraprofessional (A. Seasholtz), Muhlenberg Elementary Center, effective August 26, 2026, at a pay rate of $22.46 per hour.

f. Ms. Breanne Hardinger, Special Education Paraprofessional (A. Chapman), C.E. Cole Intermediate, effective August 26, 2026, at a pay rate of $22.46 per hour.
g. Mr. Luis Santos, Special Education Paraprofessional (A. Stoudt), Muhlenberg Elementary Center, effective August 26, 2026, at a pay rate of $22.46 per hour.
h. Mr. Anthony Brisbon, Special Education Paraprofessional (P. Amidon), Muhlenberg Junior High School, effective August 31, 2026, at a pay rate of $22.46 per hour.
i. Ms. Jael Rivera, Cafeteria Worker (K. Quiles), Muhlenberg Junior High School, effective September 10, 2026, at a pay rate of $21.79 per hour.
j. Ms. Alexandra Godziejewski, Special Education Paraprofessional (M. Dietrich), Muhlenberg Elementary Center, effective September 3, 2026, at a pay rate of $22.46 per hour.
k. Ms. Giana Schaffer, Second Shift Custodian (R. Himic), Muhlenberg Junior High School, effective September 8, 2026, at a salary of $57,415, prorated for days worked.

3. Acceptance of Resignations

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

a. Ms. Patricia Amidon, Special Education Paraprofessional, Muhlenberg Junior High School, resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective August 12, 2026.
b. Ms. Sheryl Boyer, Special Education Teacher, Muhlenberg Junior High School, effective August 28, 2026.
c. Mr. Luis Santos, Special Education Paraprofessional, Muhlenberg Elementary Center, effective August 31, 2026.
d. Ms. Yahaira Colon, Third Shift Custodian, Muhlenberg High School, effective August 31, 2026.

4. Mentor Assignments

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following mentor assignments at the professional rate of $30.00 per hour for the 2026-2027 school year:

a. Mr. Anthony Geddio, mentor for Mr. Austin Chapman, Special Education Teacher, for sixty (60) hours.
b. Mr. Todd Eisenhofer, mentor for Mr. Troy Corson, Health & Physical Education Teacher, for sixty (60) hours.
c. Ms. Alison Franzone, mentor for Ms. Samantha Fick, Elementary Teacher, for sixty (60) hours.

d. Ms. Kaley Quillman, mentor for Ms. Morgan Gallagher, Elementary Teacher, for sixty (60) hours.
e. Ms. Stefanie Cerroni, mentor for Ms. Rebecca Alexander, Special Education Teacher, for sixty (60) hours.
f. Ms. Stefanie Cerroni, mentor for Ms. Alexandra Brodestsky, Special Education Teacher, for sixty (60) hours.
g. Ms. Meghan Goetz, mentor for Ms. Isabella Wisenburn, Special Education Teacher, for sixty (60) hours.
h. Ms. Sarah Kopetsky, mentor for Sarah Pacharis, Elementary Teacher, for thirty (30) hours.
i. Mr. Kevin Maier, mentor for Ms. Kristina Hamalainen, Speech & Language Pathologist, for sixty (60) hours.
j. Ms. Megan Douglas, mentor for Ms. Jocelyn Drebushenko, Elementary Teacher, for thirty (30) hours.
k. Ms. Kristina Antonellos, mentor for Ms. Macy McDonough, Long-Term Substitute Teacher, for fifteen (15) hours.
l. Ms. Jessica Levy-West, mentor for Ms. Kimberly Bray, Long-Term Substitute Teacher, for fifteen (15) hours.
m. Ms. Paige McGrogan, mentor for Ms. Elyssa Hession, Special Education Teacher, for fifty-three (53) hours.
n. Mr. Nathan Mohler, mentor for Mr. Nathan Patton, Music Teacher, for thirty (30) hours.
o. Ms. Ashley Roth, mentor for Ms. Megyn Stevens, Special Education Teacher, for thirty (30) hours.
p. Ms. Ashley Roth, mentor for Ms. Raquel Barbera, Special Education Teacher, for thirty (30) hours.
q. Ms. Maryann Ligenza, mentor for Ms. Lauren Palladino, Certified School Nurse, for thirty (30) hours.

5. Co-Curricular Appointments

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

a. Ms. Meghan Cook, MJHS Cross Country Volunteer Coach, effective August 28, 2026.
b. Ms. Jules Lesher, MHS Girls Tennis Volunteer Coach, effective August 28, 2026.

6. Health Services Agreement for the 2026-2027 School Year

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the health services agreement with Dr. Kimberly Rauenzahn, DO to provide school physician services for the district for the 2026-2027 school year.

7. **Professional and Administrative Salary Adjustments for the 2026-2027 School Year**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the Professional and Administrative salary adjustments for the 2026-2027 school year as presented.

8. **Co-Curricular Assignments**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following co-curricular assignments for the 2026-2027 school year as presented.

9. **Sports Event Monitors for the 2026-2027 School Year**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the Sports Event Monitors for the 2026-2027 School Year at the pay rate of $20.00 per hour as presented.

10. **Award Professional Employee Contract for Tenured Teacher**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District in accordance with Section 1121 of Pennsylvania School Code of 1949 (as amended) and Act 66 of 1996, authorize awarding a Professional Employee Contract to the following teachers who have performed on a satisfactory basis for three years as presented.

11. **AFJROTC Stipend for the 2026-2027 School Year**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the AFJROTC additional stipend for services performed outside normal school hours for the first semester of the 2026-2027 school year the following instructor:

a. MSgt. Jonathan Beaver, USAF, Retired stipend $4,000.

Management

1. **Election of PSBA Officers**

WHEREAS, instead of individuals voting during the PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference in October, each school entity will have one vote for each officer and at-large representative position;
WHEREAS, this will require boards of the various school entities to come to a consensus on each candidate and cast their vote electronically during the open voting period (September 8, 2026 through October 31, 2026). The voting will be done through a secure, third-party, web-based voting site that will require a login password;
WHEREAS, one person from each member school entity will be authorized as the official person to cast the vote on behalf of his or her school entity. In the case of school districts, it will be the Board secretary who will cast votes on behalf of the school board as follows:

2027 President Elect - One Year Term
Matt Vannoy, Sharon School District

2027 Vice President - One Year Term
Kristy Bolte, Northwestern School District

2027-2029 Treasurer - Three Year Term
David Hein, Parkland School District

2027 Eastern Zone Representative - One Year Term
Jason Mell, Exeter School District

PSBA Insurance Trustees- Three Year term
choose up to two candidates for a 3-year term
Marianne L. Neel
Dr. Michael Faccinetto

Physical Plant and Transportation

1. Environmental Services for Muhlenberg High School

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve environmental services provider Spotts, Stevens, and McCoy including bid phase services, asbestos abatement and construction oversight at the Muhlenberg High School at a total cost of $23,300 (funded through Capital Projects Fund) as presented.

Questions/Comments/Concerns

Mr. Main spoke about this item being the professional services to put out to bid the asbestos on first floor that was an unforeseen condition that was found with the second floor; so by approving that

work can be queued up to happen early and get ahead of that. He explained that was for the bidding and also for the oversight and testing that has to happen during that work.

2. **New Sound System for Renovated Natatorium**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve a new sound system in the renovated natatorium at the high school at a total cost of $75,603.14 (funded through Capital Project Funds) as presented.

Questions/Comments/Concerns

Mr. Main talked about this item is the sound system the natatorium, these are typically in school construction done under the FFN furniture fixtures and equipment budgets, so it is fractured into that 22% that is on top of the construction, it's part of the furniture and equipment line item and the reason why school districts typically do this is allows them to to get equipment that they are able to select the equipment that is not out for public bid equals and so forth so its consistency throughout the district, they know they are getting something from an operational standpoint that makes sense. Mr. Main explained from a cost standpoint, the district avoids the overhead and markup; they don't have the general contractor purchase furniture for the building because why pay 15 to 20% to have them pass that through, this the same kind of item; avoiding that markup from the prime contractor. Dr. Futrick explained in doing so this way and using the capital reserve, the district saved about $25,000.

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	Jul 2026	Jul 2026	Aug 2026 Ck#61127-61297 V#28608-28618	Jul 2026	
Cafeteria	Jul 2026	Jul 2026	Aug 2026 Ck#9054-9084 V#3247-3250	Jul 2026	

Capital Reserve (Fund 32)	Aug 2026	Aug 2026	Aug 2026 Ck#5003		
Capital Reserve (Fund 39)	Aug 2026	Aug2026	Aug 2026 Ck#1019-1029 Ck#25040-25047		
Activity	Aug 2026	Jul 2026			

2. Adult Meal Price Increase

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the increase of the adult breakfast price from $3.00 to $3.05, and the adult meal price from $5.00 to $5.05, using the Adult Meal Price Calculation Spreadsheet for the 2026-2027 school year and remain in compliance, effective September 9, 2026 as presented.

Education

1. Educational Field Trip Request

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

a. Muhlenberg High School AFJROTC, travel to the National Fitness Competition in Daytona, FL on April 30, 2027 through May 4, 2027.

2. Student Tuition Agreement for the 2026-2027 School Year

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the 2026-2027 student tuition agreement for the following student as presented:

a. Student No. 42524

3. Conference Request

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

a. Dr. Joseph Scoboria to attend the National Law Association Annual Conference in Cary, NC October 22 to October 24, 2026 at a cost not to exceed $1,240.89 (funded through Curriculum & Instruction Funds).

Questions/Comments/Concerns

Dr. Scoboria spoke about his invitation to the conference to speak about his dissertation he wrote on school law to speak on his topic and receive his reward. He advised his topic was a critical policy analysis on the unconstitutional decision in 2023 of school funding in the Commonwealth; it came to the conclusion when speaking with Mr. Mathias that the district for seven years in a row so he spent some time in Harrisburg speaking with the legislature about their thoughts on funding.

4. Student to Complete Senior Year as Non-Resident Student

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the request for the following senior to complete the 2026-2027 school year as a non resident student:

a. Student No. 36744, grade 12, Muhlenberg High School

5. Settlement Agreement and Release

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the Settlement Agreement and Release for the following student as presented:

a. Student No. 41285

6. Schoolwide Title I/TSI/A-TSI School Plans for the 2026-2027 School Year

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the Muhlenberg Elementary Center Schoolwide Title I School Plan, the C.E. Cole Intermediate Schoolwide TSI-Title I School Plan and the Muhlenberg Junior High School and Muhlenberg High School Schoolwide A-TSI School Plans for the 2026-2027 school, as presented.

Minutes

Review minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of August 12, 2026 and the Regular Board Meeting of August 12, 2026.

Old Business

Mr. Haas questioned as far as these projects are going, is that going to be under capital reports, building reports. Dr. Futrick asked Mr. Harmes to give an update on the 5/6 building, the new middle school.

Mr. Harmes reported:

Schedule wise it is on track, November 30th substantial, December 31st final. Fixtures are going in, electrical devices, gym equipment, painters are getting close to wrapping up with veneer, roofers are working on the flat roof side, hydroseating got pushed back a little bit because of weather a couple times they had a lot of rain in August so that's actually happening on Saturday. Up the C road, they numbered the parking lot, that is done. The ATC, the control contractor up in the three story side is going to be pushing over to the equipment mezzanine above the gym area equipment is set up there, welders are up there working on some more piece work today, they are setting the guidance suite up with sole surface today.

Dr. Futrick asked when the building would be fully enclosed. Mr. Harmes responded that he and Mr. Main are pushing that this week; their storefront contract or curvewall contractors working their way around, ideally very soon pending weather changes. Mr. Main advised the roofers is the last piece with the metal panels, in approximately 4 weeks, they enclosed the mezzanine where the mechanicals are. Dr. Futrick asked Mr. Harmes to talk about the steel girders being delayed and where the high school is projected to be done. Mr. Harmes advised the steel has been ordered, but it did get pushed back a couple of times; the 15th of September is when they are going to start swinging now. Mr. Harmes advised there has been some crumbles in the construction industry that data centers are hogging up a lot of the steel. Mr. Haas asked if this is going to affect the price. Mr. Harmes responded no. Dr. Futrick asked if it would affect the timeline. Mr. Harmes responded it would have been ideal if they would have had steel by this point, but the last schedule update they had they are still tracking. Mr. Main advised the project manager for ECI is going to rework the schedule based on that delivery date and then going back through all of the sequences that happened in the new construction to rework that schedule; that process happens if they run into a wall. Dr. Futrick questioned if tentatively saying August or September of 2027 would be the timeframe to fix the expansion of the high school. Mr. Main responded correct, so that those classrooms will be ready next summer for setup for use. Mr. Haas asked when the building was supposed to be done. Dr. Futrick advised everything is supposed to be done, including the renovation of the entire first floor, August 27th, 2027, eleven months from now. Mr. Main responded, that is correct. Dr. Futrick advised in regards to the junior high school there is an upcoming meeting with Laureldale. Mr. Main indicated with conditional use zoning hearing at the end of September, beginning of October; October 1st. Mr. Haas asked if the 5/6 building and high school were still on budget. Dr. Futrick responded yes.

Mr. Castro talked about the kids being dropped off on fifth street highway as he knows there is still a lot of constriction and it looks like the district has been managing most of it with getting the kids to school, but he still sees a lot of kids being dropped off on fifth street. Dr. Futrick asked the high school staff if they were seeing the kids getting dropped off on fifth street highway and the administrators responded that the kids do. Mr. Castro talked about the board mentioning having the SRO parked up there or something. Mr. Mish advised the SRO is part of being of the students during the weapon detectors so that's an unrealistic request. Dr. Futrick advised where this will stop will be with the fence that is going up along fifth street highway in that area; once that fence is up they won't be able to since it is an eight foot high fence. Mr. Castro advised he understands the fence, however he was asking if there was anything else being done in the meantime because if they're being dropped off on the side of the high school if they are running through the grass, but if they are dropping them off on the other side of fifth street that is scary. Dr. Futrick is asking the high school staff to make a couple of announcements to tell kids that the place is not safe. Mrs. Mengle asked when the fence was going up. Mr. Harmes responded next summer. Mr. Mathias advised it is not part of this first phase.

New Business

1. Memoriam of Ms. Dolores Anne Hildebrand

Resolved, that we remember the passing of Ms. Dolores Anne Hildebrand who served in the Muhlenberg School District for twenty-three (23) years (1968-1991) as a health and physical education teacher. We honor her memory for her dedicated service to the school district and community.

Be it further resolved that we convey through this resolution our deepest sympathy to her family, and that this resolution be made part of the permanent record in the minutes of the Muhlenberg School District.

Mr. Haas would like the board to consider coming up with some ideas on how to fund the district's Capital Reserve. The current balance is approximately a million five (*dollars*). The current project's outstanding is $30,000, so the total cost of the project in the next five years is $2,200,00 with an estimated shortfall of $682,000, but in this year's budget the district is going to include a transfer of $633,000 going forward. Mr. Haas advised the district should build into the budget based on a five-year plan, so if the district wants to continue to do these projects that the district has here, instead of trying to, the district should at least look into maybe putting in the budget $200,000 every year into that reserve. He advised not like that prior administration when they wanted to balance the budget, they took the money out of there; he thinks they should make a conscientious effort to try and keep money in there. Dr. Futrick asked Mr. Mathias if $200,000 was doable. Mr. Mathias responded that he thinks it is a rolling five-year plan and to

Mr. Haas's point, the district never actually had an actual plan to fund it. Mr. Mathias explained the district had a five-year plan to spend money, but the district never actually formally planned to fund it. so he thinks it is a great point that it makes sense. Mr. Mathias advised $200,000 probably is a reasonable expense, as it is rolling the district will have to evaluate and the district will have to sustain it and it's something that the district can certainly look at; and he agrees building it into the budget makes a lot of sense. He advised those are projects that the district is not financing; roof repairs, major roof repairs and things like that and do not want to borrow money to do those kinds of things and want to have the capital reserve there to do those kinds of things. Dr. Futrick advised if the board is open to it, when they begin the budget workshops, they can start at this number, if the district can go up great it would be better; however as the district builds the budget for the upcoming year $200,00 would be the baseline.

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 2026-2027

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

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

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 7:27 PM.

Attest:

Enrique Castro Jr.
Secretary