

MUHLENBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2024
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, March 13, 2024 at 7:35 PM by Board President, Mr. Garrett E. Hyneman.

Members Present

President – Mr. Garrett E. Hyneman
Vice President – Mrs. Kristyna Eagle
Treasurer - Mr. Miguel Vasquez
Secretary – Mrs. Cindy L. Mingle
Assistant Secretary – Ms. Janet Howard
Member – Mr. Andrew L. Eaton, Sr.
Member – Mr. Ronald J. Haas, Sr.
Member – Mr. S. Wayne Hardy
Member – Mr. Otto W. Voit, III
Solicitor – Mr. Brian F. Boland, Esq.
Recording Secretary – Mrs. Tara L. Flowers

Members Absent

Administration Present

Superintendent – Dr. Joseph E. Macharola
Assistant Superintendent - Dr. Alan S. Futrick
Business Manager- Mr. Shane M. Mathias, CPA
Assistant Business Manager - Mrs. Susan Hawkins
Director of Physical Plant – Mr. Ken Patterson
Director of Federal Programs - Dr. Cathy Shappell
Director of Special Education - Ms. Nicole Huntbach
Supervisor of Special Education - Ms. Lori Morris
Supervisor of Special Education - Dr. Janet Heilman
Director of Human Resources - Dr. Jessica Heffner
Director of Clinical Services - Mr. Zachariah Milch
Director of Technology - Mr. Daniel Houck
Director of Food Services - Mr. Carey Kline
Athletic Director - Dr. Timothy Moyer
Data Administrator - Mr. Kevin Vanino
Community & Family Outreach Coord. & Distr. Interpreter – Ms. Elizabeth Laviena
High School Principal - Mr. Haniff Skeete
High School Assistant Principal - Ms. Julianna Ciccarelli
High School Assistant Principal - Mr. Aaron Kopetsky
Junior High Principal - Mr. Steve Baylor

Junior High School Assistant Principal - Mr. Daniel Kramer
C.E. Cole Intermediate Principal - Mr. Christopher Becker
C.E. Cole Intermediate Assistant Principal - Ms. Jaclyn Bellanca
C.E. Cole Intermediate Assistant Principal - Mr. Joseph Scoboria
Elementary Principal - Mr. Kyle Crater
Elementary Assistant Principal - Ms. Ginny Hornberger

Visitors

Diane Benson	Melissa Carroll
Linda Roebuck	Marc Wolfe
Cheryl Auchenbach	Amy Sharp
Daniel Fair	

Educational Presentations

A. Second Reading of Policies - Dr. Joseph E. Macharola

Policy No. 337, *Vacation*

Purpose

Policy 337 was added to meet the federal fiscal compliance policy requirements.

Policy No. 624, *Taxable Fringe Benefits*

Purpose

Policy 624 was added to meet the federal fiscal compliance policy requirements.

Policy No. 624, *Federal Fiscal Compliance*

Purpose

Policy 626 was updated to include the requirements for compliance of our federal programs, time and efforts procedures.

Policy No. 903, *Public Comment in Board Meetings*

Purpose

The title of Policy 903 was changed from Public Participation in Board Meetings to Public Comment in Board Meetings to focus on the purpose of the Sunshine Act requirement for residents and taxpayers to be provided with a reasonable opportunity to **comment** on matters of concern, official action or deliberation which are or may be before the board prior to the board taking official action.

In revising this policy, we took into consideration the points addressed in Douglas Marshall et al. v. Peter Amuso et al. which is a legal case that arose from actions taking place at board meetings regarding public comment. It is important to note

that this is not a court decision – it was a preliminary injunction issued by the court that then ended in a legal settlement between the parties. Although not precedential, we focused on this case because it provides us with insight on how a court might decide this type of case in the future, and informs considerations for revising board policy language to address terminology that may be considered overly broad or vague. Specifically, the preliminary injunction order addressed:

1. Prohibitions of speech deemed “personally directed,” “abusive,” “irrelevant,” “offensive,” “otherwise inappropriate,” or “personal attacks”; the court stated that these terms are overly broad and vague, and could be considered viewpoint discrimination.
2. Prohibitions of speech deemed “offensive,” “inappropriate,” “intolerant,” “disruptive,” and “verbally abusive”.
3. Requirement that speakers at public comment periods preface their remarks by announcing their address.

Policy 903 was updated to place more emphasis on recognition of the importance of diverse viewpoints and commentary during the public comment period and the commenter's right to be free from interruption, except under limited circumstances where the commenter's conduct clearly violates law or board policy. The policy now contains a listing of several examples as to when an individual's public comment may be interrupted or terminated; the listing is not to be considered all-inclusive and may be revised in consultation with your school solicitor. The policy also addresses the authority of the presiding officer and the school solicitor to take action including:

1. When circumstances warrant interruption of public comment, such as going beyond the time limit or conduct that is in violation of board policy.
2. Warning or termination of comments when such conduct continues.
3. Recess or adjournment of the meeting.
4. Requests for the individual to leave the meeting when conduct is disrupting the operation of the meeting.
5. Waiving of the board's rules regarding public comment upon approval of those present and voting.

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. The Board retains the option to accept all public comment at this time. Presentations should 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 Report

A. Berks County Intermediate Unit – Mr. Miguel Vazquez

There is no report at this time.

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

Mrs. Mengle advised they met on Monday night and reviewed the preliminary budget, the RMCTC portion could be less next year pending on what happens with the Governor's budget.

C. Berks County Tax Collection Committee – Mr. Shane M. Mathias, CPA

There is no report at this time.

D. PSBA Liaison – Mrs. Kristyna Eagle

There is no report at this time.

E. Muhlenberg Community Library – Ms. Janet Howard

Ms. Howard talked about being very excited about the collaboration between the District and the library; looking forward to supporting one another and working together to ultimately support the kids. There are some fundraisers coming up for the library, tomorrow is Honeygrow as a portion of the sales will go to the library. In April, the fundraiser will be at Texas Roadhouse on April 10th; and more fundraisers including a raffle, selling glasses for the solar eclipse and also selling homemade bookmarks, greeting cards and collecting jewelry for Mother's Day gifts.

F. Educational Programs – Dr. Alan S. Futrick

Dr. Futrick reported:

The District has a really exciting weekend coming up with the high school show, Spamalot. They do have a performance going on tomorrow for the kids to preview the show as well, and encourage everyone to view the production. Kindergarten registration is "kicking off" this month, hopeful for a lot of parents to get a head start as the earlier they register the better it makes it for the District to schedule. Tomorrow evening is the STEM Carnival event at MEC and COLE. Ms. Hornberger, Mr. Becker, and Mr. Carter will be present and this will be an exciting night as it has always been well attended in the past. It is the District's way of promoting the sciences, engineering, mathematics and really using hands-on things to build interest in it. Last week the District celebrated school social worker week: Ms. Foulds at EC, Ms. Carmichael at COLE, Ms. Moore at MJHS, and Ms. Heydt at MHS as the District considers

this an all-star team as social workers. These social workers do an awful lot to put the students in a great situation to learn; not only the students but the District's staff members as well. Some high school students, the Gold Tones, went to the state capitol and performed in the capitol rotunda. Spring Sports kicked off this week, Dr. Moyer is looking forward to this with the junior high and high school students participating in sports; the District is looking forward to the competition as next week is the start of the first games of the season in some cases. There was a group of high school and junior high school students that participated in the PA Junior Academy of science competition held in Penn State; out of the 25 participants several students placed first or second in that competition. It is another way to promote the STEM component in the District and try to backfill from higher education into the high school and push it down to the junior high school.

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

There is no report at this time.

Superintendent's Comments - Dr. Joseph E. Macharola

Dr. Macharola thanked Dr. Futrick for all of the positive comments regarding the students and what the District has been doing. He spoke about Dr. Futrick who took a team to look at some creative innovative classrooms that the District has to plan for; as this begins to emerge there will be more things to learn from Dr. Futrick. He talked about focusing on the educational program as well as the mental health concerns. Dr. Macharola took time to thank all of the school counselors, teachers, social workers, Mr. Milch for their work. He talked about last Friday there were two very serious episodes; kids are feeling helpless and yes it is serious here. It is a nationwide and worldwide issue, but it is right here in the District. He talked about how the response on Friday's episodes was remarkable. He talked about the concern with the kids that are living with this right now; during the episodes kids took steps towards bodily harm at that CTC and then later on the District campus. He talked about ideations being one thing, but actually going to the distance where it takes an adult to stop it. Dr. Macharola talked about there being no staff or faculty member that can take a back seat when it comes to any kind of behaviors that even remotely lead to bodily harm; the District cannot take a chance at that. The District will continue to step up the clinical services here and invest.

Board Business

Personnel

Resolution Nos. 152A – 152K

Moved by Mrs. Eagle and Ms. Howard that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve **Resolution Nos. 152A through 152K** in their entirety.

Yeas: Mrs. Eagle, Mr. Eaton, Mr. Haas, Mr. Hardy, Ms. Howard, Mr. Hyneman, Mrs. Mengle, Mr. Vasquez, Mr. Voit. The motion **carried** unanimously.

152A Classified Appointments

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

- a. Ms. Enami Rivera, Custodian Substitute, effective February 16, 2024, at a pay rate of \$14.00 per hour.
- b. Mr. Isaiah Domine, Special Education Paraprofessional (F. Galuska), Muhlenberg Junior High School, effective February 20, 2024, at a pay rate of \$19.71 per hour.
- c. Mr. Jonathan Ortiz, Cafeteria Substitute, effective February 20, 2024, at a pay rate of \$14.00 per hour.
- d. Ms. Taryn Buono, Personal Care Paraprofessional (newly created), Muhlenberg Elementary Center, effective March 11, 2023, at a pay rate of \$19.71 per hour.

152B Acceptance of Resignations

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

- a. Ms. Michele Calvaresi, Class A Secretary, Muhlenberg High School, effective May 17, 2024.
- b. Ms. Lucille Palangio, Class A Secretary, Technology Department, resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective April 12, 2024.

152C 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. 3050, Custodian, Leave of Absence/FMLA, effective on or about January 25, 2024 through on or about March 21, 2024.
- b. Employee No. 1405, School Psychologist, Leave of Absence/FMLA, effective on or about April 22, 2024 through on or about June 3, 2024.
- c. Employee No. 1032, Teacher, Leave of Absence/FMLA, effective on or about April 8, 2024 through on or about July 8, 2024.
- d. Employee No. 2816, Teacher, Leave of Absence/FMLA, effective on or about May 26, 2024 through on or about the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year.

152D Approval of Revised Job Descriptions

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following revised job descriptions (Exhibit A-2):

- a. School Counselor
- b. Administrative Specialist to Business Manager
- c. Payroll Specialist
- d. Benefits Specialist
- e. Director of Federal Programs
- f. Director of Clinical Services

152E Spring 2024 Coaching Assignments

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the Spring Coaching Assignments for the 2023-2024 school year as submitted (Exhibit A-3).

152F Co-Curricular Appointments

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

- a. Ms. Maegen Miles hockey, Muhlenberg Aquatics Age Group Swimming Coach, effective November 8, 2023, at a salary of \$1,000, prorated for days worked.
- b. Ms. Shannon Murphy, Muhlenberg Aquatics Age Group Swimming Coach, effective November 7, 2023, at a salary of \$1,000.
- c. Mr. Theodore Werkheiser, E-Sports Monitor (D. Brady), Muhlenberg High School, effective March 4, 2024, at a salary of \$1740 (year 1), prorated for days worked.
- d. Ms. Jennifer Seiders, Muhlenberg Aquatics Supervisor, effective March 18, 2024, at a pay rate of \$13.40 per hour.

152G Co-Curricular Resignation

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District accept the following co-curricular resignation:

- a. Mr. Daniel Brady, E-Sports Monitor, Muhlenberg High School, effective March 1, 2024.

152H Administrative Appointments

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

- a. Mr. Kyle Crater, Director of Curriculum and Instruction K-12 (newly created), effective April 1, 2024, at a salary of \$123,927, prorated for days worked.

- b. Ms. Virginia Hornberger, Principal (K. Crater), Muhlenberg Elementary Center, effective April 1, 2024, at a salary of \$116,000, prorated for days worked.
- c. Mr. Zachariah Milch, Director of Clinical Services, effective March 18, 2024, at a salary of \$142,000, prorated for days worked.

152I Stipend for Supervisor of Special Education/Muhlenberg Elementary Center Assistant Principal

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve a stipend for Ms. Lori Morris, Supervisor of Special Education and Assistant Principal of Muhlenberg Elementary Center, of \$8,000, effective April 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

152J Completion of Probation

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

- a. Ms. Nyla Gensemer, Special Education Paraprofessional, Muhlenberg Elementary Center, completion of forty-five (45) day probation as of February 27, 2024 and recommended for permanent employment as of February 28, 2024.
- b. Ms. Brianna Walker, Special Education Paraprofessional, Muhlenberg Elementary Center, completion of forty-five (45) day probation as of March 1, 2024 and recommended for permanent employment as of March 4, 2024.
- c. Ms. Adriana Santiago, Third Shift Custodian, Muhlenberg High School, completion of forty-five (45) day probation as of March 7, 2024, and recommended for permanent employment as of March 8, 2024.

152K Mentor Assignment

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following mentor assignment at the professional rate of \$30.00 per hour for the 2023-2024 school year (Exhibit A-5):

- a. Ms. Jennifer Hausman, mentor for Mr. George Dunda, Special Education Teacher, Muhlenberg High School, for nineteen point seven five (19.75) hours.

Management

Resolution No. 153 - 156

Moved by Mr. Hardy and Mrs. Eagle, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve **Management Resolution Nos. 153**

through 156 (Resolution No. 155 pulled for separate vote by Mr. Voit)
in their entirety.

Yeas: Mr. Voit, Mrs. Eagle, Mr. Eaton, Mr. Haas, Mr. Hardy, Ms. Howard,
Mr. Hyneman, Mrs. Mengle, Mr. Vasquez. The motion **carried** unanimously.

153 Revised School Calendar for the 2024-2025 School Year

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District
approve the revised School Calendar for the 2024-2025 school year as
presented (Exhibit B-1).

154 Authorization for Kozloff Stoudt

Resolved, that the Board of Education of Muhlenberg School District
authorize the Kozloff Stoudt P.C., Brian F. Boland, Esq. and Michael C.
Kochkodin, Esq. to enter their appearance and represent the School District
in the expulsion matter appealed to the Berks County Court of Common
Pleas filed to Number 24-1372.

155 Pulled for separate vote

156 Summer Work Schedule

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District
approve the summer work schedule as Monday through Thursday
beginning Monday, June 10, 2024 through Friday, August 9, 2024 – Office
hours 7:30 AM – 4:00 PM.

Resolution No. 155

Moved by Mrs. Eagle and Mr. Hardy, that the Board of Education of the
Muhlenberg School District approve **Management Resolution No. 155** in
its entirety.

Yeas: Mr. Vasquez, Mr. Voit, Mrs. Eagle, Mr. Eaton, Mr. Hardy, Ms.
Howard, Mr. Hyneman. **Nays:** Mr. Haas, Mrs. Mengle. The motion **carried**.

155 Approval of Visual Sound Boardroom Update

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District
approve the LGI Boardroom upgrade at Muhlenberg High School at a cost of
\$46,750 plus an estimated \$1,000 annually for maintenance (funded
through General Fund) as presented (Exhibit B-2).

Physical Plant and Transportation

There are no items.

Budget and Finance

Resolution Nos. 157 – 165

Moved by Mrs. Eagle and Mr. Voit that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve **Budget and Finance Resolution No. 157 through 165** in their entirety.

Yeas: Mrs. Mengle, Mr. Vasquez, Mr. Voit, Mrs. Eagle, Mr. Eaton, Mr. Haas, Mr. Hardy, Ms. Howard, Mr. Hyneman. The motion **carried** unanimously.

157 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 (Exhibit D-1):

Fund	Treasurer's Report	Financial Report	Bills Paid Month	Investments	Budget Transfers
General	Jan 2024	Jan 2024	Feb 2024 Ck#56128-56324 V#27913-27938	Jan 2024	
Cafeteria	Jan 2024	Jan 2024	Feb 2024 Ck# 8149-8200 V#3047-3052	Jan 2024	
Capital Reserve (Fund 32)	Feb 2024	Feb 2024	Feb 2024 Ck#976-977		
Capital Reserve (Fund 39)	Feb 2024	Feb 2024	Feb 2024 Ck#1007		
Activity	Jan 2024	Jan 2024			

158 Student Activity Accounts

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District authorize establishing the student activity accounts for the "JH School Store" and "National Junior Honor Society-Muhlenberg JH Chapter" (Exhibit D-2).

159 Approval of GSL Government Consulting LLC (GSL) Agreement

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the agreement for GSL to provide consulting and grant advisory services to Muhlenberg School District as presented (Exhibit D-3).

160 Authorization for Signatures on Banks Accounts

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following financial documents to be made effective March 13, 2024:

Payroll Account

Authorize the signatures of the following three (3) officers (facsimile acceptable) for the newly created Payroll Account General Fund Account – Mid Penn xxxxx719:

President

Secretary

Treasurer

Activity Fund Account

Authorize the signatures of the following eight (8) names on the newly created Activity Account – Mid Penn xxxxx735 (two {2} signatures are required):

Assistant Superintendent

Junior High Principal

Business Manager

C.E. Cole Principal

Assistant Business Manager

Elementary Center Principal

High School Principal

Athletic Director

161 Appraisal Services for Tax Assessment Appeal - PetSmart

BE IT IT RESOLVED, that John E. Muir, Esquire, Brian F. Boland, Esquire and Kozloff Stoudt, Professional Corporation, are hereby authorized to retain the professional appraisal services of Douglas A. Haring, MAI, SRA, AI-GRS, including inspection of the property, examination of information received from the property owner, assembly of necessary data required to develop the value opinion of the property and preparation of an appraisal report on behalf of the Muhlenberg School District for the following real estate tax assessment appeal action as presented:

Town Square Investors, LLC vs. Berks County Board of Assessment Appeals

22-15967

Berks County C.C.P. No.

Property Address: 4210 5th Street Highway, Muhlenberg Township
(PetSmart)

Property I.D. No.: 66530919720361

Appraisal Report: \$4,800.00

Trial preparation / attendance at trial

Douglas A Haring - \$200.00 per hour additional

Administrative Staff - \$100.00 per hour additional

162 Appraisal Services for Tax Assessment Appeal - Giant Food Services

BE IT RESOLVED, that John E. Muir, Esquire, Brian F. Boland, Esquire and Kozloff Stoudt Professional Corporation, are hereby authorized to retain the professional appraisal services of Douglas A Haring, MAI, SRA, AI-GRS, including inspection of the property, examination of information received from the property owner, assembly of necessary data required to develop the value opinion of the property and preparation of an appraisal report on behalf of the Muhlenberg School District for the following real estate tax assessment appeal action as presented:

Town Square Investors, LLC vs. Berks County Board of Assessment Appeals

22-15970

Berks County C.C.P. No.

Property Address: 4320 5th Street Highway, Muhlenberg Township
(Giant Food Services)

Property I.D. No.: 66530915721607

Appraisal Report: \$7,200.00

Trial preparation / attendance at trial

Douglas A Haring - \$200.00 per hour additional

Administrative Staff - \$100.00 per hour additional

163 Appraisal Services for Tax Assessment Appeal - Lowes Home Center, Inc.

BE IT RESOLVED, that John E. Muir, Esquire, Brian F. Boland, Esquire and Kozloff Stoudt, Professional Corporation, are hereby authorized to retain the professional appraisal services of Douglas A. Haring, MAI, SRA, AI-GRS, including inspection of the property, examination of information received from the property owner, assembly of necessary data required to develop the value opinion of the property and preparation of an appraisal

report on behalf of the Muhlenberg School District for the following real estate tax assessment appeal action as presented:

Muhlenberg School District vs. Berks County Board of Assessment Appeals, Appellee and Lowe's Home Centers, Inc., Respondent

23-16615

Berks County C.C.P. No.

Property Address: 422 Madison Avenue, Muhlenberg Township

Property I.D. No.: 66530816745015

Appraisal Report: \$5,200.00

Trial preparation / attendance at trial

Douglas A Haring - \$200.00 per hour additional

Administrative Staff - \$100.00 per hour additional

164 Appraisal Services for Tax Assessment Appeal - Target Corp.

BE IT RESOLVED, that JohnE. Muir, Esquire, BrianF. Boland, Esquire and Kozloff Stoudt, Professional Corporation, are hereby authorized to retain the professional appraisal services of Douglas A. Haring, MAI, SRA, AI-GRS, including inspection of the property, examination of information received from the property owner, assembly of necessary data required to develop the value opinion of the property and preparation of an appraisal report on behalf of the Muhlenberg School District for the following real estate tax assessment appeal action as presented:

Muhlenberg School District vs. Berks County Board of Assessment Appeals, Appellee and NBOC, LP, Respondent

23-16612

Berks County C.C.P. No.

Property Address: 2101 Centre Avenue, Muhlenberg Township

Property I.D. No.: 66530819625172

Appraisal Report: \$4,000.00

Trial preparation / attendance at trial

Douglas A Haring - \$200.00 per hour additional

Administrative Staff - \$100.00 per hour additional

165 Appraisal Services for Tax Assessment Appeal - NBOC, LP

BE IT RESOLVED, that JohnE. Muir, Esquire, BrianF. Boland, Esquire and Kozloff Stoudt, Professional Corporation, are hereby authorized to retain the professional appraisal services of Douglas A. Haring, MAI, SRA,

AI-GRS, including inspection of the property, examination of information received from the property owner, assembly of necessary data required to develop the value opinion of the property and preparation of an appraisal report on behalf of the Muhlenberg School District for the following real estate tax assessment appeal action as presented:

Muhlenberg School District vs. Berks County Board of Assessment Appeals, Appellee and NBOC, LP, Respondent

23-16612

Berks County C.C.P. No.

Property Address: 2101 Centre Avenue, Muhlenberg Township

Property I.D. No.: 66530819625172

Appraisal Report: \$4,000.00

Trial preparation / attendance at trial

Douglas A Haring - \$200.00 per hour additional

Administrative Staff - \$100.00 per hour additional

Education

Resolution Nos. 166 – 169

Moved by Mr. Voit and Mr. Vasquez, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve **Education Nos. 166 through 169** in their entirety.

Yeas: Mr. Hyneman, Mrs. Mengle, Mr. Vasquez, Mr. Voit, Mrs. Eagle, Mr. Eaton, Mr. Haas, Mr. Hardy, Ms. Howard. The motion **carried** unanimously.

166 PCCD School Mental Health and School Safety Grants

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the Muhlenberg School District School Mental Health and School Safety Grants award notifications as presented, and filed with the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) (Exhibit E-1).

167 Extended School Year Program for 2024

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the Extended School Year Program for 2024 (July 1, 2024 to July 18, 2024, ESY) at an estimated operating cost for the programs of \$108,750 plus transportation and contracted services which includes the following staff (Special Education Fund and Grant Funding) (Exhibit E-2):

- a. One (1) ESY Coordinator
- b. Fifteen (15) Teachers
- c. Nineteen (19) Instructional Assistants
- d. Two (2) Speech Therapists
- e. Related Services:
 - 1) Occupational Therapist
 - 2) Physical Therapist
 - 3) Hearing
 - 4) Vision Support

168 Linkage Letter/Referral Agreement with CONCERN

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the Linkage Letter/Referral Agreement between CONCERN – Professional Services for Children, Youth and Families and the Muhlenberg School District, effective January 19, 2024 for a two (2) year period on an as needed basis (Exhibit E-3).

169 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 (Exhibit E-4):

- a. Student "E", Muhlenberg Junior High School

Student Activities

There was none.

Minutes

Resolution No. 170

170 Approval of Minutes

Review minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 14, 2024 and the Regular Board Meeting of February 14, 2024.

Moved by Mr. Vasquez and Mr. Hardy that minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of February 14, 2024 and the Regular Board Meeting of February 14, 2024.

Yeas: Ms. Howard, Mr. Hyneman, Mrs. Mengle, Mr. Vasquez, Mr. Voit, Mrs. Eagle, Mr. Eaton, Mr. Haas, Mr. Hardy. The motion **carried** unanimously.

Old Business

There was none.

New Business

Resolution No. 171

Moved by Mrs. Eagle and Mr. Vasquez, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve **Resolution No. 171** in its entirety.

Yeas: Mr. Hardy, Ms. Howard, Mr. Hyneman, Mrs. Mengle, Mr. Vasquez, Mr. Voit, Mrs. Eagle, Mr. Eaton, Mr. Haas. The motion **carried** unanimously.

171 Memoriam of Mr. James Yakaitis

Resolved, that we remember the passing of Mr. James D. Yakaitis who served in the Muhlenberg School District for thirty-one (31) years (1988-2019) as a Custodian. We honor his memory for his dedicated service to the school district and community.

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

Questions/Comments/Concerns:

Mr. Voit spoke about Mr. Yakaitis served 31 years in the Muhlenberg School District, these are the people that create the culture of Muhlenberg and represent the community; keeping the buildings top-notch and being a part of the team. He spoke about thoughts going out to his family and being grateful to his service; may he rest in peace.

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 2023-2024

March	Mr. Miguel Vasquez
April	Ms. Janet Howard
May	Mr. Ronald J. Haas

Review of Board Meetings and Calendar of Events

March 13	6:30 PM	Committee of the Whole Meeting and Regular Board Meeting
April 3	7:00 PM	Committee of the Whole Meeting
April 8	6:30 PM	RMCTC Board Meeting
April 10	7:00 PM	Regular Board Meeting
May 1	7:00 PM	Committee of the Whole Meeting
May 8	7:00 PM	Regular Board Meeting
May 13	6:30 PM	RMCTC Board Meeting
June 10	6:30 PM	RMCTC Board Meeting
June 12	6:30 PM	Committee of the Whole and Regular Board Meeting

172 Adjourn Meeting

Moved by Mr. Hardy and Mr. Voit, that there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Yeas: Mr. Haas, Mr. Hardy, Ms. Howard, Mr. Hyneman, Mrs. Mengle, Mr. Vasquez, Mr. Voit, Mrs. Eagle, Mr. Eaton. The motion **carried** unanimously.

Attest:


Cindy L. Mengle
Secretary