

MUHLENBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2022
Lecture Hall, Muhlenberg High School
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Call to Order

The Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District was called to order on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at 7:42 PM by Board President, Mr. Garrett E. Hyneman.

Members Present

President – Mr. Garrett E. Hyneman
Vice President – Mr. Otto W. Voit, III
Treasurer – Mr. Richard E. Hoffmaster
Secretary – Mrs. Cindy L. Mengle
Assistant Secretary – Ms. Janet Howard via zoom
Member – Mrs. Kristyna Eagle
Member – Mr. J. Tony Lupia, Jr.
Member – Mr. Mark J. Nelson
Member – Mr. Miguel Vasquez
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- Shane M. Mathias, CPA
Director of Physical Plant & Transportation – Mr. Ken Patterson
Director of Special Education – Dr. Shawn Rutt
Supervisor of Accounts – Ms. Susan Hawkins
Licensed Behavior Specialist – Mr. Zachariah Milch
Director of Technology – Mr. Daniel Houck
Director of Food and Nutrition – Mr. Carey Kline
Data Administrator – Mr. Kevin Vanino
Athletic Director – Dr. Tim Moyer
High School Principal – Mr. Michael Mish
High School Assistant Principal – Ms. Lori Morris
Junior High School Principal – Dr. Jeffery Ebert
Social Worker - Lauren Heydt
Social Worker - Amanda Foulds

Visitors

Diane Benson
Alice Kunkle
Judy Becker
Tim Becker
Joanna Banks
Jennifer Wenzel
Joanne Kear
Kevin Kear

Jennifer McLaughlin
Megan McLaughlin
Jean McLaughlin
Cindy Seaman
Ted Seaman
Michellemarie Spanier
Beth Slater
Tate Dewalt

Educational Presentations

There were no items at this time.

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. J. Tony Lupia, Jr.

Mr. Lupia advised he was unable to attend last meeting, the next meeting will come next week.

B. Reading-Muhlenberg CTC – Mrs. Cindy Mengle

Mrs. Mengle advised the meeting was held Monday night, and reported that 42 students will be doing the summer internships which is students going out into the workforce. There are 40 eighth graders this week from both schools that are doing the career camp. Also the final bids came in for the welding project and unfortunately due to price increases the bid came in over a million dollars more than expected. Mrs Mengle asked Dr. Macharola to explain the details about how coming up with that money without taking it from either one of the school districts.

Dr. Macharola explained without depleting the capital reserve, they are going to take a third of what was in the capital reserve, a third would be from ESSER dollars, and this was from project funds that the CTC already had. When the bids came on it was either 1.2 or 1.3 millions dollars over, there was a little bit of a panic, we want this project to continue on, question was how is the CTC going to handle this so Mr. Kahler did reach out to him and the Superintendent

at Reading; asked for strategies and ways to handle this. What he did not want to do is to deplete the CTC's reserves, so what they had the CTC do is find a way by doing a third out of three different pathways so they are able to successfully get this project going. There is no increase to the Reading School District and no increase to the Muhlenberg School District.

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

There is no report at this time.

D. PSBA Liaison – Mr. Otto W. Voit, III

There was no meeting, however Mr. Voit reported that the PSBA is under serious mode of working with the legislature to fund public education in this upcoming budget, which is the focus of the PSBA right now.

E. Muhlenberg Community Library – Submitted by Mr. Terry Heckman, read by Dr. Alan S. Futrick.

Attached are the highlights from Monday, May 9th monthly library meeting:

- Last Saturday we held a Free Comic Book Day event where every attending student got to take home a comic book of their choice compliments of GoldenEagle Comics. This event was well received by our community and will probably be held again in the near future.
- J.P. Mascaro recently became a Platinum Business Sponsor of our library by contributing \$15,000 to us. Our sincerest thanks and gratitude to them for their extreme generosity.
- We invite everyone in our community to take a few minutes to stop by our newly refurbished library which I feel creates an environment conducive to learning. Feel free to chat with our courteous library staff who will be glad to assist you in all your literary needs.
- We have a full slate May programs and activities for all age groups that are too numerous to mention here. Be sure to see the complete list of scheduled events on our Muhlenberg Community Library website.

F. Educational Programs – Dr. Alan S. Futrick

Dr. Futrick spoke about the voting this evening with many people who will be helping out with the Summer Style program which is kicking off on Monday; very excited for this as the District has close to 700 students signed up for the first session, with numerous activities and opportunities scheduled for them. Very excited to get this started. Dr. Futrick also reported the last two days at Muhlenberg, the District hosted the countywide core connections with over 200 teachers throughout the county that came to the District. Dr. Futrick wanted

to recognize Mr. Dan Houck, because of his leadership Muhlenberg was able to host that program.

Mr. Houck reported there were over 200 personnel from various school districts throughout the county. There were representatives, including some from Muhlenberg, and Mr. Nelson's daughter was also a presenter at the conference. They provided a variety of topics and sessions to help educators enhance their classrooms and to enhance the students' learning experience. There was an opening keynote by Dr. John Spencer called "The Curious Classroom" and for the first time they offered a community showcase in which nonprofit organizations could come to Muhlenberg and share how they can help school districts and help the families and students of the school districts with their various resources. They were very happy to have about 18 organizations come and show what they can do to help school districts. Muhlenberg is only the third school district that has been a host of this conference in the last eight years.

Questions/Comments/Concerns:

Mrs. Eagle thanked the district for doing this as this is one of the few in-services that teachers look forward to throughout the school year. Despite wanting to give up their summer time, Core Connections is something teachers feel passionate about throughout the county. Mrs. Eagle thanked the District for stepping up.

Mr. Hyneamn spoke about the disruption the school has had over the last several years. The summer programs will give students a chance to catch up on the skills that perhaps they missed. Mr. Hynamen spoke about a program while he worked in the Reading School District called "Maintenance of Skills" for students that, for whatever reason, had fallen a little bit behind. The summer program was specifically designed to catch them up.

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

There is no report at this time.

Superintendent's Comments - Dr. Joseph E. Macharola

Dr. Macharola asked for a moment of silence for all of the loss, all the lost souls in Ukraine as this invasion, this atrocity, of human life. This war from the Russians will unquestionably have additional reverberations. We are all feeling it now here in America; we are feeling it here economically, but the loss of life and for those that are serving our country in America who could be called at any time and those that are called at the moment that are holding the line and standing guard for us. Just a moment of silence, especially for those precious souls that are lost and what Ukraine is turning into a wasteland. What impact is this going to have, not only that Continent, but this Continent here. Dr. Macahroal advised he will continue to ask for this until there is peace with this.

Dr. Macharola thanked everyone for that moment of silence, candidly.

Dr. Macharola wanted to thank Dr. Futrick and Mr Houck. He spoke about the summer style program having three sessions last year and three sessions this year; and this year with the summer program this is probably more important than last year, and even more so next year as the District is really seeing the results of what has happened here as a result of the pandemic. Dr. Macahrola stated there is no "fairy dust" all school districts in this country have to step up to the plate and do things for their kids in one way or another, including their staff as well.

Dr. Macharola thanked Mr. Hoffmaster for his kind words, graduation he thought was just wonderful for the District's students. He thought everyone's communications were just great. He was particularly touched by Mr. Mish's address, he just thought it was very meaningful and for leading all those years at the high school he thinks he did a phenomenal job. He spoke about the celebration, if noted over the years, the District asked their administrators to show and arrive in their academic garb, he would like to extend that; it's part of the po? circumstance, much like a military ceremony or much like a concert; there is a lot to it and shows that Muhlenberg does care about the children. This was one of our largest classes and what a wonderful group of kids. If you don't think that Muhlenberg has changed, just take a look at the District's student body; this says a lot there. Lastly, Dr. Macharola spoke to the Board about being very happy with the current members and is excited about those serving on this Board. He addressed all nine members and advised they have something very special to offer and he thinks the diversity and the thinking from all venues of life are going to help the District as the District continues to grow on; and as the District passes this budget and continues to be good stewards of the community. Dr. Macharola thanked the Board again.

Dr. Macharols talked about the meaning of just saying hello to the students and asking how they are doing has such a great impact. Dr. Macharola spoke about a recent event he was made aware where a student was so thankful that Mr. Carey Kline asked him how he was doing and took the time, despite being busy, he made an effort to ask the student how he was doing. He advised he learned from the student's mother what that meant that day. Dr. Macharola closed with those moments do matter. Dr. Macharola thanked Mr. Kline for all that he does.

Board Business

Personnel

Resolution Nos. 212A – 212S

Moved by Mr. Hoffmaster and Mr. Voit, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve **Resolution Nos. 212A through 212S** in their entirety.

Yeas: Mrs. Eagle, Mr. Hoffmaster, Ms. Howard, Mr. Hyneman, Mr. Lupia, Mrs. Mengle, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Vasquez, Mr. Voit. The motion **carried** unanimously.

212A Acceptance of Resignations

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

- a. Ms. Lori Pflieger, 3.5 Hour Cafeteria Assistant, Muhlenberg Junior High School, resignation effective April 29, 2022.
- b. Ms. Tiana Perez, 4.5 Hour Cafeteria Worker, Muhlenberg Elementary Center, resignation effective May 12, 2022.
- c. Ms. Beverly Augustine, 4.5 Hour Cafeteria Worker, Muhlenberg Elementary Center, resignation effective May 18, 2022.
- d. Mr. Eric Orsag, 3rd Shift Custodian, Muhlenberg High School, resignation effective June 8, 2022.
- e. Ms. Casey Trexler, School Counselor, Muhlenberg Junior High School, resignation effective June 16, 2022.
- f. Ms. Christine Nguyen, Special Education Paraprofessional, Muhlenberg Junior High School, resignation effective June 8, 2022.
- g. Ms. Ewelina McDevitt, Elementary Teacher, C.E. Cole Intermediate, resignation effective end of the 2021-2022 school year.
- h. Ms. Nichole Barker, Communications Teacher, Muhlenberg Junior High School, resignation effective June 10, 2022.
- i. Ms. Carol Kalin, 3.5 Cafeteria Assistant, C.E. Cole Intermediate, resignation effective June 8, 2022.
- j. Ms. Georgeann Waldbeisser, 4.5 Hour Cafeteria Worker, Muhlenberg High School, resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective June 3, 2022.
- k. Ms. Michellemarie Spanier, Special Education Paraprofessional, C.E. Cole Intermediate, resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective June 8, 2022.
- l. Ms. Jennifer Wenzel, Gifted Teacher K-12, Muhlenberg Elementary Center, resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective August 12, 2022.
- m. Ms. Janet Gift, School Counselor, Muhlenberg Elementary Center, resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2022.
- n. Ms. Kim May, Elementary Teacher, C.E. Cole Intermediate, resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective end of the 2021-2022 school year.

212B Administrative Appointments

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

- a. Mr. Marc Wolfe, Custodial Supervisor (C. Seaman), effective July 1, 2022, at a salary of \$72,141.
- b. Dr. Jeffery Ebert, Principal, Muhlenberg High School, effective July 1, 2022, at a salary of \$131,500.
- c. Mr. Haniff Skeete, Principal, C.E. Cole Intermediate, effective July 1, 2022, at a salary of \$113,000.

212C Professional Appointments

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

- a. Ms. Hillary Dankel, Long-Term Substitute Teacher (Newly Created), C.E. Cole Intermediate, effective April 27, 2022, at a salary of \$44,682 (B, 18 Steps from the Top), prorated for days worked.
- b. Ms. Diamante White, School Counselor (J. McLaughlin), Muhlenberg Junior High School, effective the first contractual day of the 2022-2023 school year, at a salary of \$60,105 (M, 14 Steps from the Top).
- c. Ms. Stephanie Milch, ELL Teacher (A. Bright), Muhlenberg Elementary Center, effective the first contractual day of the 2022-2023 school year, at a salary of \$78,827 (M, 3 Steps from the Top).
- d. Mr. Tanner Pajakinas, School Counselor (J. Gift), Muhlenberg Elementary Center, effective the first contractual day of the 2022-2023 school year, at a salary of \$53,296 (M, 18 Steps from the Top).

212D Classified Appointments

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

- a. Ms. Matthew Watson, Outside Custodian (J. Ressler), effective June 13, 2022, at a salary of \$38,506.40, prorated for days worked; and a \$0.50 (fifty cent) per hour premium for outside duties.
- b. Ms. Lindsey Merkel, Inside Custodian (E. Archie), Muhlenberg Junior High School, effective May 31, 2022, at a salary of \$38,506.40, prorated for days worked.
- c. Ms. Jessica Knepp, Class A Secretary (P. Young), Muhlenberg High School, effective July 1, 2022, at a salary of \$50,292.
- d. Ms. Elena Muller, 3.5 Hour Cafeteria Assistant (L. Pfleger), Muhlenberg Elementary Center, effective June 16, 2022, at a pay rate of \$12.77 per hour.
- e. Ms. Tanya Cooper, 4.5 Hour Cafeteria Worker (T. Perez), Muhlenberg Elementary Center, effective June 16, 2022, at a pay rate of \$15.23 per hour.
- f. Ms. Beth Wentzel, Class A Secretary (C. Benner), Administration Building, effective June 22, 2022, at a salary of \$39,444.80, prorated for days worked.

212E Full-time Classified Appointments

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the appointment of the following classified employees from part-time to full-time employees:

- a. Ms. Beth Majewski, Paraprofessional, Muhlenberg Elementary Center, effective beginning of 2022-2023 school year.
- b. Ms. Cathy Salesky, Class A Secretary, Food Services, effective July 1, 2022.

212F Co-Curricular Appointments

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

- a. Mr. Andrew Eaton, Junior High Girls Softball Volunteer Coach, effective June 16, 2022.
- b. Mr. Dylan Delpiano, E-Sports Monitor, Muhlenberg High School, effective March 7, 2022, at a salary of \$1,740 (year 1), prorated for days worked.
- c. Mr. Westley Giddens, Varsity Girls Head Basketball Coach, Muhlenberg High School, effective June 16, 2022, at a salary of \$6,153 (year 6).
- d. Mr. Jeremy Jablonski, High School Girls Basketball Volunteer Coach, effective June 16, 2022.
- e. Mr. Jevity Rodriguez, High School Girls Basketball Volunteer Assistant Coach, effective June 16, 2022.
- f. Ms. Jenn Eberhart, Junior High Fall Cheer Coach, adjust salary to \$2,987 (year 3) from \$2,900 (year 1).
- g. Ms. Jenn Eberhart, Varsity Winter Cheer Assistant Coach, adjust salary to \$2,240 (year 3) from \$2,175 (year 1).
- h. Ms. Jarra Dennis, National Honor Society Advisor, Muhlenberg High School, effective March 9, 2022, at a salary of \$1,450 (year 1), prorated for days worked.

212G Co-Curricular Resignations

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

- a. Jennifer Wenzel, Student Council Co-Advisor, C.E. Cole Intermediate, effective end of the 2021-2022 school year.
- b. Ms. Stacia Richmond, Academic Challenge Club Advisor, Muhlenberg High School, effective end of the 2021-2022 school year.
- c. Mr. Dan Brady, E-Sports Monitor, Muhlenberg High School, effective March 4, 2022.
- d. Mr. Matt Sola, Varsity Football Assistant Coach, effective December 6, 2021.
- e. Mr. Joshua Messner, Junior High Football Co-Assistant Coach, effective February 15, 2022.
- f. Mr. Steven Simons, Varsity Girls Tennis Head Coach, effective May 23, 2022.

- g. Ms. Juliana Ciccarelli, Varsity Girls Head Lacrosse Coach, effective April 27, 2022.

212H 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. Ms. Morgan Boone, Elementary Teacher, Leave of Absence/FMLA, effective beginning of 2022-2023 school year through the end of the 2022-2023 school year.
- b. Ms. Liliana Perez, Paraprofessional, Leave of Absence, effective beginning of 2022-2023 school year through completion of the fifteen (15) week requirement.
- c. Ms. Dayna Moser, Elementary Teacher, Leave of Absence/FMLA, effective on or about October 24, 2022 through on or about the end of the 2022-2023 school year.

212I 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 2021-2022 school year (Exhibit #180):

- a. Mrs. Ahri Agyapong, mentor for Mrs. Lisa Hess, Special Education Teacher, C. E. Cole Intermediate, for sixty (60) hours.
- b. Mr. Chris Evans, mentor for Mr. Robert McGowan, Science Teacher, Muhlenberg Junior High School, for sixty (60) hours.

212J Approval of Summer 2022 Food Service Program Staff

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following staff for the Summer 2022 Food Service Program, at their contractual rates (Exhibit #181):

Administrative

Mr. Carey Kline, Director of Food Service and Nutrition

Ms. Cathy Salesky, Clerical Assistant

Head Cooks

Ms. Sherry Hoffman

Ms. Bobilyn Gehris

Ms. Julie Haas

Cafeteria Workers

Ms. Nicole Bricker	Ms. Brenda Lochman
Ms. Denise Buono	Ms. Ann Love
Ms. Jennifer Eberhart	Ms. Alex Martinez-Garcia
Ms. Lucille Ernst	Ms. Monica Morales-Camargo
Ms. Essence Figueroa	Ms. Lisa O'Brien
Ms. Joanne Fromuth	Ms. Cindy Palmertree
Ms. Maryann Grant	Ms. Jacqueline Paolino
Ms. Patricia Greene	Ms. Tracey Pearson
Ms. Tammy Hartman	Ms. Kelly Petsch
Ms. Kathy Heckler	Ms. Kelly Quiles
Ms. Gloria Isamoyer	Ms. Karen Roth
Ms. Dorothy Lattanzio	Ms. Joan Sandritter
Ms. Kristin Lilley	Ms. Sindel Strohecker
Ms. Sharon Lobb	Ms. Fran Vallonio

212K Pre-Educator Assignments for MSD Summer Style 2022

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following pre-educator assignments for the MSD Summer Style program, as presented (Exhibit #182):

<u>Student Name</u>	<u>College</u>
Madison Armstrong	West Chester University
Madalyn Barbon	Penn State University
Alyson Bates	Shippensburg University
Emily Bodenheimer	University of West Georgia
Brianna Bodnar	West Chester University
Lanie Boyce	Shippensburg University
Kaili Brinker	Penn State University
Anthony Calvaresi, Jr.	Kutztown University

Andrew Chiarelli	West Chester University
Olivia Chiarelli	West Chester University
Lauren Ciemiewicz	Penn State University
Giani Clarke	Penn State University
Brandon Conner	Millersville University
Connor Cooke	West Chester University
Troy Corson	West Chester University
Brady Dallas	Shippensburg University
Rene Junior Duffault	West Chester University
Autumn Eyer	Juniata College
Lane Facciolli	West Chester University
Katie Fry	Monmouth University
Matthew Fry	West Chester University
Alan Futrick, Jr.	West Chester University
Isaiah Gilmore	Shippensburg University
Nora Harrison	Kutztown University
Tyler Kipp	California University
Mackenzie Kraras	High Point University
Jake Kuczawa	West Chester University
Mason Lubas	Penn State University
Jacinda Maus	West Chester University
Katie McCormick	Delaware University
Rachael Miller	Millersville University
Cody Mish	University of West Georgia
Michael Mish	Northampton Community College
Hannah Nicholson	West Chester University
Emily Nugent	Temple University
Steven Olexy	Salisbury University

Sarah Pacharis	Millersville University
Colby Painter	Hood College
Liliana Perez	
Felicia Phillips	Penn State University
Carmen Popovici	Kutztown University
Salvatore Pugliese	West Chester University
Jordan Rigg	Alvernia University
Mackenzie Schlegel	Duquesne University
Julian Sharp	Delaware University
Jada Stambaugh	Bloomsburg University
Andrew Stoudt	West Chester University
Jacob Stoudt	Alvernia University
Skeisy Taveras	Kutztown University
Isabella Walters	West Chester University
Jordan Williams	Penn State University
Airan Wolf	Salisbury University

212L Professional Assignments for MSD Summer Style 2022

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following professional assignments for MSD Summer Style program, as presented (Exhibit #183):

Teachers:

Ms. Erin Anagnost	Ms. Heather Goeltz	Ms. Shannon Painter
Mr. David Angove	Ms. Emily Grube	Mr. Gary Pumphrey
Ms. Jennifer Anton	Ms. Jennifer Gulick	Ms. Kaley Quillman
Ms. Samantha Armstrong	Ms. Angela Hawkins	Ms. Shuleill Ramirez
Ms. Amy Arnold	Ms. Connie Hillbish	Mr. Jeffrey Reiniger
Ms. Maria Avila	Ms. Inga Hobbs	Mr. Matthew Reiniger

Ms. Kelly Barbon	Ms. Demi James	Ms. Gabriella Rojas
Mr. John Barr	Ms. Jessica Justiniano	Ms. Erika Sager
Ms. Jaclyn Bellanca	Ms. Candace Katen	Ms. Jullien Searfoss
Mr. Jeffrey Bezler	Mr. Scott Keller	Mr. Tyler Seisler
Ms. Melissa Blickey	Mr. Timothy Klawiter	Mr. Shane Shaffer
Ms. Rebecca Cariola	Mr. Matthew Kramer	Mr. Matthew Sola
Mr. Joshua Rankin	Ms. Kayla LaFaver	Mr. Daniel Solvino
Ms. Michelle Chavoya	Mr. Ian Laxton	Ms. Xiomara Toledo
Ms. Amy Chiarelli	Ms. Nancy Mauroschat	Ms. Jennifer Vicari
Mr. Joseph Collins	Ms. Nicole McGowan	Ms. Laurie Vlasak
Mr. Matthew DeAngelis	Mr. Robert McGowan	Mr. Robert Walters
Mr. Dean DeTurk	Ms. Jillian McIntyre	Ms. Courtney Wenger
Mr. Hao Duong	Mr. Joshua Messner	Ms. Erin Wentzel
Mr. Christopher Evans	Ms. Cynthia Meyers	Ms. Stacy Wiza
Ms. Meredith Feather	Ms. Dayna Moser	Mr. Robert Wolfe
Ms. Alison Franzone	Mr. Douglas Olexy	Ms. Melissa Work
Ms. Sarah Fulmer	Ms. Jennifer Pacharis	Ms. Gabrielle Zukowski

212M 2022 Extended School Year Assignments

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following assignments for the 2022 Extended School Year Program, as presented (Exhibit #184):

Co-Coordinator

Ms. Lisa Bowersox

Ms. Megan Migliore

Teachers

Ms. Sarah Kopetsky

Ms. Christine Garner

Ms. Haley Layton

Ms. Michele McCammitt

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Ms. Zoe Birch

Ms. Sarah Fulmer

Ms. Emily Rudderow

Ms. Melissa Bartek

Ms. Kristen Parsons

Ms. Katelyn Konopelski

Ms. Margaret McFadden

Ms. Cierra Etchberger

Ms. Iva Moyer

Ms. Christine Bansner

Ms. Julia Hornberger

Ms. Hilary Dankel

Ms. Lisa Hess

Ms. Caleb Miller

Ms. Tammy Sarangoulis

Ms. Kasey Sanders

Ms. Lyn Lapp

Paraprofessionals

Ms. Jessica Knepp

Ms. Cindy Tomasi

Ms. Jennifer Thompson

Ms. Beth Youse

Ms. Holly Scheck

Ms. Marina Heister

Ms. Maureen Mease

Ms. Marion Schleinkofer

Ms. Liliana Perez

Ms. Karen Lessie

Mr. Kyle Craig

Ms. Joanna Banks

Ms. Jessica Mulutzie

Ms. Julie Roth

Ms. Jessica Sandoval

Ms. Nicole Rosa

Ms. Pryscilla Figueroa

Ms. Karen Adams

Ms. Billie Jean Buckland

Ms. Claudia Barona

Ms. Damaris Montalvo

Ms. Sue Garl

Ms. Darlene Allen

Ms. Amanda Seasholtz

Ms. Jenny Neuheimer

Ms. Madeline McMullen

Ms. Erica Brumbach

Ms. Yolanda Ortiz

212N Completion of Probation

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the completion of probation for the following classified employees (Exhibit #185):

- a. Mr. Todd Manmiller, Custodian, Muhlenberg High School, completion of forty-five (45) day probation as of May 19, 2022 and recommended for permanent employment as of May 20, 2022.

212O Summer Technology Assistants

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following summer technology assistants for 2022 at the pay rate of \$12.00 per hour (Exhibit #186):

- a. Mr. Angel Isardat
- b. Ms. Elexa Neukirch
- c. Ms. Skyler Koch
- d. Mr. Olivier Magliore
- e. Mr. Owen Negri
- f. Mr. Robert Laffey-alternate/substitute

212P Summer Hours for Professional Staff

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following employee for summer hours (Exhibit #187):

- a. Ms. Stacy Wiza, thirty (30) hours for JAMF resource development, Classlink rollover and new year preparation, and professional development planning and learning, at the professional pay rate of \$30.00 per hour.
- b. Ms. Samantha Armstrong, thirty (30) hours for preparation and distribution of the literacy pilot materials, at the professional pay rate of \$30.00 per hour.
- c. Ms. Amy Chiarelli, thirty (30) hours for preparation and distribution of the literacy pilot materials, at the professional pay rate of \$30.00 per hour.
- d. Ms. Jacyn Bellanca, thirty (30) hours for preparation and distribution of the literacy pilot materials, at the professional pay rate of \$30.00 per hour.

212Q Employment Contract for Business Manager

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the Employment Contract between Mr. Shane M. Mathias, CPA, and the Muhlenberg School District, effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027 as presented (Exhibit #188).

212R Approve Statement of Charges

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has recommended that the Statement of Charges attached hereto be approved by the School Board in accordance with the court's decision in School Dist. Of Philadelphia v. Jones, 139 A.3d 358, 332 Ed. Law Rep. 393 (PA. Commw. Ct. 2016), appeal denied, 167 A.3d 697 (Pa. 2017); and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has advised the School Board that he believes that there is sufficient evidence to support the allegations in the Statement of Charges; and

WHEREAS, the School Board has reviewed the Statement of Charges and considered the Superintendent's belief that there is evidentiary support for the Statement of Charges;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, that:

The Statement of Charges is hereby approved and directed to be issued; and

The President and Secretary shall execute the Statement of Charges as required by Section 1127 of the School Code;

The Superintendent shall schedule a hearing before the School Board reasonably promptly; and

The Superintendent cause the Statement of Charges to be served upon Matthew Horst in the manner and at the time required by Section 1127 of the School Code (Exhibit #189).

212S Job Description

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following job description as submitted (Exhibit #190):

- a. Confidential Secretary to the Director of Human Resources

Management

Resolution Nos. 213

Moved by Mrs. Eagle and Mr. Voit, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve **Management Resolution Nos. 213-215** in their entirety.

Yeas: Mr. Hoffmaster, Ms. Howard, Mr. Hyneman, Mr. Lupia, Mrs. Mengle, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Vasquez, Mr. Voit, Mrs. Eagle. The motion **carried** unanimously.

213 Superintendent's Authorization to Employ for the 2022-2023 School Year

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District authorize the Superintendent to employ qualified persons for open positions as budgeted for the 2022-2023 school year, subject to Board ratification of employment at the Board's next public meeting.

214 2022-2023 Annual Membership to Pennsylvania School Boards Association, Inc.

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the annual membership to the Pennsylvania School Boards Association, Inc. in the amount of \$15,228.66 for 2022-2023 (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023) (Exhibit #191).

215 Voting Delegates to the 2022 PSBA Delegate Assembly

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District appoint Mr. Otto W. Voit, III and Mrs. Kristyna Eagle as the District's voting delegates to the 2022 PSBA Delegate Assembly.

Physical Plant and Transportation

Resolution No. 216

Moved by Mr. Hoffmaster and Mr. Nelson, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve **Physical Plant and Transportation Resolution No. 216** in their entirety.

Yeas: Ms. Howard, Mr. Hyneman, Mr. Lupia, Mrs. Mengle, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Vasquez, Mr. Voit, Mrs. Eagle, Mr. Hoffmaster. The motion **carried** unanimously.

216 Transportation Contract

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the extension of the transportation contract between the Muhlenberg School District and the Berks County Intermediate Unit for school years 2022-2023, 2023-2024, and 2024-2025 with rate increases of 4%, 3%, and 3% respectively as presented (Exhibit #192).

Budget and Finance

Resolution Nos. 217 -222

Moved by Mr. Lupia and Mr. Voit that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve **Budget and Finance Resolution Nos.**

217 through 222 (Resolution No. 223 pulled for separate vote by Mr. Voit) in their entirety.

Yeas: Mr. Hyneman, Mr. Lupia, Mrs. Mengle, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Vasquez, Mr. Voit, Mrs. Eagle, Mr. Hoffmaster, Ms. Howard. The motion **carried** unanimously.

217 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 #193):

Fund	Treasurer's Report	Financial Report	Bills Paid Month	Investments	Budget Transfers
General	Apr 2022	Mar 2022	May 2022 Ck#52164-52323 V#27299-27327	Apr 2022	
Cafeteria	Apr 2022	Apr 2022	May 2022 Ck#7466-7490 V#2948-2950	Apr 2022	
Capital Reserve (Fund 32)	May 2022	May 2022			
Capital Projects Fund (Fund 39)	May 2022	May 2022			
Activity	Apr 2022	Apr 2022			

218 Award Bids for School Supplies for the 2022-2023 School Year

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District accept the award of bids, from the Berks County Joint Purchasing Cooperative, for the following school supplies for the 2022-2023 school year (Exhibit #194):

a.	Art Supplies	\$26,666.52
b.	Classroom and Office Supplies	36,865.12
c.	Copy Paper	20,716.30
d.	Custodial Supplies	42,215.25
	Total	<hr/> \$126,463.19

219 Award Bids for Food Supplies for the 2022-2023 School Year

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District accept the award of bids, from the Cafeteria Food Cooperative (CAFCO), for the following food supplies for the 2022-2023 school year (Exhibit #195):

a.	Food Service Paper Products	\$125,247.00
b.	Fresh Bread	36,109.44
c.	Grocery	651,952.80
d.	Milk and Dairy	174,677.31
e.	NOI Food Products	190,708.85
	Total	<u>\$1,178,695.40</u>

220 District Insurance Programs

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the district's insurance programs for the 2022-2023 school year per the proposal submitted by the Rigg-Darlington Group:

Type	7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023
Property	\$90,128
General Liability & Crime	19,927
Automobile	7,322
Excess Liability	8,890
School Board E & O	27,309
Privacy and Network Liability	26,342
Student Accident	10,900
Boiler & Machinery	10,218
Total Premium	\$201,036

221 Disposal of Surplus Property

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District authorize the disposal of the following surplus property in accordance with district Policy 706.1, Disposal of Surplus Property as presented (Exhibit #196):

- a. McGraw Hill Wonders Materials - These items are no longer needed, out of contract.
- b. Chromebooks for Disposal - These items are broken or are of no value to the District and have had usable parts removed. (Exhibit - June 2022 Recycle.xlsx Exhibit)

222

2022-2023 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution

Resolved, by the Board of School Directors of Muhlenberg School District, that homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions are authorized for the school year beginning July 1, 2022, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), as follows:

Aggregate amount available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction. The following amounts are available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction for the school year beginning July 1, 2022:

- a. **Gambling tax funds.** The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.505(b), as a property tax reduction allocation funded by gambling tax funds, the amount of \$1,506,071.30.
- b. **Philadelphia tax credit reimbursement funds.** PDE has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.324(3), as reimbursement for Philadelphia tax credits claimed against the School District earned income tax by School District resident taxpayers, the amount of \$1,987.81.
- c. **Property Tax Reduction Funds.** Funds will be available during the school year for real estate reduction as a result of undistributed funds from the property tax reduction funds received in 2021-2022. These funds will be added to the allocation for this school year in the amount of \$109.15.
- d. **Aggregate amount available.** Adding these amounts, the aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction is \$1,508,168.26.

Homestead/farmstead numbers. Pursuant to Act 50, 54 Pa. C.S. § 8584(i), and Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), the County has provided the School District with a certified report listing approved homesteads and farmsteads as follows:

- a. **Homestead property number.** The number of approved homesteads within the School District is 5,349.

- b. **Farmstead property number.** The number of approved farmsteads within the School District is 2.
- c. **Homestead/farmstead combined number.** Adding these numbers, the aggregate number of approved homesteads and farmsteads is 5,351.

Real estate tax reduction calculation. The school board has decided that the homestead exclusion amount and the farmstead exclusion amount shall be equal. Dividing the paragraph 1(d) aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction of \$1,508,168.26 by the paragraph 2(c) aggregate number of approved homesteads and farmsteads of 5,351, before considering the assessed value of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads having an assessed value below the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount to be established as the homestead and farmstead exclusion amount, the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$281.84.

Based on calculations provided by the School District Business Office from the best available information and carefully evaluated by the School Board, considering the assessed value of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads having an assessed value below the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount to be established as the homestead exclusion and the farmstead exclusion amount, an additional aggregate amount of \$1,280.16 will be available during the school year for real estate tax reduction applicable to approximately 5,334 homesteads and farmsteads, resulting in an additional real estate tax reduction amount available for each homestead and farmstead of \$.24. Adding this additional amount to the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$281.84 the final maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$282.08.

Homestead exclusion calculation. Dividing the paragraph 3 maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$282.08 by the School District real estate tax rate of 32.23 mills (.03223) the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a homestead exclusion for each approved homestead is 8,752 and the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a farmstead exclusion for each approved farmstead is 8,752.

Homestead/farmstead exclusion authorization. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved homestead within the School District shall reflect a homestead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the homestead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of 8,752. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved farmstead

within the School District shall reflect an additional farmstead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the farmstead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of 8,752. The homestead exclusion and farmstead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction will apply only to tax notices issued based on the initial tax duplicate used in issuing initial real estate tax notices for the school year, which will be issued on or promptly after July 1, and will not apply to interim real estate tax bills.

223 Pulled for separate vote.

224 Appraisal Services for Tax Assessment Appeal – Pike Distributors, Inc.

BE IT RESOLVED, that John E. Muir, Esquire and Kozloff Stoudt, Professional Corporation, the Solicitors of the Muhlenberg School District, are hereby authorized to settle the real estate tax assessment appeals filed by Pike Distributors, Inc., docketed at Berks County Court of Common Pleas No. 20-17613, 20-17619, and 20-1773 (the "Assessment Appeals"), as follows (Exhibit #198):

**2910 North 5th Street Highway, Muhlenberg Township, Berks County,
Pennsylvania, Property I.D. No. 66530811762080;**

**507 Eisenbrown Street, Muhlenberg Township, Berks County,
Pennsylvania, Property I.D. No. 66530811659684**

**518 Eisenbrown Street, Muhlenberg Township, Berks County,
Pennsylvania, Property I.D. No. 66530811656686**

**525 Eisenbrown Street, Muhlenberg Township, Berks County,
Pennsylvania, Property I.D. No. 66530811659659**

**529 Eisenbrown Street, Muhlenberg Township, Berks County,
Pennsylvania, Property I.D. No. 66530811659735**

**535 Eisenbrown Street, Muhlenberg Township, Berks County,
Pennsylvania, Property I.D. No. 66530811659800**

Tax Period	Fair Market Value	Assessed Value
07/01/2021	\$8,000,000	\$ 4,504,000
07/01/2022	\$8,000,000	\$ 4,160,000

2934 5th Street Highway, Muhlenberg Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, Property I.D. No.: 66530807675952		
Tax Period	Fair Market Value	Assessed Value
07/01/2021	\$3,500,000	\$ 1,970,500
07/01/2022	\$3,500,000	\$ 1,820,000

225 Appraisal Services for Tax Assessment Appeal – Town Square Investors, LLC

BE IT RESOLVED, that John E. Muir, Esquire and Kozloff Stoudt, Professional Corporation, the Solicitors of the Muhlenberg School District, are hereby authorized to settle the real estate tax assessment appeal filed by Town Square Investors, LLC, docketed at Berks County Court of Common Pleas No. 19-13954 regarding the property located at 4210 5th Street Highway, Muhlenberg Township, Reading, Berks County, Pennsylvania 19605, Property ID No. 66530919720361 (the "Assessment Appeal"), as follows (Exhibit #199):

Tax Period	Fair Market Value	Assessed Value
4/1/2019 – 6/20/2019	\$5,100,000	\$3,687,300
07/01/2019	\$5,100,000	\$3,493,500
07/01/2020	\$5,100,000	\$3,172,200
07/01/2021	\$5,100,000	\$2,871,300
07/01/2022	\$5,100,000	\$2,652,000

226 Appraisal Services for Tax Assessment Appeal – General Battery & Ceramic Corp.

BE IT RESOLVED, that John E. Muir, Esquire and Kozloff Stoudt, Professional Corporation, the Solicitors of the Muhlenberg School District, are hereby authorized to settle the real estate tax assessment appeals filed by General Battery & Ceramic Corp., docketed at Berks County Court of Common Pleas No. 19-18987 regarding the property located at 200 Spring Valley Road, Muhlenberg Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, Property I.D. No. 66531809261883 and Berks County Court of Common Pleas No. 19-18997 regarding the property located at 3000 Rosedale Avenue, Laureldale Borough, Berks County, Pennsylvania, Property ID No. 57531805178744 (the "Assessment Appeals"), as follows (Exhibit #200):

200 Spring Valley Road, Muhlenberg Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, Property I.D. No. 66531809261883		
Tax Period	Fair Market Value	Assessed Value
07/01/2020	\$800,000	\$497,600
07/01/2021	\$640,000	\$360,300
07/01/2022	\$64,000	\$33,300

3000 Rosedale Avenue, Laureldale Borough, Berks County, Pennsylvania, Property ID No. 57531805178744		
Tax Period	Fair Market Value	Assessed Value
07/01/2020	\$450,000	\$279,900
07/01/2021	\$360,000	\$202,700
07/01/2022	\$36,000	\$18,700

227 General Fund Transfer

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District transfer zero percent (0%) of residual general fund balance greater than eight (8 %) percent of the 2022-2023 budgeted expenditures to the Capital Reserve Fund and one hundred percent (100%) to be transferred to Assigned PSERS fund balance.

228 Reading-Muhlenberg Career & Technology Center Proposed Budget for the 2022-2023 School Year

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the Reading-Muhlenberg Career & Technology Center Proposed Budget for the 2022-2023 school year at the district's share of \$2,264,326.462 (Exhibit #201).

Resolution No. 223

Moved by Mr. Hoffmaster and Mr. Voit that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve **Budget and Finance Resolution No. 223** in its entirety.

Yeas: Mr. Lupia, Mrs. Mengle, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Vasquez, Mr. Voit, Mrs. Eagle, Mr. Hoffmaster, Ms. Howard, Mr. Hyneman. The motion **carried** unanimously.

223 Adoption of Final Budget for 2022-2023 School Year

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District adopt the 2022-2023 Final Budget as presented by the Administration. The Final Balanced Budget Expenditures total \$71,321,075; Revenues total \$70,202,277 and \$1,118,798 will be used from assigned PSERS fund balance. The millage rate of 32.23 mills depicts a .75 millage increase.

Said budget shall set forth a levy of the following tax structure: a tax of 32.23 mills (\$32.23 per \$1,000.00) of assessed market value of real estate; and the district's share of a realty transfer tax of 1%; a local services tax of \$52.00 for Laureldale and an local services tax of \$52.00 for Muhlenberg Township; a 1% earned income tax; a mercantile tax consisting of one mil on wholesale transactions; and a business privilege tax at the rate of one and one-half mills on the gross volume of business, to provide the necessary revenue for same (Exhibit #197).

Questions/Comments/Concerns:

Mr. Voit wanted to follow up on Dr. Macharola's discussion and Mr. Mathias's presentation, as he advised there is no person on this Board that wants to do what they have to do tonight and that is to raise taxes. He stated that this is not a political speech; it's a heartfelt one. He talked about how the Board fights to do what they can to be prudent with the spending. He believes overall the District has done well, and has trusted the Board with the community's votes to do what is best for the community. He spoke about every year being painful, however he feels this year has been the most painful of all; because there are so many self-inflicted economic issues that are out there such as gas prices, inflation, and that affects the District here. With COVID, and now what needs to be done at the District for the health and safety of the students. He spoke about the importance of supporting the District's students and caring for them; he talked about the students coming to Muhlenberg are going to get an education and they are going to be safe while they are here. Mr. Voit spoke about the positions that are being presented in the budget, which are not frivolous; the District needs social workers, two police officers, Special Education Supervisor, paraprofessionals that will be helping out in Special Education and some other areas. He advised these are not frivolous areas, the District is trying to balance what is "right" this year. He discussed knowing the tax increase is painful, in fact everything everywhere is painful. Mr. Voit expressed that he is asking the public, who entrusted the Board in these positions by voting for them, to understand what the District has to do and to support these initiatives here which will help the student's mental health and safety. Mr. Voit advised that he would rather take the public's calls, with sharing the pain of this tax increase with him, than get a call from the public one day saying the Board did not do enough for the students and this is where he stands tonight.

Mr. Hyeman talked about reminding everyone that the District has been very prudent and for that reason, the District has the lowest cost per pupil of any school district in Berks County. He advised the District has not been frivolous with money, however the District is in a time when schools are "under fire;" the police are "under fire."

Mr. Hoffmaster agreed with everything Mr. Voit and Mr. Hyneman said.

Education

Resolution Nos. 229 – 243

Moved by Mr. Hoffmaster and Mr. Voit, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve **Education Nos. 229 through 243** in their entirety.

Yeas: Mrs. Mengle, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Vasquez, Mr. Voit, Mrs. Eagle, Mr. Hoffmaster, Ms. Howard, Mr. Hyneman, Mr. Lupia. The motion **carried** unanimously.

229 Certificate of Support Students

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the enrollment of Certificate of Support Students, PA School Code 1302, for the 2021-2022 school year as listed (Exhibit #202).

230 Student to Complete 2021-2022 School Year as a Non-Resident Student

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the request for the following student to complete the 2021-2022 school year as non-resident student:

- a. Student #40125, 1st Grade, Muhlenberg Elementary Center

231 Literacy Pilot and Professional Development

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the Literacy Pilot for 2022-2023 school year and professional development for August 25, 2022 dedicated to the pilot teachers (Exhibit #203).

232 Adoption of Revised Curricula, Textbooks and Instructional Materials for the 2022-2023 School Year

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District adopt the revised curricula, textbooks and instructional materials as recommended and presented for the 2022-2023 school year as in accordance with the Pennsylvania School Code, Article VIII, Section 803 (Exhibit #204).

233 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 (Exhibit #205):

- a. Student No. #34943

234 Extended School Year Student Tuition Agreements

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the district enrollment into the Community Eligibility Provision, which will allow continued free meal services to all students K-12 in the Muhlenberg School District (Exhibit #206).

- a. Student #34900, Overbrook School for the Blind
- b. Student #38265, Opportunities School
- c. Student #36466, Opportunities School
- d. Student #36045, Opportunities School
- e. Student #39309, Opportunities School
- f. Student #39355, New Story
- g. Student #40016, New Story

235 Educational Field Trip Request

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following educational trip as presented (Exhibit #207):

- a. Muhlenberg High School Cheer Program Students, to attend the UCA Camp at Chestnut Lake in Beach Lake, PA on August 19, 2022 through August 22, 2022 at no cost to the district.

236 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 #208):

- a. Student "U", C. E. Cole Intermediate
- b. Student "V", C.E. Cole Intermediate
- c. Student "W", Muhlenberg Junior High School

237 Cooperative Agreement with Brandywine School District

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the agreement between Brandywine School District and

Muhlenberg School District in Water Polo, beginning 2022-2023 school year as the host school.

238 Flexible Instruction Days Plan and Application

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the Flexible Instruction Days Plan and application and their submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for approval.

239 Muhlenberg Junior High School A-TSI/TSI Plan for the 2022-2023 School Year

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the Muhlenberg Junior High School A-TSI/TSI Plan for the 2022-2023 school year, as presented (Exhibit #209).

240 Health Services Agreement for the 2022-2023 School Year

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the health services agreement with Dr. Jeffrey Gold to provide school physician services for the district for the 2022-2023 school year (Exhibit #210).

241 Approval of River Rock Academy Agreement

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the agreement with River Rock Academy for secondary and elementary student services for the 2022-2023 school year as presented (Exhibit #211).

242 Conference Request

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following conference request (Exhibit #212):

- a. Mrs. Elizabeth Laviena, to attend the Unidos Annual Conference in San Antonio, TX on July 8, 2022 through July 13, 2022 at no cost to the district (awarded full scholarship to attend).

243 Approval of the Muhlenberg School District Emergency Instructional Time Template for the 2022-2023 School Year

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the Muhlenberg School District Emergency Instructional Time Template along with the academic schedule for the 2022-2023 school year as presented (Exhibit #213).

Student Activities

There was none.

Minutes

Resolution No. 244

244 Approval of Minutes

Moved by Mr. Voit and Mr. Nelson, that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of May 4, 2022 and the Regular Board Meeting of May 4, 2022.

Yeas: Mr. Nelson, Mr. Vasquez, Mr. Voit, Mrs. Eagle, Mr. Hoffmaster, Ms. Howard, Mr. Hyneman, Mr. Lupia, Mrs. Mengle. The motion **carried** unanimously.

Old Business

Mr. Lupia talked about the township meetings and noted the disconnect between the township and the district. He talked about being the liaison between these two entities starting out okay, but now there hasn't been any cooperation with the township and has gotten to the point where there no longer is this liaison position. He spoke about the township having a business, a tax-base to help the school, however Muhlenberg for many years having vacant lots, empty storefronts, no industry as all of the big industries left the township. He advised the public to ask a commissioner what attempts they are making to bring that industry back, those restaurants that used to be here back into the township.

Mr. Hyneman did also comment that if people want to get out of poverty, they need to have an education; doesn't mean they have to go to college. There is a shortage of people with skilled trades and quite frankly, they do very well. He spoke about encouraging students to decide what they want to do in their life, they have to find something that they will enjoy doing.

New Business

There was none.

Questions/Comments/Concerns:

Mr. Mish spoke about the vast increase in participation at the Reading Muhlenberg Career and Technology center over the past few years and how well the program has become getting students interested. Mr. Mish also spoke about the scholarships coming out of the RMCTC as well.

Mrs Mengle spoke about the great job of the guidance counselors at Junior High and High School and the hopes they will continue to promote these programs.

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 2022-2023

September	Mrs. Cindy Mengle
October	Mr. Garret Hyneman
November	Mrs. Krystina Eagle
December	Mr. J. Tony Lupia, Jr.
January	Mr. Otto W. Voit, III
February	Mr. Mark Nelson
March	Mr. Miguel Vasquez
April	Ms. Janet Howard
May	Mr. Richard E. Hoffmaster

Review of Board Meetings and Calendar of Events

June 13	6:30 PM	RMCTC Board Meeting
June 15	6:30 PM	COW and Regular Board Meeting
July 13	6:30 PM	COW and Regular Board Meeting
August 1	6:30 PM	RMCTC Board Meeting
August 10	6:30 PM	COW and Regular Board Meeting
September 7	7:00 PM	COW Meeting
September 12	6:30 PM	RMCTC Board Meeting
September 14	7:00 PM	Regular Board Meeting
October 5	7:00 PM	COW Meeting


October 10	6:30 PM	RMCTC Board Meeting
October 12	7:00 PM	Regular Board Meeting
November 2	7:00 PM	COW Meeting
November 9	7:00 PM	Regular Board Meeting
November 14	6:30 PM	RMCTC Board Meeting
December 5	6:30 PM	Annual Organization Meeting; COW; Regular Board Meeting

245 **Adjourn Meeting**

Moved by Mr. Hoffmaster and Mr. Lupia, that there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Yeas: Mr. Vasquez, Mr. Voit, Mrs. Eagle, Mr. Hoffmaster, Ms. Howard, Mr. Hyneman, Mr. Lupia, Mrs. Mengle, Mr. Nelson. The motion **carried** unanimously.

Attest:


Cindy L. Mengle
Secretary