

MUHLENBERG SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
January 13, 2021  
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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, January 13, 2021 at 7:26 PM by Board President, Mr. S. Wayne Hardy via remote access using Zoom.

**Members Present**

President – Mr. S. Wayne Hardy  
Vice President – Mr. J. Tony Lupia, Jr.  
Secretary – Mr. Thomas W. Gross  
Treasurer - Mr. Richard E. Hoffmaster  
Member – Mr. Garrett E. Hyneman  
Member – Mr. Mark J. Nelson  
Member – Mr. Otto W. Voit, III  
Solicitor – Mr. Brian F. Boland, Esq.  
Recording Secretary – Mrs. Patricia L. Law

**Members Absent**

Assistant Secretary – Mrs. Cindy L. Mengle  
Member – Mr. Randall R. Madara (had technical difficulties; unable to sign-in)

**Administration Present**

Superintendent – Dr. Joseph E. Macharola  
Assistant Superintendent – Dr. Alan S. Futrick  
Business Manager – Mr. Shane M. Mathias, CPA  
Director of Physical Plant and Transportation – Mr. Ken Patterson  
Director of Special Education – Dr. Shawn Rutt  
Supervisor of Special Education – Dr. Tyler Herman  
Behavior Analyst – Mr. Zachary Milch  
Director of Technology – Mr. Daniel Houck  
Director of Federal Programs – Mrs. Cathy Shappell  
Director of Food and Nutrition – Mr. Carey Kline  
Community & Family Outreach Coordinator & Interpreter – Ms. Elizabeth Laviena  
Athletic Director – Dr. Tim Moyer  
High School Principal – Mr. Michael Mish  
High School Assistant Principal – Ms. Lori Morris  
High School Assistant Principal – Mr. C. Eric Schaeffer  
Middle School Principal – Dr. Jeffery Ebert  
Middle School Assistant Principal – Dr. Felicia Gonzalez  
Elementary Center Principal – Mr. Kyle Crater  
Elementary Center Assistant Principal – Mrs. Ginny Hornberger

**Visitors** (Note: This is who appeared to be attending via Zoom and may not include everyone)

Amanda Gring	Linda Figueroa	Alyssa Missimer	Andrew Haas
April Kreiser	Breanna Hafer	Cathy Liszcz	Audrey Smeltzer-Schwab
Cathy Salesky	Coleen Russo	Cristina Lillis	Erika Watson
Erin Wentzel	Inga Hobbs	Jay Seyler	Jenn Doyle
Jen Wenzel	Jill McIntyre	Jolyn Casper	Kathi Wolfe
Kim Velazquez	Kylene Sanders	Laurie Vlasak	Kristen Bagenstose
Lisa Chlebowski	Malinda Essig	Mary Cameron	Kristen Antonellos
Michael Althouse	Michele Weaver	Brian J. Boland	Kristy Rothenberger
Angela Szczecina	Dan Fair	Judy Becker	Nicole McGowan
Wendy Hromik	Morgan Boone	Mrs. Moser	Michele McCammitt
Carey Rowe	Laura Zubey	Penny Vojtasek	Samantha Armstrong
Sarah Hnatuick	Sharon Kile	Sue Ramirez	Yanilieen Rodriguez

### **Educational Presentations**

*There were none.*

**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.

Michael and Karen Althouse – Mr. Althouse said they have three children who attend the Muhlenberg School District, and they have been happy with the education they have been receiving. Mr. Althouse requested an update or a plan for possibly implementing a hybrid type of educational plan considering many of the districts around Muhlenberg are doing that. He said he and his wife are hopeful that sometime in the near future the school board and administration would consider this and what the thoughts and timeline was for this.

Dr. Macharola replied that the District is poised and ready to go to the next step. The District needs a very safe learning environment; and, the Muhlenberg School District does not have the same environment as many of the local districts that are around it. This District's issues are a little different. He said last week he was a bit surprised when Secretary Ortega and Secretary Levine picked the date of January 25<sup>th</sup> for students to return to school. They suggested that even though the COVID cases are growing and still high with the death rate still growing. Dr. Macharola said they did not mandate that Districts must bring the students back to school, but they said it would be case-by-case and area-by-area. He said he was not sure why January 25<sup>th</sup> was chosen as the date, but perhaps it was because it was close to the end of the semester.

Dr. Macharola said it is not just children in a school; staff would have to be able to deliver instruction safely as well. At the end of the first marking period, there were eighty-three employees that were out for COVID related illnesses – either asymptomatic, symptomatic, or tested positive for COVID-19 – some hospitalized. He said this week the District is 202. The District has to be able to staff the schools and does not have multiple buildings. The schools are very filled. For the District to maintain three to six feet for social distancing, would obviously lead into a hybrid. The District was not set-up for it in the beginning, but is poised and ready now. Dr. Macharola said the key would be vaccinations – that would be his recommendation. Health Services technicians and nurses have either received the first vaccination and then the second in three weeks. The vaccines have been slow coming out of Berks County. He said the safety of staff and faculty is critical because the one piece that was missing with Secretary Ortega and Secretary Levine was the adults. Dr. Macharola said ninety children cannot be in the same room. He said even a hybrid with safe distancing would be impossible with the scenario the District has at this time. Dr. Macharola is hoping that the vaccines step-up. The adults in the District - the maintenance workers, custodians, cafeteria workers, instructional assistants and teachers would all feel much more comfortable if they were vaccinated and so would he. One life lost is one too many. He said the earliest date that the District can even think about mobilizing into a hybrid which would be staggered the first week to get the students back, would be February 8<sup>th</sup> and that is not written in stone. Dr. Macharola said he hopes that more vaccines become available. He said he was told that St. Joe's, Reading and Tower Health are still at Phase 1A and teachers are 1B. Dr. Macharola said he heard that 35% of Berks County's business is at St. Luke's, Lehigh Valley, but the District is still 1B and he hoped that it really moves. He said he would feel much better to know that all of the staff would be vaccinated especially with the transient portion of the students coming into school. There is research that says COVID including the new strain is carrying that way as well. Many of the teachers and parents have concerns about children with compromised immune systems as well. Dr. Macharola said that February 8<sup>th</sup> is the earliest that the District could stagger a start of an A/B hybrid. The District has stepped up with CARES and grant monies that the Director of Federal Programs has worked hard for administration to provide instruction in two-fold. Dr. Macharola said the District would be sending out a survey the next day. It is a very quick survey to help the District navigate enrollment and transportation and providing safe distancing while on the bus. He said many parents have reached out to him with concerns about how the District will justify and verify that a student is not coming from a COVID related home and not reported. There are many issues to work out that people may not see. Dr. Macharola said his main concern is to get kids back to school, and no one wants that more than her does, but without question, staff must be vaccinated before that happens. He said he hoped that vaccinating steps up and he heard today that it is and that would provide some relief if that was the case. Dr. Macharola said with 202 employees affected by this, the District would have had to shut down a total of six to eight weeks in the first marking period and that is without students being in school; had students been in school, he believed it would have been eight to nine weeks and would not have been able to open in the second marking period because of COVID-10 and its unique condition here in this area at the north side of the city. Dr. Macharola said the District is poised and ready. With 400 children who have compromised immune systems, as a parent, he said he would not send his child back to school because COVID-19 does not discriminate and he would not want any child to

suffer or perish. Dr. Macharola said the District is now capable to stream for those 400 students and teachers are ready. He said there is no reason for anyone to go to Agora or to another charter school when students can receive a Muhlenberg School District education live at home at the same time children that choose to be in school in that hybrid. The District will need to know who will be returning to school and who will be learning from home and that will change all the time. Dr. Macharola said that was one thing the District was not able to do in the beginning of the school year, but can do now. The other 30% of parents will not send their children back to school, which totals 1,360 students; however, he said he thought when the time comes it will be less than that and could be 5-10 %, which is still 700 students and the key is that they stay in the District and be a part of the hybrid that will be staggered in the beginning to get the kids back. It will be the parent's choice, but there is nowhere else when a child can get a Muhlenberg School District education live at the same time while students are at home. Dr. Macharola said this is the new norm that school districts will be dealing with. He said the District is prepared, it is postured, and teachers are increasing their streaming skills to teach asynchronous and synchronous while students are here and when they are not here on a hybrid. He said there will be some hiccups in the beginning but will be worked through. Dr. Macharola said timeline-wise, there will be nothing before February 8<sup>th</sup>. He said he wants the children in school but with the way COVID is running at this time it would be very difficult and he is hoping that in the next three to four weeks, staff can get inoculated and provide that level of safety for students. There have been other concerns from staff as well. Everyone will have to wear a mask – masking is important. There are concerns about transportation and the District will be working with the IU about this. There are concerns about the cafeteria eating too close and droplets in the air – these are all just some of the concerns that he has been approached with about returning. Dr. Macharola said he was going to ask everyone for some cooperation and this includes the adults – faculty and staff. He said number one – vaccines – in the next two to three weeks; number two – staggered when the students start (February 8<sup>th</sup>, but not written in stone).

Comments/Questions/Concerns:

*Mr. Nelson said he felt they should be careful about throwing out dates because there is not date for the roll-out of the vaccine. He said he did not want to say students would be returning on February 8<sup>th</sup> and the vaccine only comes out February 5<sup>th</sup> because there are three weeks between doses. Mr. Nelson said if things started tomorrow, this would be the date, but since the start date is unknown, the District should be careful about discussing dates.*

Dr. Macharola said he appreciated Mr. Nelson's comments and he said February 8<sup>th</sup> was the earliest that the District might be able to bring students back, but was not saying that was the date to return. He said the roll-out of the vaccine is unknown at this time and only about 8,000 to 10,000 have had their first inoculations at this point with only about 400 people getting their second dose. Dr. Macharola said this date is not false hope; but, he cannot even think of anything until that date.

Karen Althouse – Mrs. Althouse said her husband is a teacher at Daniel Boone and trying to navigate through a different environment is something they understand, but on the same note, they want the kids back to school. She said fortunately, she is able to work from home but there are a lot of friends, neighbors and fellow residents that do not have the same opportunity. Mrs. Althouse said she and her husband have three children in three different buildings and she wanted to know if it was going to be different in all buildings and if it would be different for students who have an IEP versus students who do not. She thanked Dr. Macharola for putting a date out there as it gives parents a glimpse of hope and something to look forward to because it has been a really long year and challenging at times. Mrs. Althouse said she appreciated it and would not hold Dr. Macharola to it. Dr. Macharola said the District has multiple families with multiple children in different buildings and it will take some organization to align children so that the instruction coincides with families. He said the District has families with children who are in different grades but have different names. Most places using the hybrid break it down A-L and then M-Z so that will have to be organized to align those students. He said those are some of the things that the Assistant Superintendent along with other administrators have been working on. Dr. Macharola said children with IEPs will be in school. He said there is discussion about bringing those =students to school every day but administration wants to be sure to cross their “t’s” and dot their “i’s” with IDEA and making sure the District is meeting the needs students not only with IEPs but those with 504 plans. Dr. Macharola said that will also include ELL students; it will have to be a balance with numbers. He said Muhlenberg is a district that has grown immensely over the last six years with well over 4,000 students. The District has had students who have gone to other schools since COVID started but the schools are full so that has been a bit of a challenge too. He said other neighboring districts may have a little bit more room. Dr. Macharola asked Mrs. Althouse if he answered her questions and she replied, yes, thank you.

Katie Iannacchino – Ms. Iannacchino said that Dr. Macharola said the District is prepared and ready to go as soon as the teachers are vaccinated, but it seemed like the survey would be going out tomorrow because the District is having bigger issues with transportation and the lunch room that still have not been resolved. Ms. Iannacchino said as a parent, she was disappointed and said it was disheartening to know that the kids have been at home for almost ten months. She expected the District to have a plan ready to go with everything worked out with teachers providing their feedback and then tweaking the plan whether that included Board members going into the school to actually visually see what the plan was. Ms. Iannacchino asked if the supplies were ordered – extra PPE, plexi-glass – whatever is needed to get the students back into school. She said she thought all of that would have been completed and ready to go for when the kids would go back because all of that takes a lot of time too. Dr. Macharola said he appreciated what she said and he was saddened that she was disappointed. He said the District is ready, but it has taken a lot of time to prepare. He said Mr. Patterson is working on the plex-iglass and is waiting for it to come in. Dr. Macharola said the piece to transportation and the cafeteria is not that easy to work out if it is not known what it is going to look like and that is what a little piece of the survey is. He said the District is ready to go; the plex-iglass will be up, hopefully, but what the District needs to know is whether parents will send their children to school and will they put their children on the bus. This must be worked out with the IU and is not something that

could be done months ago. Dr. Macharola said things change – minute-by-minute, hour-by-hour, day-by-day as the issues arise and change so will the answers. He said there is not a single thing a school board member will be able to do walking into a classroom because they are school board members and they are servants to the community, but what would they know about instruction, didactic interaction and, as far as safety is concerned, there isn't a thing that the District is going to do other than provide a safe environment for everyone. Dr. Macharola said he was saddened that she would be disappointed but understood why she would think that, but there would be hiccups no matter what the District does or when it would have started but it cannot happen right now until people are vaccinated, which is something he is unable to control. Dr. Macharola said the District is poised and it was a huge undertaking for the faculty and staff when they started teaching virtually from campus, but it is better for the students. He said the two items she mentioned will be worked out by the Assistant Superintendent and the Principals, and it will require schedule changes which they will be working on. Dr. Macharola said that is why it is important to see the numbers. He said the District must be poised and ready for someone who changes their mind, which could be 50 to 100 or maybe 200. That would change the dynamics of a classroom and it is not something the District can control. Dr. Macharola said he is pleased with what everyone has done so far to get the students back and it is easy for someone on the outside to think that something more could have been done. Dr. Macharola said he supported his faculty and staff with how far they've come thus far. He said no one wants the kids back more than he does, but safety is number one.

### **Committee Reports**

A. Berks County Intermediate Unit – Mr. Randall R. Madara

No report at this time.

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

No report at this time.

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

No report at this time.

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

Mr. Voit said the only item that occurred was the PSERS election and of over 5,000 people that could have voted for the school board representative, only 9% voted and he lost by twenty votes. He thanked everyone for their support.

E. Muhlenberg Community Library – Mr. Terry Heckman (Read by Dr. Futrick)

On December 7<sup>th</sup> the Library finally opened on a limited basis offering patrons 'Books To Go' where all requested selections are available to them for curbside pick-up. This is progressing quite well so far.

Restoration renovations to the building are about 95% complete.

Several members of the Library board are working on online fundraising raffles to help generate income. Their hard work has paid off. So far, they have had six raffles netting a profit of over \$3,100 with at least two more raffles still remaining.

Even though the overall income is down for the year, expenses are proportionately down as well, which means that the Library will probably end the year near the breakeven point.

The local community has been very supportive of the Library's needs and have helped it to stay fiscally afloat throughout the Summer and Fall. A retired Muhlenberg educator really stepped up and gave a significant contribution to help get through these trying times. The Library board and staff are humbled and grateful for such incredible generosity.

All things considered, with all the problems seen in 2020, things turned out relatively well for the Library.

The Library board and staff look forward to 2021 and returning to providing patrons with all of the services they have come to expect.

F. Muhlenberg Township/Laureldale Borough Liaison – Mr. J. Tony Lupia, Jr.

Mr. Lupia did not have a report by expanded on what Dr. Futrick said about purchasing raffle tickets for the Library.

G. Educational Programs – Dr. Alan S. Futrick

No report at this time.

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

No report at this time.

**Superintendent's Comments** - Dr. Joseph Macharola

No report at this time.

## Board Business

### Personnel

#### **Resolution Nos. 111A-111C, 111E-111I (Resolution No. 111D was pulled for a separate vote)**

Moved by Mr. Hoffmaster and Mr. Voit, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve **Resolution Nos. 111A through 111C and 111E through 111I** in their entirety. *(Resolution No. 111D was pulled for a separate vote)*

**Yeas:** Mr. Gross, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Hoffmaster, Mr. Hyneman, Mr. Lupia, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Voit. The motion **carried** unanimously.

#### **111A Acceptance of Resignations**

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

- a. Ms. Jody Kilpatrick, Job Coach/Educational Assistant, Muhlenberg High School, effective December 1, 2020.
- b. Colonel Donald Kline, Senior Aerospace Science Instructor (SASI) AFJROTC, Muhlenberg High School, resignation for the purpose of retirement, effective June 30, 2021.

#### **111B Professional Appointments**

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

- a. Ms. Beverly Witte Mech, Long-Term Substitute, Second Grade (M. Feather), effective December 16, 2020 through on or about March 19, 2021, at a prorated salary of \$45,090 (B+9, 18 Steps from the Top).
- b. Ms. Taylor Brennan, Long-Term Substitute, Third Grade (A. Reed), effective January 19, 2021 through on or about March 26, 2021, at a prorated salary of \$42,932 (B, 18 Steps from the Top).
- c. Ms. Shuleill Ramirez, Third Grade, (C. Shillady transfer), Muhlenberg Elementary Center, effective January 14, 2021, at a prorated salary of \$42,932 (B, 18 Steps from the Top).
- d. Mr. Matthew DeAngelis, Certified School Psychologist (F. DeHart), Muhlenberg Elementary Center, effective upon release from current employer per PA School Code, at a prorated salary of \$80,047 (M+30, 7 Steps from the Top).

**111C 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. Mrs. Cristina Lillis, Fourth Grade Teacher, C. E. Cole Intermediate School, Leave of Absence/FMLA, effective on or about February 26, 2021 through on or about April 12, 2021.
- b. Mrs. Cynthia Meyers, Kindergarten Teacher, Muhlenberg Elementary Center, Leave of Absence/FMLA, effective on or about March 8, 2021 through on or about May 18, 2021.

**111D Pulled for a separate vote.**

**111E Approval of Revised Job Descriptions**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the following revised job descriptions (Exhibit #87):

- a. Elementary School Counselor - Elementary and/or Intermediate School
- b. Secondary School Counselor - Middle School and High School

**111F Classified Appointments**

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

- a. Ms. Madison Pyott, Instructional Assistant (M. Wagner), Muhlenberg High School, effective January 14, 2021, at a pay rate of \$14.58 per hour.
- b. Ms. Patricia Keiper, Class A Secretary (P. Schrift), Muhlenberg Middle School, effective January 4, 2021, at a salary of \$48,339, prorated for days worked.

**111G Co-Curricular Appointments**

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

- a. Ms. Patricia Keiper, Varsity Girls Basketball Assistant Coach, effective November 10, 2020, at a salary of \$4,615 (year 5).
- b. Ms. Michele Weaver, Honor Society Advisor, Muhlenberg High School, effective January 4, 2021, at a prorated stipend of \$747 (year 3) for days worked.

**111H Co-Curricular Resignations**

Resolved, that the Board of Directors of the Muhlenberg School District accept the following co-curricular resignations:

- a. Mr. Matthew Sola, Junior High Baseball Co-Assistant Coach, effective January 7, 2021.
- b. Ms. Hannah Gallagher, Varsity Girls Lacrosse Assistant Coach, effective January 6, 2021.

**111I Unpaid Leave of Absence**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve an unpaid leave of absence for the following personnel:

- a. Mrs. Jaclyn Wisotsky, Muhlenberg Middle School, effective January 19, 2021 through February 15, 2021 (returning February 16, 2021).

**Resolution No. 111D**

Moved by Mr. Hoffmaster and Mr. Voit, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve **Personnel Resolution No. 111D** in its entirety.

**Yeas:** Mr. Hardy, Mr. Hoffmaster, Mr. Hyneman, Mr. Lupia, Mr. Voit, Mr. Gross. **Abstain:** Mr. Nelson. The motion **carried** unanimously.

**111D 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 2020-2021 school year:

- a. Ms. Michele McCammitt, mentor for Ms. Jade Fagley, Long-Term Substitute, 3rd Grade, Muhlenberg Elementary Center, for thirty (30) hours.
- b. Ms. Tara Nelson, mentor for Ms. Laura Santangelo, Technology & Engineering Teacher, Muhlenberg Elementary Center, for sixty (60) hours.

**Management**

**Resolution No. 112**

Moved by Mr. Nelson and Mr. Lupia, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve **Management Resolution No. 112** in its entirety.

**Yeas:** Mr. Hardy, Mr. Hoffmaster, Mr. Hyneman, Mr. Lupia, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Voit, Mr. Gross. The motion **carried** unanimously.

**112 Reading-Muhlenberg CTC Authority Member Appointment (W. Eckert) (five-year term)**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District appoint Mr. Timothy N. Feltenberger as the RMCTC Authority Member for the five-year term ending in December 2025 to fill expired term of William Eckert.

**Physical Plant and Transportation**

*No items.*

**Budget and Finance**

**Resolution Nos. 113 - 117**

Moved by Mr. Hyneman and Mr. Lupia, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve **Budget and Finance Resolution Nos. 113 through 117** in their entirety.

**Yeas:** Mr. Hyneman, Mr. Lupia, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Voit, Mr. Gross, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Hoffmaster. The motion **carried** unanimously.

**113 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 #88):

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	<b>Financial Report</b>	<b>Bills Paid Month</b>	<b>Investments</b>	<b>Budget Transfers</b>
General	Nov 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020 Ck#49065-49201 V#26652-26677	Nov 2020	
Cafeteria	Nov 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020 Ck#6966-6994 V#2842-2844	Nov 2020	
Capital Reserve (Fund 32)	Dec 2020	Dec 2020			
Capital Projects Fund (Fund 39)	Dec 2020	Dec 2020			
Activity	Nov 2020	Nov 2020			

**114 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 #89):

- a. Chromebooks for Disposal – These items are broken or harvested for useable parts and have no value.

**115 Acceptance of Financial and Compliance Report from Herbein & Company, Inc.**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District accept the Financial and Compliance Report from Herbein & Company, Inc., for fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 as presented (Exhibit #90).

**116 Act 1 Index for 2021-2022 School Year**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District, as in accordance with Act 1 of 2006; hereby, certifies that it will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of the district for the 2021-2022 fiscal year by more than its index as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education - Act 1 Index for 2021-2022 is 3.0% adjusted to 4.2%, at a maximum of 1.29066 mills (Exhibit #91).

**117 Certification of Unpaid Real Estate Taxes for Calendar Year 2020**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District authorize the Certification of Unpaid Real Estate Taxes for Muhlenberg Township and the Borough of Laureldale for calendar year 2020 to be submitted to the Berks County Tax Claim Bureau (Exhibit #92).

**Education**

**Resolution Nos. 118 - 120**

Moved by Mr. Hoffmaster and Mr. Lupia, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve **Education Resolution Nos. 118 through 120** in their entirety.

**Yeas:** Mr. Lupia, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Voit, Mr. Gross, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Hoffmaster, Mr. Hyneman. The motion **carried** unanimously.

**118 Acceptance of Gifts, Grants, Donations**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District accept the following donations in accordance with district Policy 702, Gifts, Grants, Donations (Exhibit #93):

- a. Mr. Brian F. Boland, Esq., donation of \$250 for needed items in the Muhlenberg School District.

**119 School Based Services Agreement**

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve the agreement with Mind Matters, Coaching, Counseling & Psychological Associates, LLC to provide school-based counseling services as presented (Exhibit #94).

**120 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 #95):

- a. Student No. 31660

Comments/Questions/Concerns:

*Mr. Hoffmaster, Mr. Voit and Mr. Hyneman thanked Mr. Boland for the donation.*

**Student Activities**

*There was none.*

**Minutes**

**Resolution No. 121**

**121 Approval of Minutes**

Moved by Mr. Voit and Mr. Hyneman, that the minutes of the Annual Organization Meeting of December 2, 2020; the Committee of the Whole meeting of December 2, 2020; and, the Regular Board Meeting of December 2, 2020 be approved as submitted.

**Yeas:** Mr. Gross, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Hoffmaster, Mr. Lupia, Mr. Hyneman, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Voit. The motion **carried** unanimously.

## Old Business

*There was none.*

## New Business

### Resolution No. 122

Moved by Mr. Hoffmaster and Mr. Hyneman, that the Board of Education of the Muhlenberg School District approve **Resolution No. 122** in its entirety.

**Yeas:** Mr. Nelson, Mr. Voit, Mr. Gross, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Hoffmaster, Mr. Hyneman, Mr. Lupia. The motion **carried** unanimously.

### 122 Memoriam of Mr. Sanford A. Smith

Resolved, that we remember the passing of Mr. Sanford A. Smith who served in the Muhlenberg School District for thirty-five (35) years as a math teacher. 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.

## 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 was none.*

## MSD/RMCTC Board Visitor of the Month

January	Mr. Otto W. Voit, III
February	Mr. Mark Nelson
March	Mr. Garrett Hyneman
April	Mrs. Cindy Mengle
May	Mr. Richard E. Hoffmaster

## Review of Board Meetings and Calendar of Events

January 13	6:30 PM	Committee of the Whole and Regular Board Meeting
February 3	7:00 PM	Committee of the Whole Meeting
February 8	6:30 PM	RMCTC Board Meeting

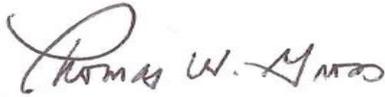
February 10	7:00 PM	Regular Board Meeting
March 3	7:00 PM	Committee of the Whole Meeting
March 8	6:30 PM	RMCTC Board Meeting
March 10	7:00 PM	Regular Board Meeting
April 7	7:00 PM	Committee of the Whole Meeting
April 12	6:30 PM	RMCTC Board Meeting
April 14	7:00 PM	Regular Board Meeting
May 5	7:00 PM	Committee of the Whole Meeting
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May 12	7:00 PM	Regular Board Meeting
June 2	6:30 PM	Committee of the Whole and Regular Board Meeting
June 14	6:30 PM	RMCTC Board Meeting

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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 8:08 PM.

**Yeas:** Mr. Gross, Mr. Hardy, Mr. Hoffmaster, Mr. Hyneman, Mr. Lupia, Mr. Madara, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Voit. The motion **carried** unanimously.

Attest:



Thomas W. Gross  
Secretary