PRESS RELEASE

NOTICE OF MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
1403 Honaker Avenue, Princeton, WV 24740

For Immediate Release:
Date: February 4, 2026
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The public is hereby notified that the Mercer County Board of Education will convene and meet at **5:00 PM** for Regular Session on **Monday, February 9, 2026** in the Seminar Center at Mercer County Technical Education Center, 1397 Stafford Drive, Princeton, WV, at which time the following topics or propositions will be brought on for discussion and action:

AMENDED AGENDA
MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Session (5:00 P.M.)
February 9, 2026
MCTEC Seminar Center
http://tinyurl.com/mercerwv

I. ROLL CALL

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. LSIC PRESENTATIONS

1. Mercer Elementary School
2. Straley Elementary School

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S OPENING REMARKS/PRESENTATIONS

V. CITIZENS INPUT

VI. POLICY 2322 WEST VIRGINIA SUPPORT & ACCOUNTABILITY: SCHOOL PERFORMANCE, STUDENT OUTCOMES, STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- January 26, 2026
- January 30, 2026
- February 3, 2026

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

PRESENTATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Consent Agenda

1. Bid #953 Milk and Dairy Products – Renewal 2
   Board Memo # 268
2. Purchase of Replacement Engine for Bus #659
   Board Memo # 269
3. College Contract for Placement of Students for Clinical Experience 2025-2027 FY
   Board Memo # 270
4. Placement of Student from West Virginia State University
   Board Memo # 271
5. Gymnasium Equipment and Bleacher Repairs 2026
   Board Memo # 272
6. 2026 – 2027 School Calendar
   Board Memo # 273
7. Gymnasium Equipment Upgrades at Bluefield High and Princeton High
   Board Memo # 274
8. Listing of Student Placements from BSU for Various Courses for Spring 2026 Semester
   Board Memo # 275
9. Out of County Student Transfers
   Board Memo # 276
10. Payment of Invoices
    Board Memo # 277

Additional Business

A. MOU with Region 1 Planning Development Council to assist with FEMA process.
   Board Memo # 278

B. Property Acquisition
   Board Memo # 279

C. Personnel (See Attached)
   Board Memo # 280

IX. DISCUSSION

- Block Out Policy
- Administrative Updates

X. BOARD MEMBER REQUESTS

XI. UPCOMING EVENTS/BOARD MEETINGS

- Feb. 19 – Admin Meeting; Seminar Center; 8:30 AM
- Feb. 23 – Regular BOE Meeting; Seminar Center; 6:00 PM
- March 9 – Regular BOE Meeting; Seminar Center; 6:00 PM
- March 12 – Admin Meeting; Seminar Center; 8:30 AM
- March 17 – Service Person of the Year Banquet, CMC, 6 PM

XII. ADJOURNMENT

NOTE: The Board reserves the right to amend this agenda with emergency matters which may arise after publication.

Mercer County Schools

Personnel Agenda

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Professional Personnel

Leave (LOA): Medical

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Groseclose, Angela R.	Curriculum Specialist (201) - Pupil Services (3), Central Office		01/23/2026 - 02/20/2026		11	261
Hubbard, Ruby K.	Classroom Teacher, Middle/Jr. High (213), Glenwood School (208)		01/16/2026- 03/02/2026		11	200
Etter, Amanda E	Classroom Teacher, Elementary (212), Timberwood Elementary School		02/17/2026- 03/17/2026		11	200

Leave (LOA): Maternity

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Henson-Pittman, Kira	Psychologist - Special Education Department (20)		04/06/2026 - 06/19/2026		11	215
Poszich, Hayley M	Classroom Teacher, Elementary (212), Bluefield Primary School (246)		01/20/2026- 06/09/2026		11	200

Leave (LOA): Military

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Hibbitts, Alvin Lee	Classroom Teacher, Elementary (212) - Unassigned		02/09/2026 - 05/09/2026	His previous leaves were from August 21, 2023, through September 26, 2023; October 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023; January 1, 2024, through February 29, 2024; February 29, 2024, through March 30, 2024; April 1, 2024, through April 30, 2024; May 3, 2024, through May 17, 2024; August 19, 2024, through August 21, 2024; August 22, 2024, through January 2, 2025; January 3, 2025, through June 3-, 2025; August 18, 2025, through October 30, 2025; October 31, 2025, through February 6, 2026.		

Retirement

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Rogers, Donna L.	Librarian (203) - PikeView High School (509)		06/30/2026		11	200
Webster, Maria K.	School Nurse (AB) (321) - Itinerant		06/30/2026		11	200

Coaching- Employment

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Browning, Todd A	Head Baseball Coach-Glenwood School (208)				12	

Coaching - Resignation

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Lester, Larry G.	Assistant Girls' Tennis Coach - Bluefield High School (502)		02/02/2026			
Robinson Jr, Jimmy A.	Assistant Weightlifting Coach-Princeton Senior High School (507)		01/09/2026			

Volunteer Coach - Add

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Muse, Ryan C.	Volunteer Coach	Princeton Senior High School (507)				
Webber, Megan R.	Volunteer Coach	PikeView High School (509)				
Compton, Joey	Volunteer Coach	PikeView High School (509)				
Daisey, David	Volunteer Coach	PikeView High School (509)				
Collins, Cody Dougles	Volunteer Coach	PikeView High School (509)				

Extra-Curricular Contracts

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Thomason, Tracey	Mentor Teacher-Montcalm High School (505)					
Lucas, Laiken	Mentor Teacher-Princeton Middle School (403)					

Textbook Committee

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Agee, James Vincent	CTE Textbook Committee			Unpaid		
Ballengee, Sara R.	Wellness Textbook Committee			Unpaid		
Barros, Ana G.	Music Textbook Committee			Unpaid		
Bragg, Stephanie R.	Personal Finance Textbook Committee			Unpaid		
Dye, April Michelle	CTE Textbook Committee (Secondary)			Unpaid		
Gore, Christopher T.	Art Textbook Committee (K-12)			Unpaid		
Hodges, Daniel R.	CTE Textbook Committee (Secondary)			Unpaid		
Lilly, Victoria A.	Art Textbook Committee (K-12)			Unpaid		
Meachum, Melissa Huffman	CTE Textbook Committee (Secondary)			Unpaid		
Paitsel, Staci L.	Music Textbook Committee			Unpaid		
Pettus, Michael M.	Art Textbook Committee (K-12)			Unpaid		
Sheets, Cynthia Ann	CTE Textbook Committee (Secondary)			Unpaid		
Thomas, Matthew V.	Personal Finance Textbook Committee			Unpaid		

Woods, Lucas Tyler	Band Textbook Committee			Unpaid		

Substitute 5202 - Employment

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Prince, Julie T.	5202 Substitute					

Service Personnel

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Leave (LOA): Medical

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Barlow, Jeffrey Scott	Bus Operator (D) (655) – Transportation Department (40)		01/15/2026 - 02/20/2026		11	200

Retirement

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Shrewsbury, Brett E.	Custodian IV (D) (684) - Lashmeet/Matoaka School (210)		06/30/2026	Shift 6:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	11	261

Transfer

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Robinette, Haley B.	Aide w/Transportation Duties (as needed) Take2 Academy - Mountain Valley Elementary School (205)	Early Childhood Classroom Assistant Teacher (ECCAT) I (E) - Athens School (201)	02/16/2026		11	200

Employment

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Riggs, Tommy W	Custodian III (C), Shift 2:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. - Bluefield Intermediate School (240)		02/16/2026		11	210

Extra-Curricular Contracts

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Lanford, Danielle R.	Reclassification of Aide-Princeton Primary School (245)					
Lanford, Danielle R.	Lunch/Bus Duty - Princeton Primary School (245)					

Extra Work for Extra Pay

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Reynolds, Lisa D	Extra Work for Extra Pay (Secretary), Spanishburg School (220)			Remove from Princeton Senior High School (507)		

Extra-Curricular Bus Runs

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Kendrick, Kevin D.	Bus Operator (D) (655) – Transportation Department (40)			MHS-MCTEC 8:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m.		
Kendrick, Kevin D.	Bus Operator (D) (655) – Transportation Department (40)			MCTEC-MHS 11:10 a.m.-11:40 a.m.		
Kendrick, Kevin D.	Bus Operator (D) (655) – Transportation Department (40)			MHS-MCTEC 12:00 p.m.12:30 p.m.		

Substitutes Service - Employment

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Davis, Kevin W	Bus Operator (D) (pending certification)					
Helmandollar, Kazaan E	Bus Operator (D) (pending certification)					
Penix, Tanna M	Bus Operator (D) (pending certification)					

Substitutes Service - Remove

Name	Position/Location	New Position/New Location	Effective/Ending	Notes	Fund	Days
Prince, Julie T.	Aide					