

The Regular Meeting of the Mohawk Area Board of Directors was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by the President, Ted Morrow, and commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The following members were present: Eugene A. Butch, Jr, James Capalbo, Stephen Cardella, Harry J. Curatola, Jr., Lori Griffin, Mark Hiler, and Jonathan Laughner. Scott Singer was excused. Superintendent Kathleen Kwolek, Assistant to the Superintendent, Lorree Houk, High School Principal, Raymond Omer, Assistant High School Principal, Gregory Ferencak, George Sperdute, Assistant Elementary Principal, and Janet Crum, Secretary, attended.

Mr. Morrow announced to the audience that an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting for the purpose of discussing personnel.

The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on September 8, 2014, and the Committee of the Whole Meeting on October 6, 2014 were accepted as written on the motion of Mr. Laughner, seconded by Mr. Hiler, verbal vote, motion carried.

Jamie Trotter, Student Delegate, as well as each Administrator, updated the Board on the upcoming events and activities of the students and staff.

Mrs. Lisa Kwolek, coach, and the 2014 Section 1-A Champion Girls' Soccer Team attended the meeting. Each of the athletes introduced themselves and stated their playing position. Mrs. Kwolek said she was extremely proud of the girls and their hard work and accomplishments. This is the first time in history that Mohawk has won the section. Mrs. Houk pointed out that Mrs. Kwolek was also named Coach of the Year. The Board congratulated the team with their applause.

Mr. Toby McConahy and Tara Tucker updated the Board on the Mohawk Food Warrior Backpack Program. This program provides food over the weekends for children that might not otherwise have anything to eat. They began the year servicing Kindergarten and First Grade, and have now received enough funding to add the rest of the grades in the Elementary. They stated they are continuing to seek donations, and named some of their ideas for fundraising.

Mrs. Mary Shasteen began to address the Board concerning her child. Since personnel were involved in the matter, Mr. Morrow adjourned to Executive Session at 8:20 P.M.

At 8:23 P.M., the meeting was reconvened.

The Financial Report dated September 30, 2014, as well as Budget Transfers dated October 1, 2014 were presented for approval. So moved on the motion of Mr. Butch, seconded by Mr. Curatola, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Financial Report and Budget Transfers Attached)

Financial Report approved

Mr. Laughner motioned to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Mr. Hiler, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried. (Copies of all invoices on file in the Business Office)

General Fund, School Lunch bills approved

GENERAL FUND	
Prepaid	\$ 573,514.27
Current	\$ 354,391.37
SCHOOL LUNCH	
Prepaid	\$ 23,424.31

On the motion of Mr. Curatola, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, approval was granted to add three travel requests to the agenda this evening, verbal vote, motion carried.

Granted permission to make additions to the agenda

Consideration was given to the following resignations/leave requests:

- Ashley Johnson – Elementary Teacher – extension of leave until November 24, 2014.
- Terri Majors – Elementary Teacher – medical leave for approximately 6 – 8 weeks beginning October 15, 2014.

Approved employment leaves as presented

Mr. Hiler motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, verbal vote, motion carried.

On the motion of Mr. Cardella, seconded by Mr. Curatola, Mr. Brad Hruska was recommended to fill the Varsity Softball Coach position. A roll call vote was taken, all members present voting in the affirmative, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Brad Hruska appointed Varsity Softball Coach

Mr. Jason Smith was added to the list of Daily Substitute Support Staff as a substitute custodian on the motion of Mr. Cardella, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Approved addition to Daily Substitute Support Staff

The following roster of winter sports coaches was presented for approval:

Basketball – Boys

Robert Fadden – Head Varsity
Greg Scott – Asst. Varsity
Brian Piccirillo – Asst. Varsity
Mike Giuliano – 9th Grade Head
Greg Glass – 8th Grade Head
Jacob Grim – 7th Grade Head

Basketball – Girls

Mike O’Lare – Head Varsity
Kevin Wrona – Asst. Varsity
Jared Stratton – Asst. Varsity
John Dickson – Volunteer
Kathy McCutcheon – Volunteer

Winter sports coaches approved

So moved on the motion of Mr. Cardella, seconded by Curatola, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Consideration was given to the approval of the Student Representatives for Activity Clubs for the 2014-15 school year. This list is required by the auditors to be approved on an annual basis. Mr. Laughner motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried. (A Copy of the List of Representatives Attached)

Student Representatives for Activity Clubs approved

Consideration was given to the approval of the Mohawk Elementary Parental Involvement Policy for the 2014-15 school year. Mrs. Houk explained that this is required annually since we receive Federal Funds, and is developed jointly with parents of children participating in Title I. So moved by Mr. Laughner, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Policy on file in Central Office)

Approved Mohawk Elem. Parental Involvement Policy for 2014-2015

Consideration was given to the approval of the Local Advisory Council, the Occupational Advisory Council and the VoAg Occupational Advisory Council for the 2014-15 school year. Dr. Kwolek informed the Board that we have three programs certified at the state level as part of the Career and Technical Education Program - Vocational Agriculture, Accounting and Administrative Assistant. The designation of the Advisory Councils is part of the annual requirements. Mr. Capalbo motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Hiler, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried. (Copy on file in Office of the Superintendent)

Local Advisory Council, Occupational Advisory Council and VoAg Occupational Advisory Council approved

Consideration was given to the approval of the second reading to modify School Board Policy 246 – Student Wellness. Dr. Kwolek explained this was last modified in 2008, and it is revisited and revised as necessary to keep updated with Federal and State regulations. So moved by Mr. Curatola, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Student Wellness Policy Attached)

Approved second reading to modify School Board Policy 246

Consideration was given to the approval of the IDEA-Section 619 and IDEA-B contracts through the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV for the 2014-15 school year. The amounts of each contract are \$4,008.00 and \$199,175.00 respectively. Mr. Hiler motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Butch, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Contracts Attached)

Approved IDEA Section 619 and IDEA-B contracts through IU IV for 2014-15

The following requests for travel were presented for approval:

- Mrs. Mary Fleming, FCCLA Advisor, to accompany three (3) students to the FCCLA State Executive Council meeting from October 19 – 21, 2014 at the Split Rock Resort in Lake Harmony, PA.
- Ms. Lou Ann Miller and Mr. Larry Carr, Health and Wellness Instructors, to attend the 2014 PSAHPERD Convention from November 20 – 23, 2014 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort in Champion, PA.
- Mr. Mike O'Lare and Mrs. Sonya Douglas, Health and Wellness Instructors, to accompany students in Health and Wellness 2 to Camp Lutherlyn to participate in the high rope course.

Requests for travel approved

So moved by Mr. Cardella, seconded by Mr. Hiler, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried.

The following Use of Facilities Requests were presented for approval:

- North Beaver Civic Club to use the elementary cafeteria for Breakfast with Santa on December 6, 2014.
- Vision Ministries to use the high school auditorium on February 28, 2015.
- Kathi's Dance & Gym to use the high school auditorium, gymnasium, and locker rooms for the gymnastics recital on May 15 – 17, 2015.

Approved Use of Facilities Requests

Mr. Cardella motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Hiler, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Real estate additions and exonerations were presented for approval. The current exonerations total \$222,500 and the current additions are \$254,400 bringing the YTD exonerations to \$1,545,342 and YTD additions to \$592,800 which translates to a YTD loss of \$952,542 or \$12,468.77 in actual tax dollars. In addition the Per Capita exonerations were presented for approval. Mrs. Crum stated that all applicants met the criteria and recommended approval. Mr. Curatola motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Hiler, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Real Estate and Per Capita Lists Attached)

Real estate additions/ Exonerations approved

Dr. Kwolek again recognized the Girl's Varsity Soccer Team for their accomplishment of winning the first Section 1-A Championship in school history.

Mr. Sperdute spoke on behalf of the Elementary PTO and informed the Board of some of the activities including the Book Fair, Harvest Party and the sale of Spirit Wear. He also wished to publicly thank Mr. Butch for patching the pot holes in the parking lot until the job can be bid in the spring.

There was no comment from the Mohawk Education Association.

Dr. Kwolek asked the Board to consider moving the November 10, 2014 meeting to the auditorium to accommodate students that may want to attend as part of the requirements for their Senior Project.

At 8:40 P.M., the meeting was adjourned on the motion of Mr. Cardella, seconded by Mr. Hiler, verbal vote, motion carried.

Janet L. Crum
Board Secretary