

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, Mark Hiler, Jonathan Laughner and Scott Singer. Harry J. Curatola, Jr. and Lori Griffin were excused. Superintendent Kathleen Kwolek, Assistant to the Superintendent, Lorree Houk, High School Principal, Raymond Omer, Elementary Principal, Bradlee Meehan, Assistant Elementary Principal, George Sperdute, John R. Seltzer, Solicitor and Janet Crum, Secretary, were also in attendance.

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 October 14, 2014, and the Committee of the Whole Meeting on November 3, 2014 were accepted as written on the motion of Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Hiler, verbal vote, motion carried.

Kess Gordan, Student Delegate, reported on events and activities including:

- FCCLA State Officers, Katie Callahan and Matt Fleck, as well as National Officer, Jared Gustafson presented at the Central Regional Workshop in Shamokin, PA.
- Peer Leaders will host a Jr. High dance on Wednesday, December 18, 2014 from 6 – 8 PM.
- Health Careers – first blood drive of the year on October 23, 2014 was a huge success. They will also be visiting the cadaver lab at Carlow University and observing open heart surgery at Allegheny General Hospital.
- Marching Band – football season is over and they are now participating in several parades including the televised WPXI holiday parade on Saturday, November 29, 2014 at 9:00 AM.
- Choir – Four students earned a spot in the PMEA District 5 Honors Chorus – Brianna Crawford, 2<sup>nd</sup> chair alto, Elizabeth Frketich, 3<sup>rd</sup> chair soprano, Christina Conti, 7<sup>th</sup> chair sophomore and Matthew Fleck, 8<sup>th</sup> chair tenor.
- Project Hope Food Drive – all classes are bringing in items to fill holiday gift baskets for Christmas. This is an exciting activity and helps the students learn about giving to those in need.
- Lawrence County Autism Warriors sponsored a day at Iron Mills Farmstead in New Wilmington on Saturday, November 1, 2014. Students and family members enjoyed a campfire, trampoline, corn maze and other fun fall activities.

- Spanish Club celebrated Dia de los Muertos on November 3, 2014 at all lunches. Several Spanish 4 students dressed like skeletons portrayed in Jose Posada’s art work and entertained the lunch crowd. The goal was to contrast Halloween with the Latin American Fiesta.
- Cross Country – the boys team won the Tri-County Championship and Skippy Wagner competed at the PIAA Championship for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time.
- One of our Seniors, Cheyenne Guy, is collecting new or gently worn coats, mittens, scarves and sweaters for the less fortunate people in our area. The articles of clothing will be donated to “People in Need” of Lawrence County.
- FFA members participated at the Ag Encounter as well as the Career Development Event which were held at the Lawrence County Fairgrounds. On September 16, 2014, they travelled to Columbus to attend the Farm Science Review, which exposes students to the newest farming technology.

Each Administrator also updated the Board on various events, professional development and recent audits.

Ethan Hill and Devin Davenport, A.R.T.S Club students addressed the Board and invited them to attend the annual Craft Show on Saturday, November 15, 2014 from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. There will be many vendors, crafts and activities for children, and lunch will be available as well.

The Financial Report dated October 31, 2014 was presented for approval. So moved on the motion of Mr. Laughner, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Financial Report Attached)

Financial Report approved

Mr. Butch motioned to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Mr. Singer, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried. (Copies of all invoices on file in the Business Office)

General Fund, School Lunch bills approved

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GENERAL FUND	
Prepaid	\$1,265,753.62
Current	\$ 306,954.40
SCHOOL LUNCH	
Prepaid	\$ 42,718.70

The following were approved as additions to the agenda, on the motion of Mr. Hiler, seconded by Mr. Cardella, verbal vote, motion carried:

Granted permission to make additions to the agenda

- Request for leave – Gena Macri
- Request for one year leave as Track Coach – Jared Stratton
- Adoption of resolution concerning post-issuance compliance procedures.
- Authorization for Solicitor and Administration to meet with Bond Counsel and PFM concerning SEC initiative.

Consideration was given to the following resignations/leave requests:

- Mrs. Ashley Graziani – Marching Band Director – resignation.
- Mrs. Amy Donston – Special Education Instructional Paraprofessional – resignation.
- Mr. Greg Aydt – Boy’s Varsity Soccer Coach – resignation.
- Mr. David Champ – Assistant Boy’s Varsity Soccer Coach – resignation.
- Mrs. Megan Hruska – Jr. Varsity Volleyball Coach – resignation.
- Mrs. Britney Kwolek – Jr. High Volleyball Coach – resignation.
- Mrs. Gena Macri – Instructional Paraprofessional from November 10, 2014 through January 12, 2015 – leave.
- Mr. Jared Stratton – Track and Field Coach – one year sabbatical leave.

Approved employment leaves/resignations as presented

So moved on the motion of Mr. Cardella, seconded by Mr. Laughner, verbal vote, motion carried.

Consideration was given to the approval of entering the Joint Purchasing Cooperative through Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV for the 2015-2016 school year. Mohawk will only purchase copy paper. Mr. Singer motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Butch, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Agreement Attached)

Granted permission to enter the Joint Purchasing Cooperative through IU IV for 2015-16

Consideration was given to the approval of the agreement between the Human Service Center Student Assistance Program (SAP) and Mohawk Area School District for grades seven through twelve at no cost to the district for the 2014-15 school year. So moved by Mr. Laughner, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Approved agreement between SAP and MASD for 2014-15

The following request for travel was presented for approval:

-- Mr. Jeff McNeish and Mrs. Lindsey Shimrack to accompany the senior class to Baltimore/Ocean City from May 28 – 29, 2015.

Approved requests for travel

Mr. Cardella motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Hiler, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Real Estate Additions and Exonerations were presented for approval. The current exonerations total \$152,000 and the current additions are \$214,500 bringing the YTD exonerations to \$1,759,842 and YTD additions to \$744,800 which translates to a YTD loss of \$1,015,042 or \$13,286.90 in actual tax dollars. Mr. Cardella motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Singer, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Real Estate Additions and Exonerations Attached)

Real estate additions/ Exonerations approved

Consideration was given to the approval of a resolution to adopt the post-issuance compliance procedures with respect to bond issues. So moved by Mr. Hiler, seconded by Mr. Singer, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Resolution and Procedures Attached)

Approved resolution to adopt post-insurance compliance procedures

Consideration was given to authorize the Administration and Solicitor to meet with Bond Counsel and Public Financial Management to investigate, discuss and take required action to comply with the applicable SEC regulations. Mr. Butch motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Laughner, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Authorized Administration and Solicitor to take action to comply with SEC regulations

Dr. Kwolek recognized the following:

- Mr. David Cinque and the Elementary Custodial Staff during the recent HVAC and lighting upgrade.
- Coaches, Volunteers, and Players for work done on baseball field.
- FBLA members and Advisors – Veteran's Day Program

Mr. Meehan spoke on behalf of the Elementary PTO and informed the Board of some of their activities including the Harvest Party and the sale of Spirit Wear.

There was no comment from the Mohawk Education Association.

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

Janet L. Crum  
Board Secretary