

The Regular Meeting of the Mohawk Area School District 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 followed by a moment of silence. The following members were present: Stephen Cardella, Harry J. Curatola, Jr., Mark Hiler, Jonathan Laughner and Scott Singer. Eugene A. Butch, Jr. participated by phone and James Capalbo and Lori Griffin were excused. Kathleen Kwolek, Superintendent, Lorree Houk, Assistant to the Superintendent, Raymond Omer, Principal, Greg Ferencak, Assistant High School Principal, Bradlee Meehan, Elementary Principal, George Sperdute, Assistant Elementary Principal, John R. Seltzer, Solicitor and Janet Crum, Board Secretary also attended.

The minutes of the Committee Meeting on January 12, 2015, the Regular Meeting on January 12, 2015 and the Committee Meeting on February 2, 2015 were approved as written on the motion of Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Hiler, verbal vote, motion carried.

Jamie Trotter, Student Delegate, as well as each Administrator updated the Board on recent activities and events. It was announced by Dr. Kwolek that Friday, February 13, 2015 and Monday, February 16, 2015 will be the makeup days for two school cancellations earlier this year.

There were no public comments this evening.

The Financial Report dated January 31, 2015 was presented for approval. So moved on the motion of Mr. Curatola, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Financial Report Attached)

Mr. Hiler motioned to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Mr. Curatola, 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

GENERAL FUND		
Prepaid		\$ 103,410.41
Current		\$ 155,126.21
SCHOOL LUNCH		
Prepaid		\$ 29,521.35

There were seven additions to the agenda this evening including two retirement requests, three travel requests and two requests to hire coaches. Mr. Singer motioned approval to add these items to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Cardella, verbal vote, motion carried.

Approved additions to the agenda

Consideration was given to the following resignations/leave requests:

- Mr. Jim Glynn, School Psychologist to retire at the end of the 2014-15 school year after 28 years of service.
- Mrs. Cheryl Vivelo, Home School Visitor and Homeless Liaison to retire at the end of the 2014-15 school year after more than 30 years of service.

Resignations approved as presented

So moved by Mr. Cardella, seconded by Mr. Curatola, verbal vote, motion carried.

Consideration was given to the approval of the following list of coaches for Spring Sports for 2014-15, pending all required clearances:

Baseball

Kevin Sapp – Head Varsity
Nick Maiorano – Assistant
TBD – JV/MS Coach

Track

John Evans – Head Coach – Boys
Dave Bredl – Head Coach - Girls
Sonya Douglas – Varsity Assistant
Linda Retort – Varsity Assistant
Josh Long – MS - Girls
TBD – MS - Boys
Bill Evans – Volunteer Assistant

Softball

Brad Hruska – Head Varsity
Hank Pezzuolo – Assistant
Cam Schirmer – MS Coach
Hannah Morrow – Volunteer

Middle School Volleyball

TBD

Approved Spring Sports coaches for 2014-15

So moved on the motion of Mr. Curatola, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, Mr. Singer “yes”, Mr. Butch “yes”, Mr. Cardella “yes”, Mr. Curatola “yes”, Mr. Hiler “yes”, Mr. Laughner “yes”, Mr. Morrow “abstain”, 6 yes 2 absent, 1 abstain, motion carried.

Consideration was given to the approval of the recommendation for the Jr. High and Jr. Varsity Baseball programs:

- Varsity Baseball – continue playing the 2015 schedule as provided by the WPIAL and continue with Coach Kevin Sapp and his chosen Varsity Assistant.

- JV Baseball – re-enter the schedule for 2015 as provided by the WPIAL and hire either a paid coach or volunteer.
- Junior High Baseball – continue playing for 2015 schedule as provided by the WPIAL and hire either a paid coach or volunteer.

Approved the recommendation for the Jr. High and Jr. Varsity Baseball programs

There will be no more than a total of three (3) paid positions with one (1) or more volunteer positions. This will be a trial period to determine how much interest there is for future years. Mr. Curatola motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

The 2015-2016 School Calendar was presented for approval with revisions for the first and last day of classes. The first day for students will be Monday, August 24, 2015 and the last day will be Friday, June 3, 2016. So moved by Mr. Cardella, seconded by Mr. Singer, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried. (Copy of 2015-16 Calendar Attached)

2015-2016 School Calendar approved

On a motion by Mr. Butch and a second by Mr. Cardella, approval was given to award the bus bid to the lowest bidder, Myers Equipment, at a cost of \$79,897.00 per bus. They will be Freightliner C2, 72 passenger conventional buses. A roll call vote was taken, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Myers Equipment awarded bus bid

Consideration was given to the approval to upgrade four Xerox copiers with Toshiba copiers. Toshiba will buy out the remaining lease for the copiers. The four copiers to be replaced are in the Guidance Office, Bus Garage, Elementary Office and High School Office. There will be a savings of over \$5.00 per month and the terms remain the same with a five year lease with maintenance included in the monthly payment. Mr. Singer motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Curatola, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Granted permission to upgrade four Xerox copiers with Toshiba

Consideration was given to the approval of the Continuum of MIU IV Instructional Programs/Services for the 2014-2015 school year. The cost of Speech/Language Support is \$76,043.00 and Hearing Support is \$45,496.00 for a total of \$121,539 for the year. So moved by Mr. Laughner, seconded by Mr. Curatola, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Memorandum of Understanding Attached)

Continuum of MUI IV Instr. Prog./Srvs. for 2014-15 approved

Likewise, consideration was given to the approval of a linkage agreement between Behavioral Health Services – Sharon Regional Health System and the Mohawk Area School District. These programs are partial hospitalization programs for children and adolescents between the ages of 11 and 18. The linkage between the school and the program exists to further the treatment success of the patients. So moved by Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Hiler, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Agreement Attached)

Approved linkage agreement between Behavioral Health Srvs- Sharon Regional Health System and MASD

Consideration for the approval of a Preventive Maintenance Proposal by Renick Brothers Mechanical Contractors for Mohawk Elementary School was tabled on the motion of Mr. Cardella, seconded by Mr. Laughner, verbal vote, motion carried. Mr. Cinque had requested information from Renick as per the request of the Board and, as of this evening, hadn't received a response.

Preventive Maint. by Renick Bros. for Elem. tabled

Consideration was given to the approval of the following travel requests:

- Ashley Graziani to accompany two students to PMEA Regional Chorus in Washington, PA from February 25 – 27, 2015.
- Jared Gustafson to attend the PMEA Western Regional Orchestra in Erie, PA from March 12 – 14, 2015.
- Carl Sockaci and Andy Shillingburg to accompany 25 students to the State TSA Competition from April 15 – 18, 2015 at Seven Springs, PA.

Requests for travel approved as presented

So moved on the motion of Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Curatola, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Consideration was given to the approval for the following Use of Facilities request:

- Mohawk Community Education Foundation to use the auditorium and cafeteria at the Jr.-Sr. High School for the Alumni Hall of Fame on May 9, 2015.

Use of Facilities request approved

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

There were no Real Estate Additions and Exonerations this evening.

Consideration was given to the approval to hire David Champ as Boy's Soccer Head Coach for the Fall of 2015. It was noted that he has served in the capacity of Assistant Soccer Coach for the last two seasons. So moved by Mr. Curatola, seconded by Mr. Laughner, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

David Champ
hired as Boy's
Head Soccer
Coach for Fall
2015

Dr. Kwolek recognized the following:

- Samantha Carr – Athlete of the Week – Jan. 21, 2015
- Ashley McConnell – Athlete of the Week – Jan. 28, 2015
- Christina Conti and Brianna Crawford - Regional Chorus
- Matthew Fleck, Christina Conti, Brianna Crawford, Elizabeth Frketch-District Chorus
- David Westcott – District Band
- Jared Gustafson and David Whippo – District Orchestra
- Jared Gustafson – Western Regional Orchestra
- Cogent Audit Findings – in compliance
- Jr. High ARTS Club – thanks for the Board

Mr. Meehan reported on behalf of the Elementary P.T.O. and stated the Book Fair was held January 26th, and on January 27th & 28th, they hosted a Bagels and Books event. The Sock Hop will take place on February 27th and they will soon begin selling Easter Candy.

There was no comment from the Mohawk Education Association.

At 8:34 P.M., the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel on the motion of Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Hiler, verbal vote, motion carried.

Janet L. Crum
Board Secretary