

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: Eugene A. Butch, Jr., James Capalbo, Stephen Cardella, Harry J. Curatola, Jr., Lori Griffin, Mark Hiler, Jonathan Laughner and Scott Singer. Kathleen Kwolek, Superintendent, Lorree Houk, Assistant to the Superintendent, Raymond Omer, High School Principal, Greg Ferencak, Assistant High School Principal, Bradlee Meehan, Elementary Principal, George Sperdute, Assistant Elementary Principal, and Janet Crum, Board Secretary, also attended.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 9, 2015, and the Committee Meeting on March 2, 2015 were approved as written on the motion of Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Laughner, verbal vote, motion carried.

Maria Fleck, Student Delegate, as well as each Administrator, updated the Board on recent activities and events.

Mr. Cliff Wallace introduced members of the FFA Demonstration Team that competed at the Pennsylvania Farm Show. They placed first (1st) out of 28 teams. They converted a small gasoline engine to operate on propane, and started it first with gasoline and then on propane after the conversion. In the future, it is the hope of the Vo Ag Department to purchase a dynamometer in order to study the conversions effect on horsepower. Team members include Dylan Clark, Tim Murtha, Scott Relic, Randy Pauline, Anthony Musitano, Albert Womer, Blake Solley and Travis Singer. Mr. Morrow congratulated them on behalf of the Board for a job well done.

Due to the large number of people in attendance, the demonstration of the "Chain Reaction Contraption" was done at the end of the meeting. This contest requires students to complete the task of transporting an object using at least 20 steps within a 2 x 3 x 5 foot box. This year the team ordered, made, and delivered a pizza via helicopter to complete this task. They finished fourth overall in the competition and won the Best Use of Gravity Award. Team members include Devon Fagan, Aaron Smith, Nicholas Matsukas, David Westcott and Andrew Ferrucci.

There were no public comments this evening.

The Financial Report dated February 28, 2015 was presented for approval. Approval was granted on the motion of Mr. Hiler, seconded by Mr. Singer, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Financial Report Attached)

Financial Report
Approved

Mr. Laughner motioned to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Mr. Butch, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried. (Copies of all invoices on file in the Business Office)

General Fund,
School Lunch
bills approved

GENERAL FUND	
Prepaid	\$ 72,905.90
Current	\$ 164,644.75
SCHOOL LUNCH	
Prepaid	\$ 35,937.97

There were ten additions to the agenda this evening including four retirement requests, two travel requests, a use of facilities request, two requests for employment, and one request to approve the 2015-16 Midwestern IU IV Consortium. Mr. Singer motioned approval to add these items to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, verbal vote, motion carried.

Approved
additions to the
agenda

Consideration was given to the following resignations/leave requests:

- Mrs. Nicole McCombie – Middle School Cheerleading Coach – resignation.
- Mrs. April Cowher – Elementary Special Education Instructional Paraprofessional – resignation.
- Mrs. Joyce Weir, Elementary Classroom Teacher – retirement at the end of the 2014-15 school year after 36 years of service.
- Mrs. Cindy Martin, Elementary School Nurse – retirement at the end of the 2014-15 school year after 26 years of service.
- Miss Terri Majors, Elementary Technology Teacher – retirement at the end of the 2014-15 school year after 35 years of service.
- Mrs. Sheryl Verterano, Cafeteria Employee – retirement effective June 10, 2015 after 45 years of service.
- Mrs. Sharlee Burich – Elementary Teacher – leave of absence for approximately six weeks beginning May 1, 2015.

Approval of
Resignations/
Retirements/
Leaves

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

Consideration was given to employing the following for summer technology help at the rate of \$11.00 per hour:

- Stephen Franz
- Alan Marsh
- Jessica Greco

Approved
summer
technology
positions

Mr. Cardella motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Hiler, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

Likewise, consideration was given to the approval of the following list of Coaches for Spring Sports, pending receipt of all necessary clearances:

Baseball

Tim Bromley – JV/Jr. High
Andrew Liggett - Volunteer
Jon Hedland – Volunteer
Donnie Kirkwood – Volunteer
Ryan Penwell - Volunteer

Jr. High Volleyball

Chelsea Feronti - Head

Track - Boys

Dustin Alfano – Middle School
Christian Williams – Volunteer

Approved
Spring Sports
Coaches

So moved by Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Curatola, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

Consideration was given to the approval of the following Individual Transportation Contract for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year:

- April Cowher to transport one (1) student to Watson Institute in Sewickley, PA - \$84.00/day plus tolls.

Approved
Individual
Transportation
contract

Mr. Curatola motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Singer, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

Mr. Laughner motioned to award the bids for 2015-16 custodial supplies as recommended by Mr. Cinque at the Elementary, and Mr. Werhnyak at the High School, in the amounts of \$4,964.39 and \$16,084.79 respectively. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hiler, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried. (A copy of the summary sheet attached and a copy of the detailed bid sheets on file in the Office of the Superintendent.)

Awarded bids
for custodial
supplies

Consideration was given to the approval to select a vendor in order to proceed with the Erate Network Equipment RFP process. OA Systems submitted the low proposal of \$144,756.51. Mr. Cardella motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Curatola, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried. Mr. Hiler questioned the price difference on a few items. Dr. Kwolek will seek clarification from Mr. Gleghorn.

Approval to select vendor for Erate Network Equip.

Consideration was given to the approval of the Program of Studies for 2015-16. Mrs. Houk reviewed some of the highlights and changes:

- 1) Pages 9 & 10 - The Guidance Department prepared a Career Cluster and then listed the Mohawk Courses that would be relative to that career.
- 2) Page 11 – A Listing of the College Credits in High School. Mohawk has 53 credits available for our students.
- 3) Pages 19 - 23 New Courses – including **Mathematical Application to iOS Programming** - this is an introductory course in iOS development that focuses on learning the Xcode SDK to develop and design iPhone and iPad mobile applications, **Treble Chorus** - which is intended for younger sounding voices in Sr. High, **Living On Your Own** - this will prepare students to be able to plan, prep and cook nutritious meals to maintain a safe and healthy lifestyle.

So moved on the motion of Mr. Capalbo, seconded by Mr. Hiler, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

Approval of Program of Studies for 2015-16

Consideration was given to the approval of the 2015-16 budget of the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV. Mrs. Crum explained that the district contributions to the general operating budget total \$649,135.00, which is the same as the 2014-15 year. Mohawk's share is estimated to be \$15,407.00. Approval was granted on the motion of Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Curatola, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Resolution Attached)

Approval of 15-16 Midwest IU IV budget

Consideration was given to the approval of a Preventive Maintenance Proposal by Renick Brothers Mechanical Contractors for Mohawk Elementary School. The cost of the two-year contract is \$11,750.00 for 2015-16 with \$4,435.00 due for the Fall Inspection and \$7,315.00 for the Spring Inspection. In 2016-17, the cost will increase to \$12,102.00 with \$4,567.00 due in the Fall and \$7,535.00

Approved
Preventive
Maintenance
Proposal by
Renick Bros
for Elem.

due in the Spring. So moved by Mr. Butch, seconded by Mr. Hiler, roll call vote, Mrs. Griffin "yes", Mr. Laughner "yes", Mr. Morrow "yes", Mr. Singer "yes", Mr. Butch "yes", Mr. Capalbo "no", Mr. Cardella "no", Mr. Curatola "yes", 7 yes, 2 no, 0 absent, motion carried.

The following Use of Facilities request was presented for approval:

-- Mohawk Area Churches Association to host the Baccalaureate service in the high school auditorium on Sunday, May 31, 2015.

Approved Use
of Facilities

Mr. Laughner motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Curatola, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

Real estate additions and exonerations were presented for approval. The current and YTD exonerations total \$3,700, which translates to a YTD loss of \$48.43 in actual tax dollars. Approval was granted on the motion of Mr. Laughner, seconded by Mr. Curatola, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried. (Copy Attached)

Real estate
additions/exonera
tions approved

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

-- Mr. Jeff McNeish and two chaperones to accompany the students who have qualified to compete at the National Academic Games Tournament from April 23 – 28, 2015 in Orlando, FL.

Approved
travel requests

So moved on the motion of Mr. Cardella, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

Likewise, permission was requested for Jamie Stevens, Director of Pupil Services, to drive a van to the National Academic Games in Orlando FL from April 23 – 28, 2015. She will be transporting all the student luggage as well the games needed for the tournament. So moved by Mr. Cardella, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

Consideration was given to the approval of the Consortium Proposal 2015-16 Resolution with the Intermediate Unit IV. So moved on the motion of Mr. Capalbo, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried. (Agreement Attached)

Approved
Consortium
Proposal 15-16
resolution with
IU IV

Consideration was given to employ Debbie Holt as an Instructional Paraprofessional in the High School Learning Support until the end of the 2014-15 school year. She will be replacing April Cowher. Mr. Singer motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Curatola, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

Approved
employing
Debbie Holt as
Instr. Para.

Dr. Kwolek recognized the following:

-- Robin Grebenz, Mary Kay Sainato and Norma Huff for the successful audit of the national School Lunch and Breakfast Program.

Mr. Meehan reported on behalf of the Elementary P.T.O. stating the Easter candy is scheduled for pick-up on March 26, 2015.

There was no comment from the Mohawk Education Association.

At 8:45 P.M., Mr. Morrow adjourned the meeting to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel.

Janet L. Crum
Board Secretary