

A Special Meeting of the Mohawk Area School District Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by the Vice President, Mark Hiler, 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., Stephen Cardella, Harry J. Curatola, Jr., Lori Griffin, and Scott Singer. James Capalbo, Jonathan Laughner and Ted Morrow were excused. 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, Jamie Stevens, Director and Pupil Services and Janet Crum, Board Secretary, also attended.

The minutes of the Special Board Meeting on May 18, 2015, were approved as written on the motion of Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Curatola, verbal vote, motion carried.

Bill and Kathleen Ayles, addressed the Board concerning the importance of have a certified school nurse in both buildings.

Mark Solley also spoke. He stated that he was a graduate of Mohawk and has always been an ardent supporter of all programs within the District. He has also been a volunteer coach for the past eight years. He clarified that his statements on social media were not intended in any way to be derogatory against Mohawk, but rather he asked that each person be very thoughtful when consideration is given to the hiring of a replacement for Dr. Kwolek.

Consideration was given to the approval for a student from Union Area School District to attend the Vocational Agriculture Program at Mohawk beginning with the 2015-16 school year until graduation pending board approval for tuition and transportation from her home district and completion of an enrollment packet. So moved on the motion of Mr. Butch, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Approval granted for Union ASD student to attend 15-16 VoAg Program

Consideration was given to the approval for Mr. Clifford Wallace and Mr. Cameron Schirmer to accompany eight (8) students to the FFA State Contests at Penn State University from June 16 – 18, 2015 utilizing two (2) school vans. Mr. Singer motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Curatola, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Approved travel for Mr. Wallace and Mr. Schirmer to accompany FFA Students to State Contests

On a motion by Mr. Butch and a second by Mr. Singer, the motion that was tabled at the May 11, 2015 meeting to hire Mr. Kirk Lape and Mr. Mark Solley as volunteer coaches for Girls' Basketball, be removed from the table. A roll call vote was taken, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Volunteer
coaches for
Girls' Basketball
were approved

Mrs. Houk spoke about the College Credit Plus program with Youngstown State University. Beginning with the 2016-17 school year, students will be able to take college courses in high school through YSU including calculus, algebra, statistics, chemistry, etc. This will be very useful for our students since many of them attend YSU after graduation.

A lengthy discussion was held concerning the 2015-16 General Operating Budget. Each member stated where they would like to see the final budget after cuts are made. It was the general consensus of the Board to use Option 3 for staffing which includes the elimination of the High School Science position, the Home/School Visitor, two Elementary Classroom positions, replacing the Elementary School Nurse with an RN/LPN and sharing a Psychologist with another local district. In addition, they would like to see between \$300,000.00 and \$500,000.00 shaved from other areas of the budget.

At 8:40 PM, the Board was adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel on the motion of Mrs. Griffin, seconded by Mr. Cardella, verbal vote, motion carried.

Janet L. Crum
Board Secretary