

A Special Meeting of the Mohawk Area School District Board of Directors was called to order at 8:33 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., Stephen Cardella, Harry J. Curatola, Mark Hiler, and Scott Singer. James Capalbo, Jonathan Laughner participated by phone and Lori Griffin was 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 of Pupil Services, John R. Seltzer, Solicitor, and Janet Crum, Board Secretary, also attended.

Miss Emily Weingartner, a student, spoke and stated she was representing the student body. She asked other students to please stand. She presented some facts concerning Mohawk's low drop-out rate as well as the fact the our senior class was awarded approximately 1.3 million dollars in scholarships at the recent awards assembly. She asked the Board to please consider Mrs. Houk when making their decision for the position of Superintendent. She said Mrs. Houk always goes above and beyond for any student, she cares for them and she has the respect of the entire student body.

Mr. Stephen Cardella addressed the Board as a parent. He was not present at the last meeting, but stated that he was informed he had been called out for abusing his power as a Board member. He reiterated the issue with the tryouts and cuts in the Pee Wee and Midget cheerleading squads. He stated there have not been cuts made for the last three years and none of the other Mohawk groups make cuts at this level. He doesn't think the situation was handled properly and feels there was not a fair and impartial group of judges since parents were involved. He stated the tryouts were invalid and feels those cut should be reinstated.

Mrs. Jodie Huston presented the Board with the organizational chart of the District and pointed out that the citizens of the community are at the top. She stated the community would like to see Mrs. Houk named as the next Superintendent. She said Mrs. Houk is already familiar with the day-to-day practices of the school, she has history here, she knows all of the parents and the students and hiring her would be an easy, seamless transition for everyone involved.

Mr. Larry Wheeler addressed the Board and apologized for some of the statements he made at the previous meeting. He realizes he said some things that made it necessary for Mr. Morrow to

defend his family. He thinks it is great that people are attending the meetings, speaking their views, and thanked the Board for paying attention to the members of the community.

Mrs. Karrie Gallagher also spoke on the Midget Cheer organization and the fact that she feels little girls were unjustly cut and, in particular, the senior girls. She stated young ladies at this age are very impressionable and we should take the opportunity to teach and prepare them for the high school when cuts are necessary.

The following Resignations/Retirements/Leave Requests were presented for approval:

- Mr. Jason Rankin – Head Varsity Basketball Coach
- Mr. Jason Zeh – Elementary Choir Director

Approved
resignations/
retirements/
leave requests
as presented

So moved on the motion of Mr. Hiler, seconded by Mr. Curatola, verbal vote, motion carried.

Mr. Timothy McCutcheon was hired as the Head Varsity Football Coach on the motion of Mr. Hiler, seconded by Mr. Butch, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried.

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A discussion was held relevant to the sewer treatment. Dr. Kwolek explained that Taylor Engineering had been on site and it will take four to six weeks to conduct the entire process. They are attempting to have the bid specifications, etc. ready for Board approval at the meeting on June 22, 2015 so the project can be put out to bid the next morning. After the bids are opened and awarded, they will be ready to start work immediately in order to meet the completion deadline of the first day of classes. The approximate cost for option 2, which was approved by the Board at the June 8th meeting is \$140,000.00

At 9:15 PM, the Board adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel.

Janet L. Crum
Board Secretary