

The Regular Meeting of the Mohawk Area School District Board of Directors was called to order at 8:10 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. James Capalbo and Lori Griffin 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, Directors of Pupil Services, John R. Seltzer, Solicitor and Janet Crum, Board Secretary also attended.

The minutes of the Special Board Meeting on May 26, 2015, the Committee Meeting on June 8, 2015 and the Special Board Meeting on June 15, 2015 were approved as written on the motion of Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Hiler, verbal vote, motion carried.

Each Administrator updated the Board on recent activities and events.

There were no public comments from the audience this evening.

The Financial Report dated May 31, 2015, was presented for approval. Approval was granted on the motion of Mr. Laughner, 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)

Financial  
Report  
approved

Mr. Laughner 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	\$ 248,661.48
Current	\$ 281,321.96

SCHOOL LUNCH

Prepaid	\$ 42,658.50
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There were five additions to the agenda this evening including a request to accept a tuition student from Union, two travel requests, a request to solicit bids for the sewer project, and the hiring of additional coaches. The additions were approved to be added to the agenda on the motion of Mr. Hiler, seconded by Mr. Singer, verbal vote, motion carried.

Approved additions to the agenda

Consideration was given to the following resignations/leave requests:

- Mrs. Brianna Naples – Elementary Teacher – maternity leave – 6 weeks effective approximately September 4, 2015.
- Mrs. Megan Hruska – Elementary Teacher – maternity leave for 6 – 8 weeks effective approximately September 5, 2015.

Approved leave requests as presented

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

Consideration was given to the approval to issue Professional Contracts to the following employees who have completed three years of satisfactory teaching:

- Mrs. Melissa DeCarbo – Elementary Teacher
- Mrs. Anissa Fracul – Special Education Teacher – High School
- Miss Jamie Grego – Special Education Teacher – Elementary
- Mrs. Ashley Johnson – Elementary Teacher
- Mr. Joshua Long – Special Education Teacher – High School
- Mrs. Gretchen Murphy – Special Education Teacher – Elementary
- Miss Lauren Parks – Elementary Teacher
- Mr. Cameron Schirmer – Secondary Teacher

Granted permission to approved Professional Contracts

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

Consideration was given to the approval of the second reading of the MASD General Operating budget for the 2015-16 school year and the Budget Taxation Resolution. Mrs. Crum stated the operating expenses are \$24,001,431 with the reductions as requested by the Board, with anticipated revenues of \$22,929,323 which include a tax increase of .34 mills. Mr. Singer motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Laughner, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Resolution Attached and Copy of PDE-2028 (Budget) on file in Business Office)

Approved second reading of the MASD General Operating Budget for 15-16

Consideration was given to the approval of the resolution authorizing the Board Secretary to make the recommended Budget Transfers as required for the closing of the 2014-2015 school year. 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 Resolution Attached)

Granted permission to make Budget Transfers

Consideration was given to the approval of the resolution regarding the 2015-2016 Tax Duplicates. Mrs. Crum reminded the Board that, due to the death of Mrs. Phyllis Retort, Mrs. Susan Criscito was appointed by Bessemer Borough to collect taxes for the 2015 duplicate. She will also collect the taxes for the School District. Mr. Cardella motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Curatola, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Resolution Attached)

Resolution regarding 15-16 Tax Duplicates approved.

Mrs. Susan Criscito appointed Bessemer Borough tax

Consideration was given to the approval of the adoption of a resolution for the 2015 Homestead/Farmstead Exclusions. Mrs. Crum explained that when the school receives gaming funds, we are required to return them to the taxpayers by way of a reduction in the assessed value for those that have applied and been approved. The approximate amount we will receive for the upcoming year is \$483,190. We currently have 2,958 approved Homestead/Farmstead applications. Mr. Curatola motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Laughner, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Resolution Attached)

Approved 2015 Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion Resolution

Consideration was given to the approval of a Union Area School District student who attended Mohawk's Vocational Agriculture Program during the 2014-2015 school year to continue attendance through graduation changing to the Mohawk CTE Accounting/Bookkeeping Program. So moved by Mr. Hiler, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Permission granted for Union ASD student to attend Mohawk CTE Program through graduation

Consideration was given to the approval for an expelled student to return to Mohawk according to an early return clause with conditions regarding compliance of the discipline code. Mr. Cardella motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Hiler, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Expelled student given permission to return early

Consideration was given to the approval of the 2015-2016 school lunch and milk prices as follows:

	<u>Elementary</u>	<u>High School</u>	
Breakfast	\$1.00	\$1.00	
Lunch	\$1.70	\$1.85	
Adult Lunch	\$3.25	\$3.25	2015-2016 school lunch / milk prices approved
Adult Breakfast	\$1.65	\$1.65	
Milk	\$0.45	\$0.45	
Adult Milk	\$0.50	\$0.50	

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

Consideration was given to approve United Dairy as the supplier of milk products for the 2015-2016 school year as per the yearly rotation. Schneider's Dairy will continue to provide other drink products. Mr. Singer motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

United Dairy  
appointed milk  
supplier for  
15-16

Consideration was given to retain Dr. Joseph Gallo as the school physician for the 2015-16 school year at the current yearly rate of \$8,500. Mr. Hiler motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Curatola, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Dr. Joseph  
Gallo retained  
as 15-16 school  
physician

Consideration was given to the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between Mohawk Area School District and the Laurel School District for contracted services of the School Psychologist for the 2015-2016 school year at a cost of \$58,000. She will be employed by Mohawk for 2 ½ days per week. So moved on the motion of Mr. Cardella, seconded by Mr. Singer, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Memorandum of  
Understanding  
between Mohawk  
ASD and Laurel  
SD for contracted  
services of School  
Psychologist for  
15-16 approved

Consideration was given to the approval of soliciting bids for the 2015-2016 school year for gasoline and diesel fuel. So moved on the motion of Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Cardella, verbal vote, motion carried.

Granted  
permission to  
solicit bids for 15-  
16 gasoline/diesel  
fuel

Consideration was given to the approval to continue our agreement with Kelly Educational Services for daily substitute teachers for the 2015-2016 school year at the same rates as 2014-2015. The

rate is \$101.25/day for substitutes that were originally ours and moved over to Kelly, and \$105.00/day for those substitutes that were hired by Kelly. Mr. Curatola motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Hiler, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Approved agreement with Kelly Ed. Sr. for 15-16

Consideration was given to the approval to continue the security contract with C & C Security for the 2015-2016 and the 2016-2017 school years at the current rate of \$21.00/hour. So moved by Mr. Laughner, seconded by Mr. Singer, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Approved 15-16 and 16-17 contract with C & C Security

The following requests for travel were presented for approval:

- Mr. Clifford Wallace and Mr. Cameron Schirmer to attend the PAAE Summer Institute: STEM in Agricultural Education from July 13 – 16, 2015 in Tyrone, PA.
- Mrs. Diane Laughner to accompany one student to the FCCLA State Officer Training Session from July 19 – 21, 2015 in Gettysburg, PA.

Requests for travel approved as presented

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

Consideration was given to the approval of the Varsity Soccer Boosters to use the field for an annual alumni game on July 25, 2015. So moved on the motion of Mr. Hiler, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Granted permission for Varsity Soccer Boosters to use field

There were no Real Estate Additions and Exonerations.

Consideration was given to the approval for a student from Union Area School District to attend the Vocational Agriculture Program at Mohawk Area School District beginning with the 2015-2016 school year until graduation pending board approval for tuition and transportation from her home district and completion of the enrollment package. 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.

Union ASD student to attend VoAg Prog. for 15-16 through graduation approved

Consideration was given to the approval of soliciting bids for Option 2 of the sewer project as previously presented by Taylor Engineering. Mr. Hiler motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Curatola, verbal vote, motion carried.

Granted  
permission to  
solicit bids for  
sewer project

Consideration was given to the approval of the list of Fall Sports Coaches for the 2015-2016 school year.

**Football**

Tim McCutcheon - Head (previously hired)  
Brian King – 1<sup>st</sup> Varsity Assistant  
Mike Burkett – 1<sup>st</sup> Varsity Assistant  
Richard Robb – 2<sup>nd</sup> Varsity Assistant  
Jeff McCurley – 2<sup>nd</sup> Varsity Assistant  
Robert Clark – 2<sup>nd</sup> Varsity Assistant

Approved  
2015-2016 Fall  
Sports Coaches

**Soccer – Boys**

David Champ – Head  
Mark Seminara – Assistant  
Kevin Byers – Volunteer  
Andrew Slater – Volunteer  
Bryce Meiners – Volunteer  
Ryan Castor – Volunteer

**Soccer – Girls**

Lisa Kwolek – Head  
Joshua Kwolek – Assistant Varsity

**Cross Country**

Dave Bredl – Head

**Varsity Volleyball**

Carly Schubert – Head

**Golf**

Brad Hruska – Head Varsity  
Brian Piccirillo – Volunteer

**Basketball – Girls Middle School**

Mike O'Lare – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Greg Scott – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade

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.

Dr. Kwolek wished to recognize the following:

- Mohawk Softball Team – WPIAL Runners-Up; first ever PIAA playoffs.
- Miss Megan Carnuche – 2016 Distinguished Young Woman
- Miss Maria Fleck – WPIAL Scholar Athlete - \$1,000 Scholarship

Dave Caughey, MEA President, introduced the following 2015-16 officers to the Board, Britney Kwolek, Vice President, Joseph DiMuccio, Secretary.

At 8:45 P.M., on the motion of Mr. Singer and a second by Mr. Cardella, the Board adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations.

Janet L. Crum  
Board Secretary