

The Regular Meeting of the Mohawk Area 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. The following members were present: Eugene A. Butch, Jr., Stephen F. Cardella, James M. Capalbo, Lori L. Griffin, Mark E. Hiler, Jonathan B. Laughner and Scott A. Singer. Harry J. Curatola, Jr. was excused. Mr. Michael Leitera, Superintendent, Ms. Lorree Houk, Assistant to the Superintendent, Ms. Kimberly Eaton, Board Secretary/Business Manager, High School Co-Principals: Mr. Raymond Omer and Mr. Gregory Ferencak, Mr. Bradlee Meehan, Elementary School Principal, Mr. George Spurdute, Assistant Elementary School Principal, and Mr. John R. Seltzer, Solicitor also attended.

The following minutes were approved as written:

Regular Board Meeting – October 13, 2015
Committee of the Whole Meeting – November 2, 2015 with the correction of Harry J. Curatola, Jr. was absent and Eugene A. Butch, Jr. and Lori L. Griffin were present.

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

Rylee Fritzley and Matthew Fleck, student delegates, updated the Board on all the recent and upcoming activities and events.

Each Administrator updated the Board on recent activities and events.

The Superintendent reported on recent activities and events as well.

There were no public comments from the audience this evening.

Ms. Ashley Graziani gave recognition to the Honor's Chorus students: Christina Conti, Matthew Fleck and Michael Wiggins. They participated in the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association's District 5 event on October 31, 2015 at Westminster College.

The Financial Report dated October 31, 2015 was presented for approval. Approval was granted on the motion of Mr. Cardella, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Financial Report Attached)

Financial
Report
approved

Mr. Laughner, motioned to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Mr. Hiler, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried. (Copies of all invoices on file in the Business Office)

General and
School Lunch
Funds' bills
approved

GENERAL FUND

Prepaid	\$ 1,232,398.81
Current	\$ 124,364.92

FOOD SERVICE FUND

Current	\$ 43,979.95
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Consideration was given to adding the following items to the agenda:

- Create a Jr. High Book Club (a new student activity club)
- Resignation from Mr. Mark Seminara as an instructional paraprofessional
- Resignation from Rachel Arthur as Middle School Cheerleading Coach
- Employ Nikki Gwin as the Middle School Cheerleading Coach
- Agreement with Ms. Tracy Shiderly to provide transportation service

Approved
additions to
the agenda

Mr. Singer motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, verbal vote, motion carried.

Consideration was given to the approval of the following resignations/retirements/leaves:

- Ms. Emily Vizyak, resigned as secondary special education instructional paraprofessional
- Mr. Mark Seminara, resigned as instructional paraprofessional
- Ms. Rachel Arthur, resigned as cheerleading coach

Resignations/
retirements/
leaves
approved as
presented

So moved on the motion of Mr. Hiler, and seconded by Mr. Laughner, roll call vote, Mr. Butch "abstain", Mr. Cardella "yes", Ms. Griffin "yes", Mr. Laughner "yes", Mr. Singer "yes", Mr. Capalbo "yes", Mr. Hiler "yes", Mr. Morrow "yes", 7 yes, 1 absent, 1 abstained, motion carried.

Consideration was given to employing:

- Ms. Patricia DeVincentis as a special education instructional paraprofessional
 - Ms. Nikki Gwin as Middle School Cheerleading Coach
- So moved by Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, roll call vote, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Approved
employ-
ment as
presented

Consideration was given to the approval of Ms. Laverne Malone as a substitute nurse. Mr. Cardella motioned approval, and Mr. Capalbo seconded the motion, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Daily
Substitute
Staff
approved

Consideration was given to the approval of the winter sport coaches for the 2015-2016 school year as follows:

- Nick Marmo, Head Varsity Boys Basketball Coach
- Bryan Piccirillo, Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach
- Erik Germani, Assistant Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Coach
- Frank Dodd, Volunteer Varsity Assistant Boys Basketball
- Eddie Pagley, Volunteer Varsity Assistant Boys Basketball
- Chuck Farris, 9th Grade Head Coach Boys Basketball Coach
- Michael Burkett, 8th Grade Head Coach Boys Basketball Coach
- Garret Lucas, 7th Grade Head Coach Boys Basketball Coach
- Michael Frankowski, Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach
- Mike O'Lare, Head Varsity Girls Basketball Coach
- Kevin Wrona, Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach
- Brian Turk, Volunteer Varsity Girls Basketball
- John Dickson, Volunteer Varsity Girls Basketball
- Dominick Mioni, Volunteer Varsity Girls Basketball
- Kathy McCutcheon, Middle School Volunteer
- Kirk Lape, Middle School Volunteer

Approved
winter
sports
coaches

Mr. Capalbo motioned approval and Mr. Singer seconded the motion, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Consideration was given to the first reading of the Drug and Alcohol Awareness for Athletic Programs, Extracurricular Activities, and Student Drivers Board Policy. Mr. Leitera mentioned the Board has thirty days to review. The second reading will be at the meeting in December. Mr. Singer motioned approval and Mr. Hiler seconded the motion, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried. (Copy of policy attached)

Approved
the first
reading of
the student
drug and
alcohol
board policy

Consideration was given to approve Ms. Kimberly Eaton, the business manager/board secretary as the Liaison with Berkheimer. Mr. Leitera mentioned that Berkheimer is the County's earned income tax collector and Ms. Eaton works with this organization. Mr. Capalbo motioned approval and Mr. Cardella seconded the motion, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Approved Ms.
Eaton as the
liaison with
the earned
income
collector

Consideration was given to approve Infocon Corporation to send the homestead/farmstead applications at a cost not to exceed \$1,000. Mr. Singer motioned approval and Mr. Capalbo seconded the motion, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Approved
Infocon to
send
homestead/f
armstead
applications

Consideration was given to the approval of entering the Joint Purchasing Cooperative through Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV for the 2016-2017 school year. Mohawk will purchase photocopy paper. Mr. Cardella motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Hiler, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Agreement Attached)

Approved the agreement with MIU IV's joint purchasing program

Consideration was given to the approval of the agreement between the Human Service Center Student Assistance Program (SAP) and Mohawk Area School District for grades seven through twelve at no cost to the district for the 2015-16 school year. So moved by Mr. Laughner, seconded by Mr. Singer, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Approved agreement between SAP and MASD for 2015-16

The following travel requests were considered for approval:

- Mrs. Karen Docchio and Miss Tara Hohmann to attend the 2016 Conference for PA Kindergarten Teachers from February 29- March 1, 2016 in Harrisburg, PA
- Mrs. Sarah McBride-Kraynak to attend the Teach On conferenced from March 7-9, 2016 in Orlando, FL.
- Ms. Kimberly Eaton to attend the annual Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials Conference from March 8-11, 2016 in Hershey, PA

Requests for travel approved as presented

So moved on the motion of Mr. Laughner, seconded by Mr. Hiler, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Real Estate exonerations were presented for approval. The current exonerations total \$47,422. Ms. Eaton stated that the exonerations met the criteria and recommended approval. Mr. Cardella motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Singer, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried. (Copy Attached)

Real Estate Exonerations approved

Consideration was given to the approval of the Junior High Book Club (a new student activity club). A copy of their constitution and by-laws were presented. Mr. Laughner motioned approval and Mr. Hiler seconded the motion, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Approved new student activity, the Junior High Book Club

Consideration was given to the approval of Ms. Tracy Shiderly to transport one student to the DePaul School for the Hearing located in Pittsburgh, PA at \$62.00 per day for the 2015-2016 school year. Mr. Singer motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Approved
individual
transport-
ation
contract for
15-16 FY

Mr. Leitera recognized the Mohawk Jr. High School "Students of the month" for September and October 2015. Mr. Ferencak also acknowledged the students' efforts.

Other
Business

Mr. Leitera recognized Mr. Curatola and Mr. Morrow for meeting the "Honor Roll" at Pennsylvania School Boards Association.

Mr. Leitera recognized Sabrina McClain, as finished 13th in the WPIAL Individual Cross Country Championship. She qualified for the PIAA Individual cross-country championship, finishing 106th out of 225.

Mr. Meehan spoke on behalf of the Elementary PTO and informed the Board of some of the activities including the Christmas candy sale, book fair, harvest party and fieldtrips.

Ms. Brittany Kwolek, MEA Vice President, addressed the Board and she recognized the FBLA advisors: Ms. Kathy Eichenlaub and Ms. Marsha Karidis for organizing the 17th annual Veterans' day program to be held on November 10, 2015 at the Scottish Rite Cathedral. Refreshments and breads will be held in the basement following the program for the veterans.

It was announced that an executive session for personnel and legal matters would immediately follow the meeting.

At 8:54 PM, the meeting was adjourned on the motion of Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Hiler, verbal vote, motion carried.

Kimberly J. Eaton
Board Secretary