

The Regular Meeting of the Mohawk Area Board of Directors was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by the President, Ted Morrow, with the following members present: Harry J. Curatola, Jr., Lori Griffin, Diane Gwin, Mark Hiler, Scott Singer and David Spears. Eugene A. Butch, Jr. and Jonathan Laughner were excused. Superintendent Kathleen Kwolek, Assistant to the Superintendent, Lorree Houk, High School Principal, Raymond Omer, Assistant High School Principal, Gregory Ferencak, Elementary Principal, Bradlee Meehan, Assistant Elementary Principal, George Sperdute, John R. Seltzer, Solicitor and Janet Crum, Secretary, were also in attendance.

The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on August 12, 2013, and the Committee of the Whole Meeting on September 3, 2013 were accepted as written on the motion of Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Hiler, verbal vote, motion carried.

Student Delegates, Megan Sensky and Nick Colwell, informed the Board of all the events taking place at the beginning of the new school year including the following:

- Homecoming Weekend October 4th and 5th to include a parade, the game and the dance.
- Band Appreciation Night on Friday, September 13th with all 250 band students participating.
- The band will also be participating in the Lawrence County Band Festival on Wednesday, September 18th at Taggart Stadium.
- Training of Peer Leaders
- National Honor Society's participation in the United Way's Lawrence County Day of Caring on Thursday, September 12th.
- The Veteran's Day program sponsored by FBLA at the Cathedral on November 7th.
- The Fall Sports are in full swing.

Likewise each Administrator informed the Board that the year is off to a good start and all the testing (Aimsweb, 4Sight, CDT, etc) has begun.

There were no public comments.

The Financial Report dated August 31, 2013 was presented for approval. So moved on the motion of Mrs. Gwin, seconded by Mr. Spears, 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. Spears motioned to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Mr. Hiler, 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,
 & Construction
 Bills approved

GENERAL FUND	
Prepaid	\$ 314,391.04
Current	\$ 261,976.84
SCHOOL LUNCH	
Prepaid	\$.00
CONSTRUCTION	
Prepaid	\$ 50,756.82

There were three additions to the agenda this evening, which included employment, a travel request and a use of facilities request. On the motion of Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Curatola, approval was granted to include them in the agenda, verbal vote, motion carried.

Approved additions to the agenda

On the motion by Mr. Singer, seconded by Mrs. Gwin, the Board accepted the resignation of Mr. Jason Long from the position of Secondary Social Studies, verbal vote, motion carried.

Accepted the resignation of Mr. Jason Long

Consideration was given to the employing the following:

- Mr. Gerald Guido – Secondary Social Studies Teacher
- Mr. Andrew Fee – Assistant Golf Coach – Volunteer

Hired Gerald Guide Sec. Social Studies Teacher and Andrew Fee, Asst. Golf Coach

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

The following list of Daily Substitutes Teachers, Nurses and Support Staff was presented for approval:

<p><u>Certified</u> Aull, Patricia Baker, Jodi DeFrank, Rachele Blyth, Robyn D’Ambrosi, Donrae DiGianvincenzo, Bev Dobrich, Nicole Donegan, Loraine Dugan, Lisa</p>	<p><u>Emergency</u> Beshero, John Boariu, Nicolae Boyer, Margaret Chappell, Kayla Dudash, Alan Hinckley, David Hoppe, Rebecca Hunt, Beverly Lesney, Lawrence</p>	<p><u>Nurse</u> Henry, Sherron Tucker, Tara</p> <p><u>Paraprofessionals</u> Boariu, Blodwen Boyer, Suzanne Bucci, Allison DiLullo, Cindy Sweet, Jacquelyn</p>
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Approved Daily Substitute List

Giuliano, Mike
Goswick, Jessica
Parrott, Nathan
Patrick, Erika
Pickney, Lashion
Restino, Joanie
Seminara, Laurie
Shillingburg, Diane
Vastano, Amy
Workman, Jean

MacCullough, Craig
McComas, Robert
Miller, Brooke
Presnar, Grayce
Radicella, Glenda
Restino, David
Ritchie-Sotiriou, Melissa
Sever, Shawn
Yeropoli, Anthony

Cafeteria
Ellenberger, S
Huda, Janet
Lindsay, Heidi
Wiggins, Victoria
Wright, Betty

Custodians
Beers, Mark
Huda, Janet

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

The following Individual Transportation Contracts for the school year 2013-2014 were presented for approval:

- Calderoni, Clarissa - 1 student to Neshannock Community School, New Castle, PA - \$40.00/day.
- Craig, Tracy – 1 student to DePaul School for Hearing/Speech, Pittsburgh, PA - \$62.00/day
- Oehmler, Deborah – 1 student to Holy Redeemer School, Ellwood City, PA - \$24.00/day
- Schmidt, Lori – 2 students to New Castle Christian Academy, New Castle, PA - \$16.00/day
- Walters, Mark – 1 student to St. Vitus School, New Castle, PA - \$12.00/day
- Whalen, Beverly – 2 students to Gospel Baptist School, Poland, OH - \$22.00/day
- Zoccoli, Sherry – 1 student to New Castle Christian Academy, New Castle, PA - \$14.00/day

2013-14
Individual
Transportation
Contracts
approved

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

Consideration was given to the approval of the transportation routes for the 2013-2014 school year. Mr. Singer motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Hiler, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried. (Copies of Bus Routes on file in the Office of the Superintendent.)

2013-14
transportation
routes
approved

The 2013-14 fuel bid was awarded to the lowest bidder, Petroleum Traders, on the motion of Mrs. Gwin, seconded by Mr. Curatola, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

2013-14 fuel
bid awarded to
Petroleum
Traders

Consideration was given to the approval of Dr. Thomas Patton as the school dentist 2013-14 at the rate of \$3.00 per exam, which is the same as in previous years. Mr. Singer motioned approval, seconded by Mrs. Gwin, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Dr. T. Patton
appointed as
the 2013-14
school dentist

The second reading of the new School Board Policy No. 831 regarding Electronic Signatures was presented for approval. This policy establishes the process and procedures under which electronic signatures will be relied upon by school district personnel. The policy was accepted on the motion of Mrs. Gwin, seconded by Mrs. Griffin, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Policy Attached)

Approved the
second reading
of School
Board Policy
No. 831

Consideration was given to the approval for our district to participate in the Lawrence County School-To-Work Program for the 2013-2014 school year at a cost of \$4,000.00. This program includes the Health Career Fair, the Business and Industry Career Fair, Counselor's Boot Camp, Engineering Day and Educator in the Workplace. So moved by Mr. Curatola, seconded by Mrs. Gwin, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Law. Co.
School-To-
Work Program
approved

The following list of travel requests were presented for approval:

- Mike O'Lare and Fred Puglia to attend the Nike Championship Basketball Camp from October 4 – 6, 2013 in Cleveland, OH.
- Cliff Wallace and Cameron Schirmer to accompany approximately 12-15 students to Louisville, Kentucky for the Annual National FFA Convention from October 31 – November 2, 2013.
- Jared Gustafon, FCCLA Pennsylvania State President, to attend the Capitol Leadership Training in Washington D.C. from September 29 – October 2, 2013 at an approximate cost of \$850.00
- Lindsey Shimrack to attend a three day workshop on PA Common Core curriculum in Harrisburg, PA from September 24 - 26, 2013.
- Michele Peterson to accompany two (2) students to the PSBA Student Delegate Program at the 2013 PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference from October 16 – 18, 2013 in Harrisburg, PA
- James Glynn, School Psychologist, to attend the ASPP Fall Conference from October 22 – 24, 2013 in State College, PA.

Requests for
travel approved

Mrs. Gwin 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 following requests for the use of our facilities:

- Mohawk Lil Warriors (students in grades 3 – 6) use of the football field for three home games this season.
- Bessemer Rotary - use of the high school cafeteria for their annual spaghetti dinner at the end of October.

Use of
facilities
approved

So moved by Mrs. Gwin, seconded by Mr. Spears, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Real Estate Additions and Exonerations were presented for approval. The current exonerations total \$213,380 and the current additions are \$97,500 bringing the YTD exonerations to \$3,031,080 and YTD additions to \$3,579,000 which translates to a YTD gain of \$547,920 or \$7,172.27 in actual tax dollars. Also, there was an addition to the Homestead/Farmstead Exclusions in the amount of \$12,871 or \$168.48 in actual tax dollars. Mr. Singer motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Curatola, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried. (Copies Attached)

Real Estate
Additions/Exon.
approved

Mrs. Kwolek recognized the following:

- Shane McFarland – Lawrence County Athlete of the Week – Football

Kim Baney, President of PTO, was present and announced the officers for the new school year. She also stated the Magazine Sale and the first Book Fair will be held soon

There were no comments from the Mohawk Education Association.

At 8:30 P.M., the meeting was adjourned on the motion of Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Hiler, verbal vote, motion carried.

Janet L. Crum
Board Secretary