

The Regular Meeting of the Mohawk Area School District Board of Directors was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by the 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 Butch, Jr., James Capalbo, Stephen Cardella, Jonathan Laughner, and James McKim. Eugene Butch, Jr. participated by audio conference. Lori Griffin, Scott Singer and Mark Solley were absent. Michael Leitera, Superintendent, Lorree Houk, Assistant to the Superintendent, Greg Ferencak, Co-High School Principal, Bradlee Meehan, Elementary Principal, George Sperdute, Assistant Elementary Principal, John R. Seltzer, Solicitor and Kimberly Eaton, Board Secretary also attended.

The minutes of the Board Meeting on December 14, 2015 and the Committee of the Whole Meeting on January 4, 2016 were approved as written on the motion of Mr. Capalbo, seconded by Mr. Laughner, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Student Delegate, Emily Weingartner, as well as each Administrator updated the Board concerning recent events and activities. Mr. Leitera said he had performed research on some of the topics from the prior month's meeting. He spoke to other superintendents in Lawrence County and learned of a group that meets at the Midwestern Intermediate Unit to discuss loosening the reins for school districts to raise real estate taxes above their index. He would like promote advocacy and form a stronger voice with the government in Harrisburg.

There was no public comment from the audience.

The Financial Report dated December 31, 2015 as well as the quarterly Budget Transfers was presented for approval. So moved on the motion of Mr. Cardella, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Financial Report Attached)

Approved  
Financial  
Report

Mr. Laughner motioned to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried. (Copies of all invoices on file in the Business Office)

General Fund,  
School Lunch  
bills approved

GENERAL FUND

Prepaid                   \$ 347,739.97  
Current                   \$ 96,589.45

SCHOOL LUNCH

Prepaid                   \$ 27,816.74

The following were approved as additions to the agenda:

- Approval of Jennifer Hupko to appear on the paraprofessional substitute list and Betty Wright to appear on the Cafeteria substitute list
- Approval of Mr. Jared Stratton to attend the 2016 PSADA Conference from March 16-18 in Hershey, PA

Granted  
permission to  
make additions  
to the agenda

Mr. Butch motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Consideration was given to Jennifer Hupko to appear on the paraprofessional substitute list and Betty Wright to appear on the cafeteria substitute list. Mr. Capalbo motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Approved  
Daily  
Substitute List

Consideration was given to the approval of Boys Middle School Basketball Volunteer Assistant, Bryn Kauffman. Mr. Capalbo motioned approval, seconded by Mr. McKim, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Approved  
additional  
volunteer  
coach

Consideration was given to the 2016-2017 Budget Calendar will be presented for approval Mr. Cardella motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Butch, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Budget Calendar Attached)

Approved  
2016-17  
Budget  
Calendar

Consideration was given to the approval to solicit 2016-2017 fiscal year bids for the following:

- General Teaching Supplies
- Custodial Supplies
- Athletic Supplies

Granted permission to solicit bids

Mr. McKim motioned approval, seconded by Capalbo, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Consideration was given to the annual approval of the PSBA Standards for Effective Governance and the PSBA Code of Conduct for Members of PA School boards. Mr. Capalbo motioned approval, seconded by Mr. McKim, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Approved PSBA Code of Conduct and Standards of Effective Governance

Consideration was given to the acceptance of the Audited Financial Statements for the 2014-2015 school year. Mr. Cardella motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried. (Copy of the Audited Financial Statements on file in the Business Office)

Approved 2014-15 Audited Financial Statements

Consideration was given to the approval of the Resolution to Commit a portion of Fund Balance as follows: \$2,000,000 for future capital projects and \$3,000,000 for future retirement costs. Mr. Capalbo motioned approval, seconded by Mr. McKim, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Resolution Attached)

Approved Committed Fund Balance Resolution

Consideration was given to the approval of the following travel requests:

Travel requests approved as presented

— Mr. Clifford Wallace and Mr. Cameron Schirmer to accompany approximately 11 students to the FFA Leadership Workshop from February 20-21, 2016 in Harrisburg, PA

— Mrs. Marsh Karidis to accompany two students to compete at the PA FBLA State Leadership Conference from April 10-13, 2016 in Hershey, PA

— Mr. Jared Stratton to attend the 2016 PSADA Conference from March 16-18 in Hershey, PA

Mr. Capalbo motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Consideration was given to the approval for Cape Fox Professional Services to use various high school classrooms according to the schedule for Motorcycle Safety Training and Education. Mr. Capalbo motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Laughner, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Approved  
Facility  
Use  
Request

**Discussion Items**

Mr. Leitera announced that January is School Board Recognition Month and he thanked the members for their service. Students in classrooms of Mrs. Krisuik and Mrs. McCombie prepared treat bags for each board member – they were excited and also wanted to thank the board members. Mr. Leitera handed out certificates prepared by P.S.B.A. to the members. Mr. Leitera also announced we will be having cake and punch following the meeting to celebrate.

Mr. Leitera stated there was no update on well drilling.

**Awards & Recognition**

Mrs. Houk and Mr. Ferencak recognized the Girls basketball team for winning against the Neshannock team (47-30) at that night's game.

Mr. Meehan reported on behalf of the Elementary P.T.O. and he stated the Book Fair will be held on January 25-29, 2016.

Mr. Leitera recognized many students at the committee meeting on January 4, 2016.

There was no comment from the Mohawk Education Association.

At 8:30 P.M., the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing legal matters on the motion of Mr. Cardella, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, verbal vote, motion carried.

Kimberly J. Eaton  
Board Secretary