

The Regular Meeting of the Mohawk Area 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 A. Butch, Jr., James Capalbo, Stephen Cardella, Lori Griffin, James McKim, and Scott Singer. Jonathan Laughner and Mark Solley were excused. Superintendent, Mr. Michael Leitera, Assistant to the Superintendent, Lorree Houk, Solicitor, John Seltzer, Co-Principal, Gregory Ferencak, Co-Principal, Raymond Omer, Elementary Principal, Bradlee Meehan, Assistant Elementary Principal, George Sperdute and Board Secretary, Kimberly Eaton also attended.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 8, 2016 and the Committee of the Whole Meeting on March 7, 2016 were approved as written on the motion of Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, verbal vote, motion carried.

Student Delegate, Emily Weingartner, as well as each Administrator updated the Board concerning recent events and activities. Mr. Ferencak and Mr. Leitera recognized Debra Duffy as the Junior-Senior High School Employee of the Month.

Mr. Leitera reported that he attended a legislative luncheon at the Lawrence County Country Club along with Mr. Cardella, and Mr. Solley. He also stated that Ms. Eaton has been meeting with vendors to get the best prices. Mr. Leitera mentioned that the District has continued to meet certain deadlines even though the Commonwealth has not adopted a budget. He stated the Prom Fashion and Faculty Fusion Shows were fun and successful. Mr. Leitera mentioned he really enjoyed reading during Suessapoolza. Furthermore, he stated he appreciates the culture of caring and sharing among our faculty.

Mrs. Miklos and Mr. Marsh presented the District's internet safety instruction plan.

Archie Donofrio addressed the Board of Directors about naming several facilities after founding fore fathers.

The Financial Report dated February 29, 2016 was presented for approval. So moved on the motion of Mr. Cardella, seconded by Ms. Griffin, roll call vote, all members voting in the affirmative, motion carried. (Copy of Financial Report Attached)

Approved
financial
report

Mr. Singer motioned to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Mr. McKim, roll call vote, all members voting in the affirmative, motion carried. (Copies of all invoices on file in the Business Office)

Approved bills

GENERAL FUND

Prepaid	\$ 50,954.15
Current	\$ 153,246.12

SCHOOL LUNCH

Prepaid	\$ 34,856.62
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The following were approved as additions to the agenda, on the motion of Mr. Cardella, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, verbal vote, motion carried:

Granted permission to make additions to the agenda

- Leave request by Mrs. Courtney Redmond from approximately May 15 to end of the 2015-2016 school year
- Retirement Resignation of Mrs. Marianne Burkes effective January 3, 2016
- Resignation of Jill McConaughy, effective immediately
- Separation agreement between the District and Mrs. Jamie Stevens effective June 30, 2016
- Agreement between the District and Food Services Solutions

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

- Karen Cilli, retirement resignation, secondary foreign language teacher, effective June 3, 2016
- Lauralee Zelesnak Lees, retirement resignation, secondary science teacher, effective June 3, 2016
- Julie Young, resignation, long-term substitute, secondary science, effective March 7, 2016
- Janice Krisuk, retirement resignation, bus monitor effective February 29, 2016
- Marianne Burkes, retirement resignation, teacher, effective June 3, 2016
- Jill McConaughy, resignation, café worker, effective immediately
- Courtney Redmond, leave request, from May 15, 2016 until the end of the school year

Approved Resignations/Retirements and Leaves

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

Consideration was given to the approval of employing:

- Rachel McAnallen as elementary special education instructional paraprofessional
- Stacy DeCarbo as a volunteer varsity majorette advisor

Approved
employment
requests

Mr. Capalbo motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Consideration was given to the approval of Scott Johnson as Volunteer Boys Baseball Coach and Carly Schubert as the Head Middle School Boys Track Coach for the 2015-2016 school year. Mr. Cardella motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Singer, roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Approved
Coaches

Mr. Capalbo motioned to award the bids for 2016-17 custodial supplies as recommended by Mr. Cinque at the Elementary, and Mr. Werhnyak at the High School, in the amounts of \$5,499.07 and \$10,929.21 respectively. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried. (A copy of the summary sheet attached and a copy of the detailed bid sheets on file in the Office of the Superintendent.)

Awarded the
custodial
supply bids
for 2016/17
school year

Consideration was given to the approval of the 2016-2017 general operating budget of the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV in the amount of \$4,059,652. Mr. Leitera explained that the budget had decreased by approximately \$16,000 or .40% from the prior year. Ms. Eaton explained that the school district contributions to the general operating budget total \$649,135.00, which is the same as the 2015-2016 year. Mohawk's share is estimated at \$15,288. Approval was granted on the motion of Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Resolution Attached).

Approved the
Midwestern
Intermediate
Unit IV 2016-
2017 General
Operating
Budget

Consideration was given to the approval of the Special Education Plan. Mr. Leitera said "thank you" to Mrs. Stevens for preparing this lengthy document. We have provided many opportunities for the children to learn. Mr. Butch motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried (Copy of Plan Attached).

Approved
Special
Education
Plan

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

Approved
Travel
Request

- Ashley Graziani to accompany one (1) student to the Region I Festival from March 16-18, 2016 at Western Beaver High School.
- Carl Sockaci and Andy Shillingburg to accompany approx. 20 qualifying TSA students to compete at the State Conference from April 13-15, 2016 at Seven Springs Resort.
- Jeff McNeish, Lori Boston, and two (2) volunteer chaperones to accompany approx. 16 students to compete at the National Academic Games Tournament from April 21-26, 2016 in Atlanta, GA.

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

Real Estate Additions and Exonerations were presented for approval.

Real Estate
Additions/
Exonerations
approved

Current Additions - \$20,200
Current Exonerations - \$148,500
YTD Additions - \$20,200
YTD Exonerations - \$148,500
Net YTD Loss – Assessed Value - \$148,300
Net YTD Loss – Actual Tax Dollars - \$1,991.67

Mr. Cardella motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried. (Copy Attached)

Consideration was given to the approval of a separation agreement between the District and Mrs. Jamie Stevens effective June 30, 2016, and pending solicitor's review. Mr. Capalbo motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent motion carried.

Approved
separation
agreement
between the
District and
Mrs. Stevens

Consideration was given to the approval of an agreement between the District and Food Service Solutions, not to exceed \$4,000 to review the operations of the Food Service Department. Mr. Butch motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, roll call vote, all members voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent motion carried.

Approved
contract
with Food
Services
Solution,
Inc.

Discussion Items

- (1) Mr. Leitera presented information from P.A.S.A. concerning the state budget and he presented the “Budget Impasse Survival Toolkit” by P.S.B.A.

Awards & Recognition

Mr. Leitera recognized the Jr. High Art Students at the Regular Meeting. The students attended museums in Youngstown. The Education Association funded this event. Mr. Leitera expressed his gratitude to the Association.

Reports

Ms. Nikki Gwin spoke about our “Read With A Warrior” Program. She stated the program was successful and that our high school students that participated were good role models. Mr. Leitera stated that this program promotes literacy and encourages community participation. He also stated it was a reward to the learning support, emotional support

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

On a motion by Mr. McKim, seconded by Mr. Cardella the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M., voice vote.

Kimberly J. Eaton
Board Secretary