

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: Eugene A. Butch, Jr., Harry J. Curatola, Jr., Lori Griffin, Diane Gwin, Mark Hiler, Jonathan Laughner, Scott Singer and David Spears. Superintendent Kathleen Kwolek, Assistant to the Superintendent, Lorree Houk, Assistant High School Principal, Gregory Ferencak, Elementary Principal, Bradlee Meehan, Assistant Elementary Principal, George Spurdute, and Janet Crum, Secretary, were also in attendance.

The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on September 9, 2013, the Special Meeting on September 23, 2013, and the Committee of the Whole Meeting on October 7, 2013 were accepted as written on the motion of Mrs. Gwin, seconded by Mr. Laughner, verbal vote, motion carried.

Miss Lauren Parks and Miss Courtney Castaldi, Title I Instructors in the Elementary, were present and gave a brief overview of Title I. They explained how they planned to achieve their goals of providing additional support in reading and math, working with the students in the classroom, and increasing parental involvement.

Jared Gustafson, FCCLA State President, was in attendance and gave a presentation of his trip to the Capitol Leadership Training in Washington D.C. from September 29, 2013 through October 2, 2013. He stated some of the highlights from this event, and felt it was successful even though he was unable to meet with Representatives due to the government shut down that was taking place during this time. His father, Harry Gustafson, was also present and wished to publicly thank the Board for providing this opportunity for Jared, as well as Mrs. Pat Byers, FCCLA Advisor, for all she has done for him.

Student Delegates, Marie Anderson, Megan Sensky, Chris Culley, Jessica Duffy and Nick Colwell, informed the Board of all the events currently taking place including:

- Homecoming Weekend October 4th and 5th - although it rained, the parade and all festivities were a great success.
- Student Council Project – “Leaf Hunger Behind” to benefit Project HOPE and help to provide Mohawk families with a holiday dinner.
- Peer Leaders – Monster Mash for students in 7th and 8th grade on Tuesday, October 29, 2013.
- SAVE Club – 20 new members working on anti-violence and anti-bullying issues.
- Patriot’s Penn Essay Contest for 7th and 8th grade students – What Patriotism Means to Me.

- FBLA – Annual Veteran’s Day Program on Thursday, November 7, 2013 at the Cathedral.
- Senior Night for all Fall Sports
- A.R.T.S. Club fundraiser for breast cancer research.
- PMEA District 5 Honors Choir – Christina Conti and Brianna Crawford will participate at Westminster College, Saturday, November 2, 2013.--
- The Band is selling commemorative pillows made from the old band uniforms.
- Ag Department busy participating in the Western PA Leadership Conference, Ag Encounter and pouring concrete pads for bleachers at the Softball Field.
- 2013 Totem inducted into the Gallery of Excellence by Walsworth.

Likewise each Administrator informed the Board of recent and upcoming events that will take place in each building.

There were no public comments.

The Financial Report dated September 30, 2013 as well as Budget Transfers dated October 1, 2013 for the first quarter of the fiscal year, were presented for approval. So moved on the motion of Mr. Hiler, seconded by Mr. Singer, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Financial Report and Budget Transfers Attached)

Financial Report approved

Mr. Curatola motioned to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Mrs. Gwin, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried. (Copies of all invoices on file in the Business Office)

General Fund, School Lunch bills approved

GENERAL FUND	
Prepaid	\$ 430,741.17
Current	\$ 220,816.20
SCHOOL LUNCH	
Prepaid	\$ 14,402.07
CONSTRUCTION	
Prepaid	\$.00

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There was one addition to the agenda this evening, which was a request to enter into the Joint Purchasing Cooperative through Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV for 2014-2015. On the motion of Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Laughner, approval was granted to include this item in the agenda, verbal vote, motion carried.

Approved addition to the agenda

The following resignation was presented for approval:

-- Mrs. Amanda Bshero – Special Education Instructional Paraprofessional.

Accepted the resignation of Mrs. Amanda Bshero

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

Consideration was given to employing the following:

- Mrs. Rachele DeFrank – Special Education Instructional Paraprofessional
- Mrs. Amy Donston – Special Education Instructional Paraprofessional
- Mr. Charles McKee – Full Time Bus Driver
- Mr. Robert Grimm – Full Time Bus Driver
- Ms. Teri Trott – Full Time Bus Driver
- Ms. LaToya Smith – Full Time Bus Driver
- Ms. Dorothy Hyberg – Full Time Bus Driver

Approved employment as presented

Mr. Singer motioned acceptance, seconded by Mrs. Gwin, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

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

Certified

Claroni, Dennis
Kauffman, Brandon
Medure, Bobbi
Mitcham, Patricia
Pegher, Melanie
Shaffer, Joshua
Sheldone, Robert

Emergency

Baney, Kimberly
Duffy, Tracy
Holt, Debra
Hudak-Start, Mary Jane
Kalantzis, Jo Ann
Rubaker, Kara
Cookson, Beryl

Nurse

Krisuk, Robert

Approved additions to Daily Substitute List

Paraprofessional

Monaco, Dan

Mr. Laughner motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Curatola, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

On the motion by Mr. Hiler, seconded by Mr. Spears, the Board approved the addition of Ms. Lori Stelter as a volunteer assistant Girl's Middle School Basketball Coach, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

Lori Stelter hired as volunteer asst. Girl's Middle School Basketball Coach

Consideration was given to the approval of the Student Representatives for Activity Clubs for 2013-2014. This is required annually per the auditors. So moved by Mr. Curatola, seconded by Mr. Laughner, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Student Activity Representatives Attached)

Student Representatives for Activity Clubs for 13/14 approved

Consideration was given to the approval of the Mohawk Elementary Parental Involvement Policy for the 2013-14 school year. Mrs. Kwolek stated this must be approved annually and is developed jointly with parents of children participating in Title I. Mr. Singer motioned approval, seconded by Mrs. Gwin, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried. (Copy Attached)

Approved Mohawk Elem. Parental Involvement Policy for 13/14

The Local Advisory Council, the Occupational Advisory Council, and the VoAg Occupational Advisory Council are all approved each year, and the 2013-14 list was presented for approval. Mrs. Kwolek informed the Board that we have three programs certified at the state level as part of the Career and Technical Education Program - Vocational Agriculture, Accounting and Administrative Assistant. The designation of the Advisory Councils is part of the annual requirements. So moved by Mrs. Gwin, seconded by Mr. Laughner, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried. (Copy Attached)

Advisory Councils approved for 13/14

Consideration was given to the approval to continue the Contract of Service with PA-Education.net at a cost of \$1,750.00, which is the same as last school year. Mr. Singer motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Curatola, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

Granted permission to continue the Contract of Service with PA-Education.net

Consideration was given to the first reading of new Board Policy No. 113.1 – Discipline of Students with Disabilities. Mrs. Kwolek stated this is a policy that was recommended to be in place for the upcoming Special Education audit. So moved by Mr. Butch, seconded by Mr. Laughner, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

First reading of Board Policy No. 113.1 approved

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Consideration was given to the approval to proceed with the project to upgrade the HVAC and lighting systems at Mohawk Elementary School, as recommended by Eckles Architecture and Engineering in their study of 10/7/2013. Specifically, the Variable Refrigerant Flow System (Scheme #2), and the LED lighting (Scheme #2) are the selected design options. Furthermore, the Board prefers that the ceilings in the impacted areas be replaced as part of the project. Mr. Singer motioned to authorize Eckles Architecture and Engineering to proceed with the design and bidding in accordance with

Granted permission to proceed with the upgrade to HVAC and lighting systems in Elementary

their proposal of October 11, 2013 with bids to be received on or before December 17, 2013 for Board action in January, 2014. It is the intention of the Board that the project be completed and functional for the fall term of 2014. Mr. Laughner seconded the motion, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

Consideration was given to the approval of adjudication for an employee. Mr. Butch motioned acceptance, seconded by Mr. Laughner, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

Approval of adjudication for an employee

Consideration was given to the approval of the agreement between Human Services Center Student Assistance Program (SAP) and Mohawk Area School District for grades seven through 12 at no cost to the district for the 2013-14 school year. Mrs. Kwolek stated they provide core team representatives, mental health assessments, consultation and staff and faculty education. So moved on the motion of Mrs. Gwin, seconded by Mr. Hiler, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

Approved agreement between SAP and Mohawk Area School Dist. For 13/14

The following travel request was presented for approval:

-- Mrs. Lindsey Shimrack to attend a three-day PIIC Coaching Conference in State College, PA from October 29 – 31, 2013.

Requests for travel approved

Mr. Butch motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Hiler, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

The following Use of Facilities requests were considered:

- Kathi's Dance and Gym Center, use of the auditorium for a non-profit Christmas Program on December 14 – 15, 2013.
- Nathan Parrott and Dance Your Heart Out, use of auditorium and a classroom on February 21 – 22, 2014.
- North Beaver Civic Club use of the Elementary cafeteria on December 7, 2013 for the annual Breakfast with Santa.

Use of Facilities requests approved

Mr. Curatola motioned approval, seconded by Mrs. Gwin, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

There were no Real Estate Additions or Exonerations this month; however, a list of nine residents was considered for exoneration of Per Capita Tax. Seven of them met the requirements and were recommended for approval. So moved on the motion of Mr.

Laughner, seconded by Mr. Curatola, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried. (List Attached)

Mrs. Kwolek recognized the following:

-- Jared Gustafson for his participation in the Capitol Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

Kim Baney, President of PTO, was present and informed the Board of the PTO activities that benefit our students.

There were no comments from the Mohawk Education Association.

At 8:45 P.M., the meeting was adjourned on the motion of Mr. Hiler, seconded by Mr. Singer, verbal vote, motion carried.

Janet L. Crum
Board Secretary