

The Regular Meeting of the Mohawk Area Board of Directors was called to order at 8:01 P.M. by the President, Mark Hiler with the following members present: Eugene A. Butch, Jr., Stephen Cardella, James McKim and Mark Solley. James Capalbo, Lori Griffin, Jonathan Laughner and Scott Singer were absent. Superintendent, Mr. Michael Leitera, Assistant to the Superintendent, Lorree Houk, High School Principal, Raymond Omer, Elementary Principal, Bradlee Meehan, Assistant Elementary Principal, George Sperdute, Solicitor, John R. Seltzer, and Board Secretary, Kimberly Eaton, also attended.

There was an executive session preceding this meeting.

The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on June 13, 2016 was approved as written on the motion of Mr. Cardella, seconded by Mr. Solley, verbal vote, motion carried.

Each Administrator updated the Board on recent activities and events.

Mr. Sperdute mentioned that the District has partnered with Lawrence County Community Action Partnership (LCCAP), the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank, and SNPJ to provide breakfast, lunch, activities, and resources to 85-plus children ages 0 to 18. Numerous other persons are also assisting with the project. He stated approximately fifteen teachers, the girls' varsity basketball players, boys' soccer players, local businesses and several area churches gathered clothing, shoes, toiletries, and sport materials.

Mr. Leitera shared with the school board directors, a recent article from New Castle News titled "The Time For Small Ball School Budgeting Is Over." He also reported that Penn-Dot removed dirt from the bank near the Verizon building this past week. Mr. Leitera also reported he had met with Officer Long. He is learning more about Homeland Training. The Pennsylvania Department of Education has abandoned the ALICE training. Furthermore, Mr. Leitera commended Mr. Sperdute and Mr. Omer for reaching our students and providing food and learning materials to them.

Superintendent
Report

Ms. Mickie Haviland addressed the board members; she inquired if the dress code can be adjusted due to the growing poverty level. Mr. Leitera said it was a good suggestion and he would look into it.

Public
Comment

The Financial Report dated June 30, 2016, was presented for approval. Approval was granted on the motion of Mr. Butch, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 5 yes, 4 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Financial Report Attached)

Approved
Financial
Report dated
6/30/16

Mr. Butch motioned to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Mr. Solley, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 5 yes, 4 absent, motion carried. (Copies of all invoices on file in the Business Office)

General Fund,
School Lunch
bills approved

GENERAL FUND

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| Prepaid | \$ 770,867.34 |
| Current | \$ 118,985.91 |

SCHOOL LUNCH

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| Prepaid | \$ 27,909.09 |
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Consideration was given to the approval of the following resignation and retirements:

- Resignation of Mrs. Kimberly Feezle as a cafeteria worker - effective June 24, 2016
- Retirement resignation of Mr. Anthony Sotoriu as a bus driver effective July 7, 2016
- Retirement resignation of Mrs. Marcia Satori as a bus monitors effective July 7, 2016

Resignations/
Retirements
approved as
presented

Mr. Cardella motioned approval, seconded by Mr. McKim, roll call vote, Mr. McKim "yes", Mr. Solley "yes", Mr. Butch "yes", Mr. Cardella "yes", Mr. Hiler "yes", 5 yes, 4 absent, motion carried.

Consideration was given to the approval of a maternity leave for Mrs. Leah Suders starting approximately on September 27, 2016 for eight weeks. Mr. Butch motioned approval, seconded by Mr. McKim, roll call vote, Mr. McKim "yes", Mr. Solley "yes", Mr. Butch "yes", Mr. Cardella "yes", Mr. Hiler "yes", 5 yes, 4 absent, motion carried.

Maternity
leave
approved for
Mrs Suders

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

- Sharlene Shiderly as a substitute bus driver
- Emily Billing as a Coordinator of Special Education & Psychological Services, effective date to be determined
- Linda Retort as a Secondary Assistant Principal, effective date to be determined

Approved
employment
as presented

Emily Billing
approved as
Coordinator of
Special Ed &
Psychological
Srv.

Mr. Solley motioned approval, seconded by Mr. McKim, roll call vote, Mr. McKim "yes", Mr. Solley "yes", Mr. Butch "yes", Mr. Cardella "yes", Mr. Hiler "yes", 5 yes, 4 absent, motion carried.

Linda Retort
hired as
Secondary
Asst. Principal

Consideration was given to the approval of the volunteers (marching band & sports) for the fall season of 2016-2017 as follows:

- Matt Ferraro – Volunteer – Marching Band
- Todd Radzymniski – Volunteer – Varsity/Middle School Football
- Morgan Ritchie – Volunteer – Volleyball
- Kevin Byers – Volunteer – Boys Soccer
- Ryan Castor - Volunteer – Boys Soccer
- Andrew Slater - Volunteer – Boys Soccer
- Boyd Laughner - Volunteer – Boys Soccer
- Michael Shornack – Volunteer – Girls Soccer and
- Toby McConahy – Volunteer – Golf.

So moved by Mr. Cardella, seconded by Mr. McKim, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 5 yes, 4 absent, motion carried.

Consideration was given to the approval of the game management workers for the fall season of 2016-2017 as listed:

Varsity Football:

Tickets– Denise Carr
Tickets– Anna Fadden
Tickets – Christy Stratton
Tickets – Rob Fadden
Tickets – Holly O’Lare
Chains – Russell Cracraft
Announcer – Ed Weber
Scoreboard – Fred Puglia
Building Security/Game Manager – Cameron Schirmer
Film – Josh long
Statistics – Larry Wheeler

Approved
game
management
workers for
fall season of
16-17 as
presented

MS/JV Football:

Chains – Russel Cracraft
Announcer – Ed Weber
Scoreboard – Fred Puglia

Volleyball:

Scoreboard – Fred Puglia

Boys Soccer:

Scorekeeper – Diane Laughner

Girls Soccer:

Scorekeeper – Jacquie Jones

So moved by Mr. Solley, seconded by Mr. McKim, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 5 yes, 4 absent, motion carried.

Consideration to be given to the approval to the first reading of the revised School Board Policy #815 - Computer and Internet Acceptable Use Policy/Internet Safety Policy. So moved by Mr. Cardella, seconded by Mr. Butch, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 5 yes, 4 absent, motion carried.

First reading of revised School Board Policy #815 approved

Consideration to be given to the approval to review School Board Policy #249 - Bullying/Cyberbullying as per the Office of Safe Schools of Pennsylvania of Department of Education. So moved by Mr. Butch, seconded by Mr. Solley, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 5 yes, 4 absent, motion carried.

Agreed to review School Board Policy #249

Consideration was given to the approval of a Memorandum of Agreement between the Mohawk Area School District, the Mohawk Education Association, Mr. Jason Zeh and Ms. Ashley Graziani. Ms. Graziani voluntarily accepts the half-time music position for the 2016-2017 school year in effect restoring Mr. Zeh to full-time status. The School Board at its legislative meeting on June 13, 2016 had demoted Mr. Zeh from a full-time music position to a half-time position. So moved by Mr. Cardella, seconded by Mr. Solley, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 5 yes, 4 absent, motion carried. (Copy of the agreement on file)

Approved Memorandum of Agreement between MASD and the Mohawk Education Assoc.

Consideration was given to the approval to offer the vacated position of middle-level math to Mrs. Sonya Brown (pending documentation of PA middle-level math teacher certification). So moved by Mr. Butch, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 5 yes, 4 absent, motion carried.

Mrs Sonya Brown appointed middle-level math position

Consideration was given to the approval to offer a secondary special education position to Mrs. Heather Miller due to teacher certification change (pending documentation of PA Biology certification). So moved by Mr. Butch, seconded by Mr. Solley, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 5 yes, 4 absent, motion carried.

Mrs Heather Miller offered secondary special education position

Consideration was given to the approval to recall Miss Marissa Stoner from furlough as elementary technology teacher (pending documentation of PA BCIT certification) and furlough Mr. Alan Marsh due to teacher certification change. So moved by Mr. Solley, seconded by Mr. McKim, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 5 yes, 4 absent, motion carried.

Granted permission to recall Marissa Stoner from furlough as elem. tech teacher

Approved furlough
of Mr Alan Marsh

Consideration was given to the approval for two (2) students from the Union Area School District to attend Mohawk Area School District to participate in the Agricultural Production Operations Program beginning with the 2016-2017 school year through their graduation. So moved by Mr. Butch, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 5 yes, 4 absent, motion carried.

Gave approval for two (2) students from UASD to attend Mohawk Agricultural Prod. Operations Program through their graduation

Consideration was given to the approval of a one (1) year agreement between Mohawk Area School District and Jameson Rehabilitation Center of Neshannock for services of a Certified Athletic Trainer for the 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Leitera mentioned he was in negotiations with Jameson; the District may see a price break after the transition. He will review this agreement each year. So moved by Mr. Solley, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 5 yes, 4 absent, motion carried. (Copy of the agreement is on file in the business office)

Approved agreement with Jameson Rehabilitation Center of Neshannock for a Certified Athletic Trainer for 16-17

Consideration was given to the approval of the agreement between Mohawk Area School District and Kids First Therapy, LLC for occupational therapy services beginning July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. So moved by Mr. Butch, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 5 yes, 4 absent, motion carried. (Copy of the agreement is on file in the business office)

Agreement with Kids First Therapy, LLC for occ. therapy services for 16-17 approved

Consideration was given to the approval of the agreement between Mohawk Area School District and Lawrence County Drug and Alcohol Commission (SCA) for prevention services for the 2016-2017 school year at the same cost as last year of \$2,185.00. So moved by Mr. Cardella, seconded by Mr. McKim, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 5 yes, 4 absent, motion carried.

Approved agreement between MASD and Law. Co. Drug/Alcohol Commission for 16-17

Consideration was given to the approval of the tax appeal settlement between Kendra A. Shick and the Mohawk Area School District for the property assessment value. Mr. Seltzer stated that the assessment value would be reduced from approximately \$860,000 to \$750,000. So moved by Mr. Butch, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 5 yes, 4 absent, motion carried. (Copy of the Resolution is attached)

Tax appeal settlement between Kendra A. Shick and the MASD approved

Consideration was given to the approval for Mr. Mike O'Lare to accompany the girls basketball team to a Team Camp from July 15-17, 2016, at Edinboro University. So moved by Mr. Solley, seconded by Mr. McKim, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 5 yes, 4 absent, motion carried.

Granted permission for Mike O'Lare to accompany girls basketball team to a Team Camp at Edinboro Univ.

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

At 8:30 PM, on a motion by Mr. Cardella, seconded by Mr. Solley the meeting was adjourned.

Kimberly J. Eaton
Board Secretary