

The Regular Meeting of the Mohawk Area Board of Directors was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by the President, Mark Hiler. The following members were present: Eugene Butch, Jr., Stephen Cardella, James Capalbo, Lori Griffin, Jonathan Laughner, and James McKim. Mark Solley and Scott Singer were absent. Superintendent, Michael T. Leitera, Assistant to the Superintendent, Lorree Houk, High School Principal, Raymond Omer, Elementary School Principal, Bradlee Meehan, Solicitor, John R. Seltzer, and Kimberly Eaton, Board Secretary, also attended.

Mr. Hiler announced that an executive session had been held prior to the meeting for the purpose of discussing legal and personnel matters.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 8, 2016 and the Committee of the Whole Meeting on September 6, 2016 were approved as written on the motion of Mr. Laughner, seconded by Mr. Singer, verbal vote, motion carried.

Emily Weingarten, Student Delegate updated the Board on all the recent and upcoming activities and events. In addition, each Administrator spoke and stated that this school year has gotten off to a very smooth beginning in both buildings.

Mr. Leitera reported that the start of school year went smoothly. He wanted to say "thank you" to the administrative team. He mentioned there are new items in the classrooms such as computing devices and new items in the cafeteria such as coffee, grab-n-go breakfasts and fresh-made salads. He also reported that Officer Long will be here on September 30 at 1:45 p.m. to present school safety. Mr. Leitera also reported he had written to the National Character Education Foundation and he was able to obtain several speakers at no cost. One of the speakers was Mr. Jon Pritikin. He spoke at the elementary school's anti-bullying assembly on September 9th. Both the students and teachers enjoyed Pritikin's presentation.

Superintendent's
report

There were no comments from the audience.

The Financial Report dated August 31, 2016, was presented for approval. Approval was granted on the motion of Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Laughner, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Financial Report Attached)

Approved
Financial
Report dated
8/31/16

Mr. Capalbo, motioned to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Mr. McKim, 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
and Food
Service bills
approved

GENERAL FUND	
Prepaid	\$ 59,674.08
Current	\$ 257,380.75
FOOD SERVICE	
Current	\$ 1,899.36

Consideration was given to adding the following items to the agenda:

- Recall Mrs. Kwolek for vacated position
- Hire Ms. Julie McCowin – special education paraprofessional
- Extend family medical leave for Mrs. DeCarbo
- Facility request by Bessemer Rotary
- Agreement with Lawrence County Community Action Partnership
- Travel request – Mr. Leitera
- Agreement with Mahoning Builders, Inc

Approved
additions to the
agenda

Mr. Capalbo motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Cardella, verbal vote, motion carried.

Consideration was given to the approval of the following resignations:

- Ryan Castor as volunteer assistant boys soccer coach, effective August 18, 2016
- Mary Fleming as a secondary teacher, effective August 25, 2016
- Kathryn Becherer as an instructional paraprofessional, effective August 12, 2016
- Carly Schubert as an instructional paraprofessional, effective August 24, 2016
- Jessica Tamaro as an instructional paraprofessional, effective August 15, 2016
- Kaitlin Torok as an instructional paraprofessional, effective August 12, 2016

Approved
resignations/
retirements

-- Robert Grimm as a bus driver, effective August 2, 2016

Also, consideration was given to the approval of the following leave request:

-- Camille Colucci - Secondary Guidance Counselor, effective August 16, 2016 through January 16, 2017

Granted leave
to Camille
Colucci

Furthermore, consideration was given to the approval of the following employment requests:

- Sarah Graham - Long-term Substitute Secondary guidance Counselor
- Jennifer Hupko – 2016-2017 school year Special Education Instructional Paraprofessional
- Anna Vournous – 2016-2017 school year Special Education Instructional Paraprofessional
- Lana Spears – Part-time Cafeteria Worker
- Stefanie Capalbo - Bus Driver
- Susan Craig - Bus Monitor
- Scott Esposito - Bus Monitor
- Wanda O’Neill - Bus Monitor
- Pat Pezzolo - Bus Monitor
- Nancy Roberts - Bus Monitor
- Terry Slater - Bus Monitor
- Charles Ulmer - Bus Monitor

Approved
employment as
presented

Mr. Cardella motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Singer, roll call vote, Mr. Butch “yes”, Mr. Capalbo “abstain”, Mr. Cardella “yes”, Ms. Griffin “yes”, Mr. Hiler “yes”, Mr. Laughner “yes”, Mr. McKim “yes” , 6 yes, 1 abstain, 2 absent, motion carried.

Consideration was given to the approval of the following Daily Substitute Support Staff:

- Barbara Book – Cafeteria
- Stefanie Capalbo – Clerical

Daily
Substitute
Support Staff
approved

Mr. Cardella motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Singer, roll call vote, Mr. Butch “yes”, Mr. Capalbo “abstain”, Mr. Cardella “yes”, Mr. Griffin “yes”, Mr. Hiler “yes”, Mr. Laughner “yes”, Mr. McKim “yes” , 6 yes, 1 abstain, 2 absent, motion carried.

Consideration was given to the approval of the following Individual Transportation Contracts for the 2016-2017 school year:

- April Cowher - 1 student to The Watson Institute, Sewickley, PA - \$91.00/day

- Tracy Craig – 1 Pre-Kindergarten student to DePaul School for Hearing, Pittsburgh, PA - \$62.00/day
- Jayme Dickson – 1 student to Beaver County Christian School, Beaver Falls, PA - \$12.50/day
- Lisa Richards – 1 student to Beaver County Christian School, Beaver Falls, PA – \$17.00/day
- David Shaw – 1 student to Beaver County Christian School, Beaver Falls, PA - \$12.00/day
- Mark Walters – 1 student to St. Vitus School, New Castle, PA - \$12.00/day

Approved
Individual
Transportation
Contracts for
16/17

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

Consideration was given to the approval of the 2016-2017 Transportation routes. Mr. Capalbo motioned approval, seconded by Ms. Griffin, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

2016-2017
Transportation
routes
approved

Consideration was given to the approval to enroll a foreign exchange student for the 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Singer motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Granted
permission to
enroll a foreign
exchange student
for 16/17

Consideration was given to the approval of the 2016-2017 High School and Elementary Student Handbooks. Mr. Singer motioned approval, seconded by Mr. McKim, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried. (Copy Attached)

Approved
16/17 Student
Handbooks

Consideration was given to the approval of Dr. Thomas Patton as School Dentist for the 2016-2017 school year at the cost of \$3.00/exam. Mr. Cardella motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Laughner, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Approved
agreement with
school dentist Dr.
Thomas Patton

Consideration was given to the approval of an agreement between North Beaver Township and the Mohawk Area School District for police services at events for the 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Cardella motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Approved
agreement with N.
Beaver Twp for
police services

Consideration was given to the approval of an agreement between Pennsylvania Medical Transport, Inc. d/b/a Medevac Ambulance and the Mohawk Area School District for ambulance services at the Varsity and Jr. High Varsity football games. Mr. Singer motioned approval, seconded by Ms. Griffin, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Approved agreement with Medevac for ambulance services

Consideration was given to the approval of an agreement between Dr. Joann Lamb, MD, and the Mohawk Area School District for review of medically related services given to students based on their I.E.P. for the School-Based Access Program. Mr. Cardella motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Approved agreement with Dr. Joann Lamb for review of medically related services

Consideration was given to the approval of the contract between Lawrence County School-To-Work, Inc. and the Mohawk Area School District for the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$4,000. Mr. Singer motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Butch, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Agreement with Law. Co. School-To-Work, Inc. was approved

Consideration to be given to the approval of the agreement between the Reschini Group and the Mohawk Area School District to assist with the employer reporting requirements under the Affordable Care Act at a cost of \$6.00 per form. Mr. Butch motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Approved agreement with Reschini Group for employer reporting

The following use of facilities requests were considered for approval:

-- Cub Scout Pack 720 to meet in the elementary cafeteria one time per month at 7:00 p.m.

-- Dance Your Heart Out organization to use the high school auditorium on December 9-10, 2016

Use of facilities requests approved

So moved on the motion of Mr. Capalbo, seconded by Mr. Cardella, 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 for real estate are \$108,900, bringing the year-to-date additions to \$134,000 and the year-to-date exonerations to \$562,400. The net loss year-to-date is \$428,400 in assessed value and \$5,946.19 in actual tax dollars. Mr. Butch motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried. (Copy Attached)

Approved Real Estate Additions/ Exonerations

Consideration was given to the approval to recall Mrs. Britney Kwolek to the vacated position of Family Consumer Science teacher. Mr. McKim motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Granted permission to recall Mrs. Britney Kwolek

Consideration was given to the approval to hire Ms. Julie McCowin as a Secondary Special Education Instructional Paraprofessional. Mr. Singer motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Ms. Julie McCowin hired as Sp. Ed. Instructional Para

Consideration was given to the approval to extend the family medical leave of Mrs. Melissa DeCarbo to November 8, 2016 (returning on November 9, 2016). Mr. Butch motioned approval, seconded by Ms. Griffin, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Granted permission to extend family medical leave to Mrs Melissa DeCarbo

Consideration was given to the approval for the Bessemer Rotary to use the High School cafeteria and kitchen on October 22-23, 2016 for their annual dinner. Mr. Capalbo motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Approval given to Bessemer Rotary for H.S. cafeteria use

Consideration was given to the approval of the Lawrence County Community Action Partnership (LCCAP) and the Mohawk Area School District Collaboration Agreement and PDE-3086 for the Head Start program for the 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Singer motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Laughner, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Head Start program for 2016-2017 approved

Consideration was given to the approval for Mr. Michael Leitera to attend the District Administration Leadership Institute Superintendents Summit from September 28-30, 2016 in San Antonio, Texas at no cost to the district except for transportation (not to exceed \$150.00). Mr. Cardella motioned approval, seconded by Mr. McKim, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Approved travel for Mr. Michael Leitera to attend Dist. Admin. Leadership Institute

Consideration was given to the approval of the proposal by Mahoning Builders, Inc. for concrete replacement of the high school and elementary school in the amount of \$18,300. Mr. Butch motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Singer, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Approved concrete repairs by Mahoning Builders

Discussion Items

Mr. Leitera stated he will approach ACA Engineers concerning the scope of work to repair drainage and the product for the elementary parking lot. He will have this ready for the meeting in October.

Awards/Recognitions

Mr. Leitera recognized the following at the Committee of the Whole meeting on September 6:

- Mr. Clifford Wallace, Mrs. Theresa McConnell and Mrs. Lorree Houk for receiving the America's Farmers Grow Rural Education grant
- Mrs. Theresa McConnell, Mr. Ryan Castor, and Mrs. Lorree Houk –Chromebook parent meetings
- Mrs. Theresa McConnell, Mrs. Lorree Houk, Mr. Ryan Castor, Mrs. Lauren Dillon, Mr. Steve Franz, Mr. Rob Geramita, Ms. Jamilyn Maiorano, Mr. Nick Maiorano, Ms. Linda Mayer, Mr. Jeffrey McNeish, Mrs. Lynn Miklos, Ms. Melissa O'Shane, Ms. Michele Peterson, Mr. Andy Shillingburg, and Ms. Marissa Stoner - ProStar implementation and training

There was no representative present from the Mohawk Elementary P.T.O.

At 8:44 PM, the meeting was adjourned on the motion of Mr. Butch, seconded by Mr. Cardella, verbal vote, motion carried.

Kimberly J. Eaton
Board Secretary