

The Regular Meeting of the Mohawk Area Board of Directors was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by the President, Ted Morrow, 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., 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, High School Principal, Raymond Omer, Assistant High School Principal, Gregory Ferencak, Elementary Principal, Bradlee Meehan, Assistant Elementary Principal, George Sperdute, Solicitor John R. Seltzer, and Janet Crum, Secretary, were also in attendance.

Mr. Morrow took a moment to publicly thank Mrs. Diane Gwin (8 years) and Mr. David Spears (13 years), for their service and commitment to the Mohawk Area School District. Mrs. Gwin and Mr. Spears did not seek re-election to the Board.

The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on October 15, 2013, and the Committee of the Whole Meeting on November 4, 2013 were accepted as written on the motion of Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Laughner, verbal vote, motion carried.

There were no public comments.

Student Delegates, Nick Colwell, Jessica Duffy and Megan Sensky, updated the Board on all the activities of the school including:

- Senior Class Play – *Eggplants and Vampires* – to be presented Thursday and Friday, November 14 and 15, 2013. 39 Seniors are participating.
- Spanish Club – Celebrating “El Dia de los Muertos”, which is similar to our Memorial Day Holiday.
- A.R.T.S. Club – 2nd annual holiday craft show on Saturday, November 16, 2013, from 10 A.M. – 4 P.M. in the High School.
- Mohawk Marching Band – participation in several local parades as well as Pittsburgh’s Light-Up Night on Saturday, November 23, 2013.
- Family Consumer Science – community service project of sewing reversible baby comforters and donating them to the Children’s Advocacy Program. They are also preparing for the Annual School Board Dinner.
- Student Council – Fundraising efforts for Project HOPE, the Snowball Dance and a project for the Mohawk Community Coffee House.
- Mohawk TSA Club – 2nd annual Drag Race Night on Tuesday, November 26, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. at the High School.
- Mohawk Transition Program – collaboration with the Eastbrook Mission Barn to build handicapped ramps for persons with disabilities.

Likewise each Administrator informed the Board of recent and upcoming events that will take place in their respective buildings such as the PTO Harvest Party, Parent Teacher Conferences, Third Grade Feast, Veteran's Day Program, Family Night for Third Grade, Stranger Danger Assembly, Monster Mash, Winter Meet the Warrior Night, the High School Band and Chorus Concerts, and the Keystone Exams.

The Financial Report dated October 31, was presented for approval. So moved on the motion of Mr. Hiler, seconded by Mrs. Gwin, 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. Singer motioned to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Mr. Hiler, 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 and Construction bills approved

GENERAL FUND	
Prepaid	\$ 707,906.28
Current	\$ 281,447.14
SCHOOL LUNCH	
Prepaid	\$ 40,240.27
CONSTRUCTION	
Prepaid	\$ 1,643.93

There were three additions to the agenda this evening, approval of the TCC Delegate Appointment Resolution, Winter Coaching Staff for 2013-2014, and approval of the IDEA contracts through Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV. On the motion of Mrs. Gwin, seconded by Mr. Laughner, approval was granted to include these items in the agenda, verbal vote, motion carried.

Approved additions to the agenda

The following resignation, leave and employment requests were presented for approval:

- Mr. Daniel Basso – Elementary Title I Instructional Paraprofessional – resignation
- Mrs. Courtney Redmond – Elementary Teacher – leave – approximately January 20 – May 19, 2014.
- Mrs. Candice Imbrogno – Elementary Teacher – extension of leave through the end of the 2013-2014 school year.
- Ms. Jeniffer Santiago – employment - Elementary Title I Instructional Paraprofessional.

Resignations, leaves and employment were approved

So moved on the motion of Mr. Laughner, 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:

<u>Certified</u>	<u>Emergency</u>	<u>Nurse</u>	Approved
Kara Kendall	Adam Cvetich	Amber Gebhart	additions to
Cynthia Monaco	Derek Morrow		Daily
Jeniffer Santiago	Arthur Stewart		Substitute List
Stafanie Shank	Andre Wehner		

Mr. Laughner motioned approval, seconded by Mrs. Gwin, roll call vote, Mrs. Griffin “yes”, Mrs. Gwin “yes”, Mr. Hiler “yes”, Mr. Laughner “yes”, Mr. Morrow “abstain”, Mr. Singer “yes”, Mr. Spears “yes”, Mr. Butch “yes”, Mr. Curatola “yes”, 8 yes, 1 abstain, 0 absent, motion carried.

Consideration was given to the approval of an additional Individual Transportation Contract for 2013-2014:

-- Jean Greco – 1 Kindergarten Student to St. Vitus, New Castle, PA – cost to vary from day to day.

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

Consideration was given to the approval to reinstate the activity bus run on a trial basis. Mrs. Kwolek explained the activity run had been abolished several years ago partly due to lack of participation. At that time, it had mainly been for High School students. Since then, Elementary Students have been riding on the High School runs in order to practice for band, choir, etc. in the morning before school. Since there has been a heightened interest in these programs, it has become impossible to accommodate all the students on the High School runs. Mrs. Kwolek informed the Board that there are approximately 7 jazz band students, 16 S.A.V.E. Club members, 28 Concert Band members, 30 Beginning Band members, 27 Choir members and 30 Math Club students, or a total of 138 that could possibly be riding the buses. The approximate cost to operate the activity buses is \$24,576.48 which includes drivers’ salaries, benefits, as well as estimated fuel costs. The funding source is \$36,274.00 that was placed in the budget for the teacher’s contractual AYP incentive, but the State eliminated the AYP designations on August 20, 2013, so this obligation became null and void. Mr. Laughner motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Butch. A question was raised on the length of the trial basis and Mrs. Kwolek

Approved additional Individual Transportation Contract for 2013-2014

Granted permission to reinstate the activity bus on a trial basis

explained it would be for the remainder of the school year. It was also suggested that perhaps vans could be used instead of buses, but the vans can only accommodate up to seven passengers, so that doesn't appear to be a viable alternative. After some discussion, a roll call vote was taken, Mr. Hiler "yes", Mr. Laughner "yes", Mr. Morrow "yes", Mr. Singer "yes", Mr. Spears "yes", Mr. Butch "yes", Mr. Curatola "yes", Mrs. Griffin "yes", Mrs. Gwin "no", 8 yes, 1 no, 0 absent, motion carried.

Consideration was given to the approval of one student, McKenzie Stelter, to compete as an independent diver during the 2013-2014 season. McKenzie is a senior student at Mohawk, and she is in her fourth year of competition in the WPIAL. So moved on the motion of Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Hiler, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

Approved one student to compete as an independent diver during 2013-2014 season

Likewise, consideration was given to the approval of one student, Joelle Bromley, to compete as an independent swimmer during the 2013-2014 season. She will be competing for the second year in the WPIAL and is a sophomore at Mohawk. Mrs. Gwin motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Singer, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

Approved one student to compete as an independent swimmer during 2013-2014 season

Since Mr. Spears has opted not to run in the upcoming election, it is necessary to appoint a Board Treasurer to fill the remainder of his term effective December 2, 2013. Mr. Butch nominated Mr. Jonathan Laughner be appointed, seconded by Mr. Hiler. There being no other nominations a roll call vote was taken, Mr. Singer "yes", Mr. Spears "yes", Mr. Butch "yes", Mr. Curatola "yes", Mrs. Griffin "yes", Mrs. Gwin "yes", Mr. Hiler "yes", Mr. Laughner "abstain", Mr. Morrow "yes", 8 yes, 1 abstain, 0 absent, motion carried.

Mr. Johathan Laughner appointed Board Treasurer

Consideration was given to the approval of the Mohawk Area School District Comprehensive Plan effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017. Mrs. Houk explained this will be replacing the Strategic Plan. So moved on the motion of Mrs. Gwin, seconded by Mr. Butch, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

Mohawk Area School Dist. Comprehensive Plan effective 7/1/14 – 6/30/17 approved

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Consideration was given to the second reading of new Board Policy No. 113.1 regarding Discipline of Students with Disabilities. Mr. Laughner motioned approval, seconded by Mrs. Gwin, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Policy Attached)

Second reading of new Board Policy No. 113.1

Consideration was given to awarding the Elementary Chain Link Fence bid to the lowest bidder, Austintown Fence Company

of Austintown, OH, at a cost of \$19,850.00. Mrs. Kwolek presented a drawing of the location of the fence and stated it would totally enclose the playground area. Mr. Butch motioned to award the bid to Austintown Fence, seconded by Mr. Curatola, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

Austintown Fence Co. awarded Elem. Chain Link Fence bid

It was the recommendation of the Administration to continue in the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV Life Insurance Consortium and extend the contract with Boston Mutual Life Insurance effective July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016. Mrs. Crum explained that Boston Mutual has offered to extend the contract for two more years at the current rates which are ten cents per thousand for life insurance and an additional two cents per thousand for accidental death and dismemberment. So moved by Mr. Hiler, seconded by Mr. Laughner, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

Granted permission to continue with Life Insurance Consortium and extend contract with Boston Mutual

The following travel requests were presented for approval:

- Mrs. Karen Jones to attend the National Council of Teachers of English Convention from November 21 – 23, 2013 in Boston, Massachusetts. The only cost involved is the registration fee.
- Mrs. Lorree Houk, Miss Linda Retort, Mr. Greg Scott and Mr. Toby McConahy to attend the 2013 SAS Institute from December 8 – 10, 2013 in Hershey, PA.
- Mrs. Theresa McConnell and Mrs. Melissa O'Shane to attend the PETE & C 2014 Conference from February 9 – 11, 2014 in Hershey, PA.

Travel requests approved

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

The following Use of Facilities request was considered:

- High School Cafeteria on November 17, 2013, for the purpose of holding a benefit dinner.

Approved Use of Facilities request

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.

Consideration was given to the approval of the TCC Delegate Appointment Resolution naming Janet Crum as the Primary voting delegate; Deborah S. Hodge as the First alternate voting

delegate; and Joseph Ambrosini, as the Second alternate voting. So moved by Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Laughner, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

Approved TCC
Delegate
Appointment
Resolution

A list of the Winter Coaching Staff for the 2013-2014 school year was presented for approval:

Basketball – Boys

Robert Fadden – Head Varsity
Greg Scott – Asst. Varsity
Brian Picirillo – Asst. Varsity
Mike Giuliano – 9th Grade
Greg Glass – 8th Grade
Rob King – 7th Grade

Basketball - Girls

Mike O'Lare – Head Varsity
Kevin Wrona – Asst. Varsity
Fred Puglia – Asst. Varsity

Winter
Coaching Staff
approved

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

Consideration was given to the approval of contracts for IDEA – Section 619 funds in the amount of \$742.00, and IDEA Part B funds in the amount of \$173,745.00. These contracts are for the 2013-2014 school year and are through the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV. Mr. Singer motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Laughner, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried. (Copies of contracts attached)

Approved
contracts for
IDEA

There were no Real Estate Additions or Exonerations.

Mrs. Kwolek recognized the following:

- Mr. McNeish and his gifted students who won the High Q and will now go further into the competition.
- Two Board Members – Mrs. Diane Gwin and Mr. David Spears for their many hours of dedicated service to the district.

There were no comments from the Elementary P.T. O. or the Mohawk Education Association.

At 8:40 P.M., the meeting was adjourned on the motion of Mrs. Gwin, seconded by Mr. Spears, verbal vote, motion carried.

