

The Regular Meeting of the Mohawk Area Board of Directors was called to order at 8:03 P.M. by the President, Mark Hiler and commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The following members were present: Eugene Butch, Jr., James Capalbo, Stephen Cardella, Lori Griffin, Jonathan Laughner, and James McKim. Scott Singer and Mark Solley were absent. Mr. Laughner participated via phone conference. Superintendent, Mr. Michael T. Leitera, Assistant to the Superintendent, Lorree Houk, Solicitor, John Seltzer, High School Principal, Raymond Omer, Elementary School Assistant Principal, George Sperdute, and Kimberly Eaton, Board Secretary, also attended.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 11, 2016 and the Committee of the Whole Meeting on November 7, 2016 were approved as written on the motion of Mr. Cardella, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, verbal vote, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Emily Weingartner, a student delegate, updated the Board on all the recent and upcoming activities and events.

Student representatives' reports

Each Administrator updated the Board on recent activities and events.

Administrators' reports

Superintendent reported that he had attended the Veteran's Day Program held by the Future Business Leaders Association on November 10th. He stated they did an excellent job and he really enjoyed the guest speaker, Dr. Paul McNulty from Grove City College. He said "thanks" to Mr. Joseph DiMuccio, Ms. Britney Kwolek and all of the students that performed. Mr. Leitera also recognized the elementary teachers, and other personnel for the outstanding SPP score among our elementary students. He said it was "great to be #1 in Lawrence County." He said "thanks" to everyone in the elementary school. He also said the high school has worked hard too.

Mr. Archie Donofrio addressed the Board; he proposed the baseball field to be named after Henry "Hank" Pezzulo, the high school gymnasium to be named after John "Jim" Samsa, and the school's track to be named after Ron Lape.

Public Comment

Mr. Leitera said "thank you" to Mr. Donofrio for being polite and kind. He also stated the board had discussed the procedure to name the facilities. The first reading of the policy tonight provides guidelines, mentioned Mr. Leitera. Mr. Leitera also stated that the board asked him to create a "Hall of Fame" structure to honor various individuals in academics, activities and athletics. It is in the beginning stages.

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

Approved
Financial
Report

Mr. Butch, motioned to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Mr. Cardella, 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 as
presented

GENERAL FUND	
Prepaid	\$ 1,336,725.07
Current	\$ 225,961.70
FOOD SERVICE FUND	
Current	\$ 36,252.29

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

- hire Joey Joy as the 8th grade boys basketball coach
- recall Mrs. Pamela Pagley to the long-term substitute position for elementary art teacher
- hire Ms. Gerrilyn Grinnen as special education paraprofessional
- Comprehensive plan for July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020

Approved
additions to
the agenda

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

Consideration was given to the approval of two volunteer winter sports coaches for the 2016-2017 school year:

Girls Basketball

Kirk Lape – Volunteer Assistant Middle School

Approved
volunteers

Boys Basketball

Mark Solley – Volunteer Assistant Freshman Basketball

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

Consideration was given to the approval of the first reading of a new school board policy #823 regarding Narcan. So the moved by Mr. Butch, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, Eugene Butch “yes”, James Capalbo “no”, Stephen Cardella “yes”, Lori Griffin “yes”, Mark Hiler “yes”, Jonathan Laughner “yes”, James McKim “yes”, 6 yes, 1 no, 2 absent, motion carried.

First reading of
Board Policy
#823 regarding
Narcan approved

Consideration was given to the approval of the first reading of a new school board policy #702 regarding revenue enhancement/gifts to schools/facilities naming rights. Mr. Capalbo motioned approval and Mr. McKim seconded the motion, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

First reading of Board Policy #702 Revenue Enhancement approved

Consideration was given to the approval of the first reading of a new school board policy #718 regarding service animals in schools. Mr. Butch motioned approval and Mr. Cardella seconded the motion, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

First reading of Board Policy #718 Service Dog approved

Consideration was given to the approval of the first reading of a new school board policy #707 regarding the use of facilities. Mr. Cardella motioned approval and Mr. Capalbo seconded the motion, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

First reading of Board Policy #707 Facility Use approved

Consideration was given to the approval of the renaming of the Mohawk Area School District Parent Involvement Policy for the 2016-2017 school year to Parent-Family Engagement Policy to coincide with federal regulations. Mr. Capalbo motioned approval and Mr. Cardella seconded the motion, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried (Copy Attached).

Granted permission to rename MASD parent-family Engagement Policy

Consideration was given to the approval of a student teacher agreement designating the responsibilities of the college and the Mohawk Area School District. Mr. Butch motioned approval and Mr. Cardella seconded the motion, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Student teacher agreement approved

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 twelve at no cost to the district for the 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Butch motioned approval and Mr. Capalbo seconded the motion, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Agreement between SAP and MASD approved

Consideration was given to the approval to contract with Infocon Corporation to send the homestead/farmstead applications to the residents of the Mohawk Area School District at a cost not to exceed \$1,400.00. Mr. Cardella motioned approval and Mr. McKim seconded the motion, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Contract with Infocon Corp. to send homestead/farmstead applications approved

On a motion by Mr. Butch and seconded by Mr. Capablo to table the contract with Unifirst was tabled, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion tabled.

Contract with Unifirst was tabled

Consideration was given to the approval for Mrs. Sharon Przybysz and Mrs. Beth Simari-Zarlingo to attend the 2016 American Speech-Language Hearing Association (ASHA) Convention from November 16-19, 2016 in Philadelphia, PA. Mr. Butch motioned approval and Mr. Capablo seconded the motion, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Granted permission for travel as presented

Consideration to be given to the approval for the North Beaver Civic Club to hold their annual "Breakfast with Santa" event in the elementary school cafeteria on Saturday, December 3, 2016. Mr. Capablo motioned approval and Mr. Butch seconded the motion, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Permission given to North Beaver Civic Club for facility use

Real Estate Additions and Exonerations were presented for approval. The current exonerations total \$59,100 bringing the year-to-date exonerations to \$621,500 and year-to-date additions to \$134,000 which translates to a year-to-date loss of \$487,500 or \$6,766.50 in actual tax. Mr. Capablo motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Real Estate Additions and Exonerations Attached)

Approved Real Estate Exonerations and Additions

Consideration was given to the approval to hire Joey Joy as the 8th grade boys Basketball Coach. Mr. Capablo motioned approval and Mr. Butch seconded the motion, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Joey Joy hired as 8th grade Basketball Coach

Consideration was given to the approval to recall Mrs. Pamela Pagley to the long-term substitute position for elementary art teacher. Mr. McKim motioned approval and Mr. Butch seconded the motion, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Granted permission to recall Mrs. Pamela Pagley to a long-term sub position

Consideration was given to the approval to hire Mrs. Gerrilyn Grinnen as a special education paraprofessional to replace a vacated position. Mr. Cardella motioned approval and Mr. Capablo seconded the motion, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Mrs. Gerrilyn Grinnen hired as Special Ed Paraprofessional

Consideration was given to the approval of the Comprehensive Plan for July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020. Mr. Butch motioned approval and Mr. Capablo seconded the motion, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried. (Copy Attached)

Comprehensive
Plan for 7/1/17
through 6/30/20
approved

Ms. Eaton stated she created additional reports for the treasurer's presentation. She presented budget comparison reports and property tax reports for October.

Discussion Items
/ Additional
Public
Comments

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

Mr. Leitera commended the Future Business Leaders Association for the wonderful Veteran's Day Program on November 10th.

Awards &
Recognition

Mr. Leitera recognized the following persons at the Committee of the Whole meeting on November 7th:

- Mr. Brad Meehan and Mrs. Carla Krisuk –recipients of the 2016 Kades-Margolis Corporation Mini-grant in the amount of \$1,000.
- Mrs. Carla Krisuk and Mrs. Gretchen Murphy – Employees of the Month.

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

Adjournment

At 9:06 P.M., on a motion by Mr. Capalbo and seconded by Mr. McKim, the meeting was adjourned.

Kimberly J. Eaton
Board Secretary