

The Regular Meeting of the Mohawk Area Board of Directors was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by the President, Mark Hiler. The following members were present: Eugene Butch, Jr., James Capalbo, Stephen Cardella, Lori Griffin, Jonathan Laughner, James McKim, Scott Singer and Mark Solley. Mr. Butch participated via phone conference. Superintendent, Mr. Michael Leitera, Assistant to the Superintendent, Lorree Houk, High School Principal, Raymond Omer, Assistant High School Principal, Linda Retort, Elementary School Principal, Bradlee Meehan, Solicitor, John R. Seltzer and Board Secretary, Kimberly Eaton also attended.

The minutes of the Board Meeting on December 12, 2016 and the Committee of the Whole Meeting on January 10, 2017 were approved as written on the motion of Mr. Laughner, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, motion carried.

Approved minutes

Each Administrator updated the Board concerning recent events and activities. Mrs. Houk explained there will be no student delegates tonight.

Mr. Leitera reported that recent heavy rains caused damage to the water well at the high school. He explained the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) issued a boil water advisory. The high school will now obtain water from the well at the elementary school. The district is waiting on test results to send to DEP.

Superintendent's report

There was no public comment from the audience.

The Financial Report dated December 31, 2016 as well as the quarterly Budget Transfers was presented for approval. So moved on the motion of Mr. Capalbo, seconded by Mr. Singer, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, motion carried. (Copy of Financial Report and Budget Transfers Attached)

Financial Report and budget transfers approved

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

General Fund, School Lunch bills approved

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GENERAL FUND

Prepaid	\$ 752,276.88
Current	\$ 165,409.20

SCHOOL LUNCH

Prepaid	\$ 39,513.29
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The following were approved as additions to the agenda:

- Approval to accept the retirement resignation of Larry Carr
 - Approval of a leave request by Carla Krisuk
 - Approval of an individual transportation contract for early intervention student
 - Approval of Act 1 Resolution, Taxpayer Relief Act for the 2017-2018 fiscal year
 - Approval of the assessment matter with Cemex
- Granted permission to make additions to the agenda

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

Consideration was given to the approval of accepting retirement resignation of Robert Grimm as a van driver effective December 22, 2016 and retirement resignation of Larry Carr, elementary teacher effective May 31, 2017.

Approved retirements/ leaves/ employment requests

Likewise, consideration was given to the approval of accepting a leave extension request from Mrs. Camille Colucci until March 17, 2017.

Also, consideration was given to the approval of hiring Chad Folsom as a van driver effective January 4, 2017, Mr. Folsom as an instructional paraprofessional effective January 27, 2017 and Amanda Fink as a substitute school nurse.

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

Consideration was given to the approval to grant tenure to Marissa Stoner who has completed three years of satisfactory teaching. Mr. Capalbo motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, motion carried.

Granted permission to grant tenure to Marissa Stoner

Consideration was given to the approval of the spring coaching staff as listed below:

Boys Baseball:

Kevin Sapp – Head Varsity
Nick Maiorano – Varsity Assistant
Tim Bromley – JV Head
John Norge – Volunteer
Nick Suders – Volunteer
Jon Bobin – Volunteer
Scott Johnson – Volunteer
Anthony Carnuche – Volunteer

Softball:

Brad Hruska – Head Coach
Henry Pezzulo - Varisty Asst
Cameron Schirmer – JV Coach
Hannah Schirmer – Volunteer
Jennifer Pezzuolo – Volunteer
Mark Pezzuolo – Volunteer
Mike Burkett – Volunteer
Nikki Burkett – Volunteer
Kevin Boston – Volunteer

Approved Spring Coaches

Boys/Girls Track:

Jared Stratton – Head Boys Coach
David Bredl – Head Girls Coach
Linda Retort – Varsity Assistant

Consideration was given to the approval to solicit 2017-2018 fiscal year bids for the following:

Granted permission to seek bids

- General Teaching Supplies
- Custodial Supplies
- Athletic Supplies

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

Consideration was given to the annual approval of the P.S.B.A. Standards for Effective Governance and the P.S.B.A. Code of Conduct for Members of PA School boards. Mr. Butch motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Singer, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, motion carried.

Approved standards and code of conduct by P.S.B.A

Consideration was given to the acceptance of the Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. Mr. Cardella motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Solley, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, motion carried.

Approved audited financial statements FYE 06-30-2016

Consideration was given to the approval to increase the substitute teacher rate to \$85.00 per day. Mr. Butch motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Solley, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, motion carried.

Approved subst. teacher rate at \$85

Consideration was given to the approval for the Mohawk Area Church Association to host Baccalaureate in the high school auditorium (with refreshments in the cafeteria) on May 21, 2017. Mr. Laughner motioned approval, seconded by Mr. McKim, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, motion carried.

Approved use of facility request

Real Estate Additions and Exonerations were presented for approval. The current exonerations total \$45,300 bringing the year-to-date exonerations to \$874,220 and year-to-date additions to \$134,000 which translates to a year-to-date loss of \$740,220 or \$10,274.25 in actual tax dollars. Mr. Laughner motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Singer, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, motion carried. (Copy of Real Estate Additions and Exonerations Attached)

Approved exonerations and additions

Consideration was given to the approval of an individual transportation contract for an early intervention student going to Early Learning Center in New Castle, PA. Mr. Butch motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Capablo, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, motion carried.

Approved individual transportation contract

Consideration was given to the approval of the Act 1 Resolution, Taxpayer Relief Act for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Mr. Singer motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Solley, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, motion carried.

Approved Act 1 Resolution for the 2017-2018 fiscal year

Consideration was given to the approval of the tax appeal settlement between Cemex and the Mohawk Area School District for the property assessment value. Mr. Seltzer had explained the assessment value would reduce over \$6 million in 2016 and then another \$2 million in 2017. Mr. Laughner motioned approval, seconded by Mr. McKim, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, motion carried.

Approved tax appeal settlement between Cemex and MASD

Awards & Recognition

Mr. Leitera recognized Mr. Larry Carr for his many accomplishments with our students and his years of service with the district.

Mr. Leitera recognized Ms. Linda Joyce and the students that participated in her Fashion Design Course as well as the Paper Couture Fashion Show held on January 11, 2017.

Mr. Omer recognized Mrs. Theresa McConnell as the employee of the month at the high school. Mr. Omer explained that Mrs. McConnell had implemented our one-to-one initiative (over 400 devices) this past fall. Mr. Omer exclaimed, "She is exceptional"... "She is an expert in her field".

Mr. Meehan recognized Mrs. Jamilyn Maiorano as the employee of the month in elementary school. Mr. Meehan said Mrs. Maiorano has an unbelievable amount of enthusiasm and she is an exceptional teacher.

At 7:50 P.M., the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel on the motion of Mr. Solley, seconded by Mr. Singer, verbal vote, motion carried.

Kimberly J. Eaton
Board Secretary