

The Regular Meeting of the Mohawk Area Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by the President, Mark Hiler, 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., James Capalbo, Stephen Cardella, Lori Griffin, James McKim, Scott Singer, and Mark Solley. Jonathan Laughner was excused. Mr. Butch participated via phone conference. Superintendent, Mr. Michael Leitera, Assistant to the Superintendent, Lorree Houk, Solicitor, John Seltzer, High School Principal, Raymond Omer, Elementary School Principal, Bradlee Meehan, and Board Secretary, Kimberly Eaton also attended.

Students participating in the Rodgers & Hammerstein's State Fair Musical presented a brief show to the Directors.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting on February 14, 2017 and the Committee of the Whole Meeting on March 7, 2017 were approved as written on the motion of Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. McKim, verbal vote, motion carried.

Approved
Minutes

Student Delegate, Kara Bischoff, as well as each Administrator updated the Board concerning recent events and activities.

Mr. Leitera reported that he had attended the superintendents' advisory council meeting at the Midwestern Intermediate Unit on March 8. The I.U. will be presenting their 2017-2018 General Operating Budget next month. Their annual convention will be held on April 26 at 5:30 p.m. Mr. Jay Himes with the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials presented an update of the state budget update and other legislative happenings at the I.U. meeting. Per Mr. Himes, the elimination of property tax will not be favorable to the schools in Lawrence County. Mr. Leitera also reported he had attended a STEM meeting. He is impressed with the student's creativity and passion. Mr. Leitera also recognized Mrs. Graziana Choral Director) and the other helpers for their countless hours to make the musical a memorable performance.

Superintendent's
report

The Financial Report dated February 28, 2017 was presented for approval. So moved on the motion of Mr. Solley, seconded by Mr. Singer, roll call vote, all members voting in the affirmative, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Financial Report Attached)

Approved
financial report

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Mr. Singer motioned to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Mr. Solley, roll call vote, all members voting in the affirmative, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried. (Copies of all invoices on file in the Business Office)

Approved
bills

GENERAL FUND

Prepaid \$ 143,778.22
Current \$ 154,082.62

SCHOOL LUNCH

Prepaid \$ 30,535.27

The following were approved as additions to the agenda, on the motion of Mr. Cardella, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, verbal vote, motion carried:

Granted permission to make additions to the agenda

- Approval for Mr. McNeish and Mrs. O'Shane-Shimrack to accompany approximately 54 members of the senior class to Cincinnati, Ohio from May 22-23, 2017
- Approval of the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV e-Rate Letter of Agency for the 2017-2018 school year
- Accept a donation in the amount of \$11,615 from the Estate of Dr. John Hopper to be used for the High School Library
- Contract with Book and Proch for tank cleaning services
- Approval to donate the old, inoperable score board
- Approval for an agreement with Human Services Center to provide school-based mental health outpatient treatment services
- Approval for Jennifer Hupko to provide homebound instruction

Consideration was given to the approval of the following resignations/retirements/leaves:

- Resignation of Nikki Burkett as Middle School Cheerleading Coach - Fall & Winter
- Resignation of Abby Stambul - 9th Grade Cheerleading Coach - Fall & Winter
- Resignation of Eric Jones as Elementary Custodian, effective February 28, 2017

Approved Resignations/Retirements and Leaves

Mr. Singer motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Solley, roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Consideration was given to the approval to employ Denise Scala to provide homebound instruction through March 22, 2017 and Jennifer Hupko to provide homebound instruction from March 6, 2017 through April 14, 2017. So moved by Mr. Capalbo and Mr. Cardella also motioned approval, roll call vote, all members voted in the affirmative, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Approved employment requests

Mr. Capalbo motioned to award the bids for 2017-18 custodial supplies as recommended by Mr. Cinque at the Elementary, and Mr. Werhnyak at the High School, in the amounts of \$24,362.76 and \$4,658.61 respectively. Mr. Leitera mentioned that the cost of several items were lower than the prior year. The District will receive much savings. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried. (A copy of the summary sheet attached and a copy of the detailed bid sheets on file in the Office of the Superintendent.)

Awarded the custodial supply bids for 2017/18 school year

Consideration was given to the approval of the second reading of a new Board Policy, #808.1 - Cafeteria Purchases and Meal Charging. Mr. Cardella motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, roll call vote, all members voting in the affirmative, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried. (A copy of the motion is attached).

Second reading of Board Policy #808.1 approved

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

-Mr. McNeish, Mrs. Boston and two volunteer chaperones to accompany approximately 17 students to the National Academic Games Tournament from April 28 - May 2, 2017 in Wheeling, WV.

-Joe DiMuccio to attend the Accounting Pilot & Bridge Project Training (AP Accounting Course for High School) from July 11-13, 2017 in Philadelphia, PA.

-- Mr. McNeish and Mrs. O'Shane-Shimrack to accompany approximately 54 members of the senior class to Cincinnati, Ohio from May 22-23, 2017.

Mr. Singer motioned approval, seconded by Mr. McKim, roll call vote, all members voting in the affirmative, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Approved Travel Requests

Consideration was given to the approval for the Mohawk Area Alumni Association to use the High School cafeteria for the annual reunion on August 5, 2017 at no cost. Mr. Singer motioned approval, seconded by Mr. McKim, roll call vote, all members voting in the affirmative, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Approved use of the facility request

There were no additions or exonerations to the District's Assessment this evening.

Consideration was given to the approval of the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV E-rate Letter of Agency for the 2017-2018 school year. Mr. Singer motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members voting in the affirmative, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Approved Letter of Agency with MIU4 for the E-rate program

Consideration was given to the approval to accept a donation in the amount of \$11,615 from the Estate of Dr. John Hopper to be used for the High School Library. Mr. Solley motioned approval, seconded by Mr. McKim, roll call vote, all members voting in the affirmative, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Accepted donation from Dr. John Hopper

Consideration was given to the approval to contract with Book and Proch, LLC to provide tank cleaning services not to exceed \$3,000. Mr. Capalbo motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members voting in the affirmative, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Approved contracted services with Book & Proch for tank cleaning services

Consideration was given to donate the old, inoperable scoreboard to the Quarterback Club. Mr. Capalbo motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Solley, roll call vote, all members voting in the affirmative, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Approved donation of old scoreboard to Quarterback club

Consideration was given to the approval for an agreement between the Mohawk Area School District and the Human Services Center to provide school-based mental health outpatient treatment services. Mr. Butch motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members voting in the affirmative, 8 yes, 1 absent, motion carried.

Approved agreement with Human Services Center

Mr. Leitera and Mr. Omer recognized Mrs. Amy Lutz, Mrs. Camille Collucci and Mrs. Sarah Graham (guidance counselors) as employees of the month at the District's High School.

Awards & Recognition

Mr. Leitera and Mr. Meehan recognized Mrs. Phyllis McCullough as employee of the month at the District's Elementary School.

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

Adjournment

On a motion by Mr. Solley, seconded by Mr. Capalbo the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M., voice vote.

Kimberly J. Eaton
Board Secretary