

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 present: Eugene A. Butch, Jr., James Capalbo, Stephen Cardella, Jonathan Laughner, James McKim, and Mark Solley. Lori Griffin and Scott Singer were absent. Superintendent, Michael Leitera, Assistant to the Superintendent, Lorree Houk, High School Assistant Principal, Linda Retort, Elementary School Principal, Bradlee Meehan, Solicitor, John Seltzer, and Board Secretary, Kimberly Eaton, also attended.

An executive session was held following the moment of silence.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 14, 2017 and the minutes on the Committee as a Whole Meeting on April 4, 2017 as written were approved on a motion by Mr. Solley, then seconded by Mr. Cardella, verbal vote, motion carried.

Each Administrator updated the Board on recent activities and events.

Mr. Leitera mentioned he had arranged for several staff members to visit the Mahoning County Career and Technical Center and the Youngstown Business Incubator in mid-April. Both the Mahoning County Career and Technical Center offer STEM initiatives. Mr. Leitera also reported he had attended the elementary STEAM program earlier in the evening. The program was for grades 2 and 3. Approximately 84 kids attended.

Superintendent's
report

Recognition of the Audience:

- The high school secretaries: Janice Pridon, Janet Beatty and Jacqueline Jones were nominated as employees of the month. Linda Retort, the Assistant High School Principal recognized them.
- Cattina Greathouse, an instructional paraprofessional and Nicolae Boariu, substitute teacher and bus monitor at the elementary school were nominated as employees of month. Bradlee Meehan, the Elementary School Principal recognized them.
- Kylie Bright, a student of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America club qualified the national competition to be held in Nashville, Tennessee from July 2-7, 2017. Mrs. Houk recognized Ms. Bright.

Awards and
Recognition

Mr. Archie Donofrio of Bessemer, Pennsylvania addressed the board this evening. He inquired about placing plaques at the high school gymnasium, track and the baseball field to recognize the fathers of Mohawk sports. Mr. Donofrio presented a picture of a sample plaque.

Public
Comment

Jean Hervatine and Christie Driftmier also inquired about the memorial plaques.

Mr. Cardella motioned to allow memorial plaques be placed based upon the following conditions: cost to be covered by non-LEA funds, location to be determined by the School District, fundraising for all three coaches, money to be presented to the School District before the purchase, the School District to approve the presentation on the plaques, seconded by Mr. Solley. There was much discussion on this motion. A roll call vote was taken, Butch "yes", Capalbo "yes", Cardella "yes", Hiler "yes", Laughner "yes", McKim "no", Solley "yes", 6 yes, 1 no, 2 absent, motion carried.

Approved
memorial
plaques to
be placed at
several
locations at
no cost to
the district

The Financial Report and budget transfers dated March 31, 2017 were presented for approval. So moved on the motion of Mr. Laughner, seconded by Mr. Solley, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried (Copy of Financial Report Attached).

Financial
Report and
budget transfers
approved

Mr. Butch motioned to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Mr. Solley, 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).

Approved bills

GENERAL FUND

Current \$209,992.53

Prepaid \$994,945.56

FOOD SERVICE

Current \$36,810.95

There were eight additions to the agenda as follows:

- Approval of the Midwestern Intermediate Unit #4 2017-2018 General Operating Budget
- Resignation of Margaret Main, Tax Collector for Borough of New Beaver effective June 30, 2017
- Appointment of Drita Crawford, as Tax Collector for Borough of New Beaver effective July 1, 2017
- Approval to hire Mark Seminara as the Head Girls Varsity Soccer Coach
- Approval to hire Ryan Castor as the Assistant Girls Varsity Soccer Coach

Approved
Additions to
the Agenda

- Facility request by Sweet Pea Patch
- Approval to hire summer helpers for the technology department
- Approval to award technology equipment bid

So moved on the motion of Mr. Cardella, seconded by Mr. McKim, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Consideration was given to the approval to accept the resignation of Janet Huda, cafeteria/custodial substitute effective January 31, 2017. Likewise, consideration was given to grant the medical leave request from Ms. Nikki Burkett starting on April 10, 2017 through the end of the school year. Employing Megan Kennedy as Director of the Elementary Musical; Jamie Grego and Erika Kendall as Assistants to the Elementary Musical. Mr. Laughner motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Approved Resignations, Leaves and Employment requests

Consideration was given to the approval of the building configuration of the Mohawk Junior-Senior High School for state reporting purposes to be: Mohawk Junior High comprised of Grades 7 & 8 and Mohawk Senior High comprised of grades 9, 10, 11 and 12. Mr. Solley motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Approved building configuration for state reporting purposes

Consideration was given to the approval of contracted services agreement to transport one student to Brighter Visions, 130 West North Street, New Castle, PA at \$20 per day. Mr. Capalbo motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Laughner, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Contracted services approved to transport one student to Brighter Visions

Consideration was given to the approval for the Penn Design Company to conduct a boiler study at the rate of \$100 per hour (not to exceed \$2,400). Mr. Solley motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Granted permission for Penn Design to conduct boiler study

Consideration was given to the approval of donating/selling/disposing of old student technology. 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 disposal of old technology equipment

Consideration was given to the approval to purchase plumbing equipment with Book and Proch for the Elementary School. An estimate was presented to the board of directors. Mr. Laughner motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Singer, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Approved the purchase of plumbing equipment

Consideration was given to the following travel requests:

- Mrs. Ashley Graziani and Mr. Jason Zeh to accompany two students (Matthew Fleck and Jack Issac) to the Pennsylvania Music Educator's Association (PMEA) All-State Chorus and Band Festival from April 19-22, 2017 in Erie, PA.
 - Mrs. Britney Kwolek to attend the Pennsylvania Association of Family and Consumer Sciences 2017 Conference from April 28-29, 2017 in State College, PA.
 - Mrs. Britney Kwolek to accompany one student to the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) National Leadership Conference from July 2-7, 2017 in Nashville, TN.
- Mr. Capalbo motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Laughner, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Approved travel requests

There were no Real Estate Additions and Exonerations this evening.

Consideration was given to the approval of the Midwestern Intermediate Unit #4 2017-2018 General Operating Budget in the amount of \$4,209,396. Approximately \$14,971 will be taken from the School District's subsidy. Mr. Butch motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Approved the 17-18 MIU4 general operating budget

Consideration was given to the approval of the resignation of Margaret Main, tax collector of Borough of New Beaver effective June 30, 2017. Consideration was also given to the appointment of Drita Crawford to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Margaret Main (to collect real estate and per capita taxes of Borough of New Beaver for the 2017 duplicate). Mr. Laughner motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Approved the resignation of Margaret Main, tax collector
Approved appointment of Drita Crawford to fill vacancy

Consideration was given to the approval to hire Mark Seminara as the Head Girls Varsity Soccer Coach and Ryan Castor as the Assistant Girls Varsity Soccer Coach. Mr. Solley motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Approved Mark Seminara as Head Girls Varsity Soccer Coach and Ryan Castor as assistant

Consideration was given to the approval for the Sweet Pea Patch to use the Elementary Cafeteria on May 19, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at no cost. Mr. Capalbo motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Solley, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Facility Use granted to Sweet Pea Patch

Consideration was given to the approval to hire summer helpers: Melissa McCready, Amber Izzo and Adam Anfentouak for the technology department per Mrs. McConnell's recommendation. Mr. Cardella motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, roll call vote, Butch "yes", Capalbo "yes", Cardella "yes", Hiler "yes", Laughner "yes", McKim "yes", Solley "abstain", 6 yes, 1 abstained, 2 absent, motion carried.

Approved
summer help
as listed

Consideration was given to award the E-Rate bid for Cisco technology equipment and labor to Open Systems Pittsburgh for a total of \$61,923.80. Per Mr. Leitera, the School District is expecting partial reimbursement via the E-Rate program. So moved on the motion of Mr. Capalbo, seconded by Mr. Laughner, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 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 bid of
E-Rate
Technology
Equipment to
Open Systems
Pittsburgh

Ms. Lisa Martin reported that the Elementary PTO that the Sock hop and Easter Candy sale events were successful. The Elementary PTO mentioned the upcoming events: yearbook sale, a luncheon on May 10, the musical on May 4-5 and field day on May 22-23.

Reports

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

Adjournment

At 8:52 P.M., on a motion by Mr. Solley, Mr. Cardella also motioned approval the meeting was adjourned.

Kimberly J. Eaton
Board Secretary