

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

The minutes of the Regular Meeting on May 9, 2017, Special Budget Planning Meeting on May 17, 2017, and the Committee of the Whole Meeting on June 6, 2017 were approved as written on the motion of Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, verbal vote, motion carried.

Minutes approved from May 9, May 17 and June 6

Each Administrator updated the Board on recent activities and events.

Mr. Leitera reported that the end of the school year went smoothly. He said it was a testament of the staff and he expressed his appreciation to them.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Charles Hardester, Jr., Lawrence County Chief Assessor addressed the school board. He stated that Peggy, the grandmother of Jordan Bobin has worked for the County for over 16 years. His office would like to donate to the school district a tree with a plaque in memory of Jordan.

Public Comment

Mr. Leitera responded by saying there has been a large out-pour of recognition and memorial requests for Jordan. He also said the school board is working on a memorial policy and he would follow up with Mr. Hardester shortly.

Mr. Ryan Braatz, Vice President of Book & Proch Well Drilling Inc. (and the district's certified water operator) addressed the school board. He stated the school board will need to purchase a control board for the elementary school immediately. When he took recent water samples – there was discoloration. He stated from a global view -- more repairs are needed. Mr. Braatz stated the upgrades can be done via piecemeal or all at once. Mr. Braatz said the tank cleaning at the high school will take place the week of June 12. Mr. Braatz stated the next inspection by DEP will be on June 22.

Mr. Leitera responded by stating the school board has taken proactive measures including a new chlorination system and the District has passed recent tests. He also stated the District needs controls and a booster pump. Mr. Leitera recommends making the upgrades in the summer months because it would be advantageous time without students.

The school board adjourned to executive session at 7:40 p.m.; resumed at 8:00 p.m.

Consideration was given to update the well water equipment at the elementary school not to exceed \$80,000, pending solicitor review. Mr. Solley motioned approval as well as Mr. Capablo, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Approved
upgrades
to water
system

The Financial Report dated May 31, 2017, was presented for approval. The bill listing was also presented for approval. Approval for both items were granted on the motion of Mr. Butch, seconded by Mr. Solley, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent and motion carried. (Copy of Financial Report Attached; copies of all invoices on file in the Business Office).

Financial
report and
bills
approved

GENERAL FUND

Prepaid	\$ 285,916.10
Current	\$ 164,588.26

SCHOOL LUNCH

Prepaid	\$ 29,152.57
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There were seven additions to the agenda this evening including
--first reading of a revision to board policy #246 – student wellness
--approve Arrow club advisor,
--replace Conservation club advisor,
--approve minutes of the occupational advisory committee,
-- approve agreement with Dr. Joann Lamb,
--hire fall coaches, and
--approve editor of the district newsletter.

Approved
additions to the
agenda

The additions were approved to be added to the agenda on the motion of Mr. Laughner, seconded by Mr. Singer, verbal vote, motion carried.

Consideration was given to the approval of the following resignations/retirements/leaves:
-- Resignation of Mrs. Amy Ford as Arrow advisor, effective May 31, 2017
-- Retirement resignation of Ms. Sally Rickenbach as a bus driver, effective June 6, 2017.
-- Leave request of Mrs. Ashley Graziani – part-time Music Teacher- starting approximately on September 8, 2017.

Approved resignations, Retirements, and Leaves requests as presented

So the moved by of Mr. Butch, seconded by Mr. Solley, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Consideration was given to the approval to grant tenure to the Miss Heather Chisholm who have completed three years of satisfactory teaching. So the moved by of Mr. Solley, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent motion carried.

Approval given to grant tenure

Consideration was given to the approval for the Superintendent to have discretion to extend leave of requests up to ten additional days. So the moved by of Mr. Butch, seconded by Mr. Singer, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Granted discretion to Superintendent to extend leaves up to 10 additional days

Consideration to be given to the approval to extend the agreement between the Mohawk Area School District and the Mohawk Education Association regarding the half-time music position for one-year. So the moved by of Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Approved extension of agreement with MEA for half-time music position

Consideration was given to the approval of the second reading of the General Operating Fund Budget for the 2017-2018 school year and supporting Budget Taxation Resolution. Ms. Eaton stated the budgeted expenditures are \$25,313,539 while revenue was projected at \$23,510,180 which included an tax increase of .49 mil. The deficit of \$1,803,359 will be taken from fund balance. So moved by Mr. Laughner, seconded by Mr. Butch, roll call vote, Butch “yes”, Capalbo “yes”, Hiler “yes”, Laughner “yes”, Singer “yes”, Solley “no”, 5 yes, 1 no, 3 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Resolution Attached and Copy of PDE-2028 Budget on file in Business Office)

Approved Final General Operating Fund Budget for 17-18

Consideration was given to the approval of the recommended Budget Transfers as required for the closing of the 2016-2017 school year. So moved by Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Budget Transfers approved for closing 16-17 fiscal year

Consideration was given to the approval of the resolution regarding the distribution of the 2017-2018 Tax Duplicates to the Tax Collectors: Stacy Cosgrove, Loretta Denny, Drita Crawford, Susan Lautenslager, and Karen Magnone. So moved by Mr. Solley, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Resolution Attached)

Approved resolution for 2017-2018 Tax Duplicates

Consideration was given to the approval of the adoption of a resolution for the 2017 Homestead/Farmstead Exclusions. Ms. Eaton explained the District will receive \$483,474.18 from the Commonwealth per correspondence on May 1, 2017. The District is required to return this funding to the taxpayers by way of a reduction in the assessed value for those that have applied and been approved. The District currently has 2,964 approved Homestead/Farmstead applications, therefore each person will receive a reduction of approximately \$11,623 in their assessed value which translates to about \$167. So moved by Mr. Laughner, seconded by Mr. Solley, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent motion carried. (Copy of Resolution Attached)

Adopted 2017 Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion resolution

Consideration was given to the approval of the 2017-2018 school lunch and milk prices. Ms. Eaton stated that Section 205 of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 requires participants of the National School Lunch Program to bring the paid lunch price closer to the federally reimbursed free lunch amount. During the 2016-2017 school year, Mohawk’s federal reimbursement is \$3.16 for free lunch and \$2.04 for an elementary free breakfast and \$1.71 for a high school breakfast. Ms. Eaton stated that the minimum increase by the “Paid Equity Tool” is \$0.04 for student lunch prices. The board approved the following prices for the 2017-2018 school year as follows:

	<u>Elementary</u>	<u>High School</u>	
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	Lunch	\$1.95	
	Adult Lunch	\$3.50	
	Adult Breakfast	\$1.80	
	Milk	\$0.50	
	Adult Milk	\$0.55	

So moved by Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Butch, roll call vote, Butch "yes", Capalbo "no", Hiler "yes", Laughner "yes", Singer "yes", Solley "yes", 5 yes, 1 no, 3 absent, motion carried.

Consideration was given to retain Dr. Joseph Gallo as the school physician for the 2017-2018 school year at the current annual rate of \$9,000. So moved by Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Solley, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Agreement on file in Business Office).

Dr. Joseph Gallo retained as school physician for 2017-18

Consideration was given to the approval of soliciting bids for the 2017-2018 school year for gasoline and diesel fuel. So moved by Mr. Solley, seconded by Mr. Laughner, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent motion carried.

Granted permission to solicit bids for 2017-18 gasoline / diesel fuel

Consideration to be given to the approval of dental insurance rates (no change) and vision insurance rates (2.9% increase) for the 2017-2018 school year.

Consideration was given to the approval to purchase property, equipment, general liability, automobile, educator legal liability and umbrella insurance from Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Approved the insurances for the 2017-2018 school year

Consideration was given to the approval to purchase workers' compensation insurance from BrickStreet Inc. for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

Furthermore, consideration was given to purchase unemployment compensation insurance from P.S.B.A. Insurance Trust for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

So moved by Mr. Capalbo, seconded by Mr. Solley, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Agreement on file in Business Office).

Consideration was given to the approval of the draft of the 2017-2018 Jr.-Sr. High School Student Handbook. So moved by Mr. Solley, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Approved draft copy of 17-18 Jr.Sr. High School Student Handbook

Consideration was given to the approval of a stipend for one bus monitor for worked performed in May and June, 2017. So moved by Mr. Capalbo, seconded by Mr. Singer, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Approved stipend for bus monitor for work performed in May and June

Consideration was given to the approval of the revision to the 2017-2018 school calendar; March 8 will become an Act 80 day. So moved by Mr. Solley, seconded by Mr. Butch, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Approved revision to the 17-18 school calendar

Real Estate Additions and Exonerations were presented for approval. The current exonerations total \$44,200 bringing the year-to-date exonerations to \$162,700. There have been no additions. Thus there has been a year-to-date loss of \$162,700 or \$2,258.28 in actual tax dollars. Mr. Butch motioned approval, seconded by Singer, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent motion carried. (Copy of Real Estate Additions and Exonerations Attached)

Real Estate Additions/ Exonerations approved

Consideration was given to the approval of the first reading of a revision to Board Policy #246 – Student Wellness. So moved by Mr. Solley, seconded by Mr. Butch, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Approved first reading of a revision to board policy #246

Consideration was given to the approval of Melissa O’Shane as the Arrow Advisor as well as Editor of the District Newsletter for the 2017-2018 school year. So moved by Mr. Solley, seconded by Mr. Singer, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Approved Melissa O’Shane as Arrow Advisor and Editor to Newsletter

Consideration was given to the approval to replace Ryan Castor with Tim Bromley as the Conservation Club Advisor for the the 2016-2017 school year. So moved by Mr. Laughner, seconded by Mr. Solley, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Approved replacement to Conservation Club

Consideration was given to the approval of the Occupational Advisory Committee’s minutes from the May 3, 2017 meeting. So moved by Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Solley, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Approved OAC minutes

Consideration was given to the approval of an agreement between Dr.S Joann Lamb, MD and the Mohawk Area School District for review of medically related services given to students based on their I.E.P. for School-Based ACCESS program. So moved by Mr. Solley, seconded by Mr. Singer, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Approved agreement with Dr. Lamb to approve ACCESS claims

Consideration was given to the approval of the hiring of Fall Sport Coaches for the 2017-2018 school year as follows:

Varsity/Middle School Football

Tim McCutcheon, Head Varsity Coach
Brian King, 1st Varsity Assistant
Mike Burkett, 2nd Varsity Assistant
Jeff McCurley 3rd Varsity Assistant
Richard Robb, 4th Varsity Assistant
Robert Clark, 5th Varsity Assistant
Eric Verdi, Head Middle School Coach
Matthew Argiro, Assistant Middle School Coach
Michael Micco, Assistant Middle School Coach

Volleyball

Michalynn Ritchie, Head Varsity Coach
Kasie Brown, Assistant Varsity Coach
Morgan Ritchie, Volunteer Assistant

Approved 2017
Fall Sport
Coaches

Boys Soccer

David Champ, Head Varsity Coach
Kevin Byers, Assistant Varsity Coach
Boyd Laughner, Volunteer Assistant
Corey Franco, Volunteer Assistant

Girls Soccer

Mark Seminara, Head Varsity Coach
Ryan Castor, Assistant Varsity Coach

Cross Country

Dave Bredl, Head Varsity and Middle School Coach

Golf

Bryan Piccirillo, Head Varsity Coach

Fall Cheerleading

Jessica Piccirillo, Varsity Head
Taylor Norco, Middle School Head Coach

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So moved by Mr. Butch, seconded by Mr. Solley, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 Absent, motion carried.

Mr. Leitera reported that he will applying for the 2017-2018 safety grant.

Mr. Leitera wished to recognize the following:

- Robin Grebenz and Linda Norge as High School Employees of the Month
- Larry Carr as Elementary Employee of the Month
- Todd Exposito as District Employee of the Month

A retirement reception was held prior to the meeting for the employees.

Rob Geramita, MEA President, introduced the following 2017-18 officers to the Board, Kevin Sapp, Vice President, Marissa Stoner, Secretary and Mark Iwanejko as treasurer.

At 8:39 PM, it was announced that an executive session for personnel and legal matters would immediately follow the meeting.

Mr. Capalbo motioned approval of adjournment and Mr. Singer seconded the motion.

Kimberly J. Eaton
Board Secretary