

The Regular Meeting of the Mohawk Area Board of Directors was called to order at 7:04 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 Butch Jr., Stephen Cardella, Jonathan Laughner, James McKim, and Mark Solley. James Capalbo, Lori Griffin, and Scott Singer were absent. Superintendent, Michael Leitera, Assistant to the Superintendent, Lorree Houk, Assistant High School Principal, Linda Retort, Elementary School Principal, Brad Meehan, Solicitor, John Seltzer and Board Secretary, Kimberly Eaton were also in attendance.

The minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting on July 11, 2017, minutes of the Regular Meeting on July 11, 2017 and the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting on August 7, 2017 were accepted as written on the motion of Mr. Laughner, seconded by Mr. McKim, verbal vote, motion carried.

Each Administrator updated the Board on recent activities and events.

Public  
Comment

Ms. Kylie Bright spoke concerning her FCCLA presentation at the national competition in Nashville, Tennessee in July, 2017.

Mr. Leitera reported that he had attended a Town Hall Meeting at Slippery Rock University on August 7<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bernie Hoffman presented recent school law updates. Mr. Leitera stated that the Lawrence County Social Services, Inc. ("LCCAP") had expanded their program to include Pre-K Counts grant. Mr. Leitera mentioned he had met with Mr. Laurenza on the transportation routes and drivers. Mr. Leitera stated that the ACA Engineering Firm was overseeing the elementary paving project and it was coming to an end. Mr. Chamas with ACA has provided pictures and charts. Mr. Leitera also stated he was pleased with the paving project. Mr. Leitera stated he was also working Book and Proch (the District's water operator) and an electrical engineer to create a plan to back-up the new water system. Mr. Leitera also reported that he along with several other administrators will meet with police representatives from the surrounding areas on August 10<sup>th</sup> as a way to improve our safety plan. Mr. Leitera stated he had submitted the safe schools grant application for approximately \$21,000 and he is waiting to see if the district has been awarded it.

Superinten-  
dent's  
Report

The Financial Reports dated July 31, 2017 were presented for approval. So moved on the motion of Mr. Solley, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Financial Reports Attached)

Mr. McKim motioned to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Mr. Laughner, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried. (Copies of all invoices on file in the Business Office)

General Fund,  
 School Lunch  
 bills approved

GENERAL FUND	
Prepaid	\$ 260,414.07
Current	\$ 318,474.65
SCHOOL LUNCH	
Prepaid	\$ 114.70

On the motion of Mr. Butch, seconded by Mr. Solley, approval was granted to add the following items to the agenda this evening, verbal vote, motion carried.

Granted  
 permission  
 to make  
 additions to  
 the agenda

- Service agreement
- Cooperative sponsorship
- Employment (2)
- Use of Facilities

Consideration was given to grant authorization to the Administration, at the discretion of the Superintendent, to fill staff vacancies, which are necessary to assure continuity of programs from August 9, 2017 through September 12, 2017, with Board confirmation at the next meeting. Mr. Laughner motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Granted  
 permission to  
 Superintende  
 nt to fill  
 vacancies  
 from Aug. 9 –  
 Sept. 12

Consideration was given to the approval of the Daily Substitute Support Staff.

<u>Nurse</u> Sherron Henry Laverne Malone Tara Tucker	<u>Clerical</u> Stefanie Capalbo Rebekah Veon
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<u>Custodian</u> Mark McCullough Samuel Norge Wanda O’Neill Jacquie Uhrain	<u>Paraprofessional</u> Blodwen Boariu Allison Bucci Katelyn Jones Christine Lantz Branda Lendaradt LeaAyn Petti
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Approved  
 daily  
 substitute  
 listing as  
 presented

<u>Transportation</u> Nicolae Boariu Catherine Jones Glen Leslie Patricia Pezzulo	<u>Cafeteria</u> Susan Pendro
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Mr. Cardella motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Butch, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Consideration was given to the approval of the Transportation Employees for the 2017 – 2018 school year.

Richard Altman	Teri Bailey	Approved 2017-2018 transportation employees as presented
Loraine Bailey	Jennifer Buttermore	
Stefanie Capable	Thomas Cowher	
John “Mike” Craig	Randy Crum	
Beverly Culley	Wynell Dessau	
Stacey Fair	Jean Henry	
Dorothy Hyberg	Susan Krauss	
James Laurenza	Frank Luketic	
Jennifer Mallot	Charles McKee, Jr.	
Kurt Ordak	Tonya Parker	
Matthew Pohlod	Sharon Reynolds	
Sharlene Shiderly	LaToya Smith	
Joyce Stokes	Terri Trott	
Rebekah Veon		

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

Consideration was given to the approval of three additional coaches for the fall season of the 2017-2018 school year.

Varsity/Middle School Football Eugene Tarica – Volunteer MS Football	Approved additional fall coaches
Boys Soccer Micah Bell – Volunteer Assistant	
Fall Cheerleading Kim Masone – Freshman/JV Cheerleading Coach	

Mr. Solley motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Laughner, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Consideration was given to the separation agreement between the Mohawk Area School District School Board of Directors and David Cinque. Mr. McKim motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Solley, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried

Approved  
separation  
agreement  
between the  
board and  
David Cinque  
effective Jan. 1,  
2018

The gasoline and fuel bid was awarded to the lowest bidder, Lykins Energy Solutions of Milford Ohio on a motion by Mr. Cardella and Mr. Butch also motioned approval, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried (a copy of the bid tabulation sheet is maintained in the Office of the Superintendent).

Awarded fuel and gasoline bid

Consideration was given to the approval of the second reading of the revised School Board Policy #815 - Computer and Internet Acceptable Use Policy/Internet Safety Policy. Mr. Laughner motioned approval, seconded by Mr. McKim, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried

Approved Policy #815 Computer and Internet Acceptable Use Policy/Internet Safety Policy

Consideration was given to approval of the adoption of a new Memorials Policy - #702.1 (first reading). Mr. Butch motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Approved first reading of Policy #702.1 Memorials Policy

Consideration was given to the approval of the IDEA-Section 611 in the amount of \$188,241 and the IDEA-Section 619 in the amount of \$3,088 contracts through the Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV for the 2017-2018 school year. Mr. Butch motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

IDEA-Section 611 and IDEA-Section 619 contracts for 17/18 approved

Consideration was given to the approval of a letter of agreement with UPMC Jameson Memorial Hospital School of Nursing to permit nursing student observation experience with the district nurses. Mr. Laughner motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Solley, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Approved letter of agreement with UPMC Jameson to permit nursing student observations

Real estate additions and exonerations were presented for approval. The current exonerations total \$3,259,300 and the current additions are \$0 bringing the year-to-date exonerations to \$3,422,000 and no year-to-date additions which translates to a year-to-date loss of \$49,174.14 in actual tax dollars. Mr. Laughner motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Butch, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried. (Copy Attached)

Additions / Exonerations approved

Consideration was given to the approval of an agreement with the DePaul School for hearing and speech services to provide itinerant hearing support services for the 2017-2018 school year. Mr. Laughner motioned approval, seconded by Mr. McKim, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Approved service agreement with DePaul School for itinerant hearing services

Consideration was given to the approval to enter into a cooperative sponsorship for middle school wrestling with the Ellwood City Area School District for the 2017-2018 school year. Mr. Cardella motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Laughner, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Approved co-op with Ellwood SD for MS wrestling program

Consideration was given to the approval to hire June Grasso as a Title I Instructional paraprofessional for the 2017-2018 school year Mr. Butch motioned approval, seconded by Mr. McKim, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Approved June Grasso as Title I Instructional Paraprofessional

Consideration was given to the approval to hire Ronald Greenawalt as a bus driver for the 2017-2018 school year. Mr. Laughner motioned approval, seconded by Mr. McKim, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Approved Ronald Greenawalt as bus driver

Consideration was given to the approval for Randall Peace of the Mohawk VFW Post 267 to use the high school parking lot and electric service on September 10, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mr. Solley motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Laughner, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Approved the Mohawk VFW use of facility

There were no reports from the Mohawk Elementary PTO or the Mohawk Education Association.

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

At 8:08 PM on a motion by Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. McKim the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session

Kimberly J. Eaton  
Board Secretary