

The Regular Meeting of the Mohawk Area Board of Directors was called to order at 8:15 P.M. by the President, Ted Morrow, with the following members present: Eugene A. Butch, Jr., Harry J. Curatola, Jr., Lori Griffin, Diane Gwin, Mark Hiler, Jonathan Laughner, Scott Singer and David Spears. Superintendent Kathleen Kwolek, Assistant to the Superintendent, Lorree Houk, High School Principal, Raymond Omer, Assistant High School Principal, Gregory Ferencak, Elementary Principal, Bradlee Meehan, Assistant Elementary Principal, George Sperdute, Director of Pupil Services, Jamie Stevens and Janet Crum, Secretary, were also in attendance.

The minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on April 8, 2013, the Special Board Meeting on April 23, 2013 and the Committee of the Whole Meeting on May 6, 2013 were accepted as written on the motion of Mr. Hiler, seconded by Mrs. Griffin, verbal vote, motion carried.

There were no public comments.

Student Delegate, Nick Colwell informed the Board of all the activities taking place as the 2012-2013 school year comes to an end. Each Administrator updated the Board as well.

The Financial Report dated April 30, 2013 was presented for approval. So moved on the motion of Mr. Laughner, seconded by Mr. Spears, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Financial Report Attached)

Financial Report approved

Mr. Hiler motioned to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Mrs. Gwin, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried. (Copies of all invoices on file in the Business Office)

General Fund, School Lunch & Construction Bills approved

GENERAL FUND	
Prepaid	\$291,027.49
Current	\$162,936.17
SCHOOL LUNCH	
Prepaid	\$ 34,781.87
CONSTRUCTION	
Current	\$ 36,758.78

There were two additions to the agenda this evening: 1) a travel request and, 2) a tax abatement request. Mr. Laughner motioned approval to add these two items to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Spears, verbal vote, motion carried.

Approved additions to the agenda

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The following resignations/retirements/leave requests were presented for approval:

- Mr. Sam Norge – High School Custodian – retirement effective 6/30/2013.
- Mrs. Candice Imbrogno – Elementary Teacher – childbearing/childrearing and FMLA leave request – first semester of 2013-2014.

Resignations/retirements/leaves were approved

So moved by Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Laughner, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

Consideration was given to employing the following:

- Mr. Jason Zeh – Music Teacher (currently ½ time)
- Mrs. Romney Anderton – Jr. Sr. High School Reading Specialist
- Mrs. Sharlee Burich – Elementary Teacher
- Ms. Courtney Castaldi – Title I Teacher – Elementary
- Ms. Heather Iorio – Elementary Teacher
- Ms. Carrie Tomon – Elementary Teacher
- Ms. Tara Coyne – Long Term Substitute – Elementary
- Ms. Marissa Stoner – Long Term Substitute - 1st Semester 2013-14
- Ms. Nicole Nocera – Jr. High Learning Support Teacher

Granted permission to hire: 7 teachers and 2 long term subs as submitted

Mr. Spears motioned approval, seconded by Mrs. Gwin, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

Approval was granted to add Carl Frank, Emergency Substitute, and Sam Norge, Custodian to the Daily Substitute List on the motion of Mr. Hiler, seconded by Mr. Laughner, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

Additions to Emergency and Daily Sub. List approved

Consideration was given to hiring Mrs. Lisa Kwolek as the Head Girl's Soccer Coach for the 2013-14 school year. She is a former student and has coaching experience. So moved on the motion of Mrs. Gwin, seconded by Mr. Curatola, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

Lisa Kwolek hired as Head Girl's Soccer Coach

Likewise, approval was requested to add Justin Addicott as a Jr. High Track Coach and Dustin Alfano as a Volunteer Assistant for the 2013 track season. Mrs. Gwin motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Butch, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

Added Justin Addicott as a Jr. High Track Coach and Dustin Alfano as a Volunteer Assistant

A list of approximately 111 tentative 2013 Mohawk Graduates was presented for approval. Mrs. Kwolek stated this is pending completion of all student graduation requirements. Mr. Singer motioned approval, seconded by Mrs. Gwin, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Graduate List Attached)

111 2013
Graduates were
approved

Consideration was given to the approval of an additional transportation contract:

Additional
transportation
contract
approved

-- Crystal Yanko – 1 student to Mohawk Elementary School at \$44.00/day.

So moved on the motion of Mr. Butch, seconded by Mr. Singer, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

The first reading of the Mohawk Area School District General Operating Budget for the 2013-2014 year was presented for approval. Mrs. Crum stated the proposed budget includes expenditures of \$21,714,781. The budget will now go on public display on the state budget form for 30 days, with the second reading and final adoption on June 17, 2013. Mr. Butch motioned approval of the first reading, seconded by Mr. Curatola, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried. (Copy of PDE-2028 on file in Business Office.)

First reading of
13-14 MASD
General
Operating
approved

Consideration was given to the approval of the 2013-2014 Employee Insurance Rates for health, dental and vision. Mrs. Crum was pleased to report there will not be an increase in the health insurance with the dental and vision rates increasing slightly. So moved by Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Curatola, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried. (List of rates attached)

2013-2014
Employee
Insurance Rates
approved

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The 2013-2014 Football and Student Accident Insurance Rates was presented for approval. The football insurance will be provided through Blackwood Financial Planning in Beaver Falls, PA at a cost of \$4,690, and will include \$1,000,000 Catastrophic Coverage. The student accident insurance for K-12 is \$36.00/year for school time and \$125.00/year for 24 hour coverage. There has been no increase in rates from the previous year. Mr. Hiler motioned approval, seconded by Mrs. Gwin, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

Approved 2013-
2014 Football
and Student
Accident
Insurance Rates

On a motion by Mr. Hiler, seconded by Mr Butch, Mr. David Spears was named the Mohawk Area School District Treasurer for the 2013-14 school year. A roll call vote was taken, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

Mr. David Spears named MASD Treasurer for 2013-14

Likewise, Mrs. Janet Crum was re-appointed to the position of Board Secretary for a four year term. So moved on the motion of Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Butch, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

Mrs. Janet Crum was re-appointed as Board Secretary for a four year term

The following Bonded Positions were presented for approval:

Board Secretary	\$50,000
Treasurer	\$50,000
Cafeteria	\$10,000
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Payroll Signature	\$10,000
H. S. Principal – Activity	\$10,000
Elem. Principal – Activity	\$10,000
Business Office – Activity	\$10,000

Bonded Positions were approved

Mrs. Gwin motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Laughner, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

In addition, the following Depository and Investment Agencies were presented for approval:

- First Commonwealth Bank
- Northwest Savings Bank
- PA Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT)
- First Choice Federal Credit Union

Depository and Investment Agencies were approved

So moved by Mr. Curatola, seconded by Mr. Hiler, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

Consideration was given to the approval of retaining Sharp Collection Agency for the collection of Delinquent Per Capita Tax and Delinquent Wage Tax for years prior to and including 2011. Berkheimer has been contracted to collect both current and delinquent wage tax from 2012 forward. Mr. Laughner motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Singer, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

Sharp Collection Agency to collect delinquent Per Capita and Wage Tax, 2011 & prior; Berkheimer contracted to collect Wage Tax, 2012 and forward

The following Legal Consultants were considered for approval at the same rates as the previous year:

Legal
Consultants
approved

Andrews & Price - \$130/hr
John R. Seltzer - \$120/hr

So moved by Mrs. Gwin, seconded by Mr. Spears, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

The following requests for travel were presented for approval:

-- Mr. Shillingburg to accompany two students to the 2013 National TSA Conference from June 28 – July 2, 2013 at Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando, FL.

Granted
requests for
travel

TSA President, Jesse Ambrose, Vice President, Doug Miller as well as Jeremiah Shillingburg and Tyler Braho, the two students who qualified for the National TSA Competition, were in attendance and gave a brief overview of the their projects at the State TSA Conference.

-- Mr. Clifford Wallace and Mr. Cameron Schirmer to accompany approximately 11 student to the FFA State Contests from June 11 – 13, 2013 at Penn State University.

Mr. Singer motioned approval for the travel requests, seconded by Mr. Hiler, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

Consideration will be given to the approval of the following request for the use of the facility:

-- Mohawk Area Alumni Association for the use of the cafeteria for their annual reunion on August 2, 2013.

Approved
request for use
of facility

So moved by Mrs. Gwin, seconded by Mr. Laughner, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

Real Estate Additions and Exonerations were presented for approval. The current exonerations total \$5,000 bringing the YTD exonerations to \$18,900 which translates to a YTD loss of \$247.40 in actual tax dollars. Mr. Laughner motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Curatola, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried. (Copy Attached)

Real Estate
Additions/
Exonerations
approved

Consideration was given to the approval of a tax abatement request from Endeka Entertainment, LP in order that they might successfully complete and operate a casino and harness racing facility on a 250 acre parcel of land located in Mahoning Township. Mrs. Kwolek explained they are requesting a 10 year phasing of taxes on the assessed value of each structure with years 1 - 5 being totally exempt and years 6 – 10 assessed in twenty per cent increments reaching a fully assessed tax rate in year ten. Mr. Spears motioned approval of the tax abatement, seconded by Mr. Laughner. A roll call vote was taken, Mr. Laughner “yes”, Mr. Morrow “yes”, Mr. Singer “yes”, Mr. Spears “yes”, Mr. Butch, “yes”, Mr. Curatola “no”, Mrs. Griffin “yes”, Mrs. Gwin “no”, Mr. Hiler “no”, 6 yes, 3 no, 0 absent, motion carried.

Approval given
for a tax
abatement
request

Mrs. Kwolek recognized the following:

- Mrs. Graziani, Mr. Zeh & Ms. Maiorano – band trip to Washington D.C.
- Rachel Gurgiolo – Region 5 Gymnastics Champion – Gold medalist
- Katelyn Byers – 1st place in the Lawrence County Historical Society Trivia competition.
- Directors, cast and crew of the Elementary Musical “Aladdin Jr.”

There were no comments from the PTO or the MEA this evening.

At 9:05 P.M., the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session.

Janet L. Crum
Board Secretary