

The Regular Meeting of the Mohawk Area Board of Directors was called to order at 6:10 P.M. by the President, Ted Morrow, 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, Harry J. Curatola, Jr., Lori Griffin, Mark Hiler, Jonathan Laughner and Scott Singer. Superintendent Kathleen Kwolek, Assistant to the Superintendent, Lorree Houk, High School Principal, Raymond Omer, Elementary Principal, Bradlee Meehan, Assistant Elementary Principal, George Sperdute, Jamie Stevens, Director of Student Services, James Glynn, Psychologist, Solicitor John R. Seltzer, and Janet Crum, Secretary, were also in attendance.

Mr. Chris Miller from Eckles Architecture was in attendance to discuss with the Board a situation that was recently discovered. Due to an issue with the high school boiler not firing, Renick Brothers, Columbia Gas and Mark Ellis, Electrical Engineer from Eckles were consulted. It was found that when the gas load began to increase, the pressure began to drop and was not adequate enough to service both buildings. At a meeting with all interested parties on Thursday, December 5, 2013, it was decided the best solution would be to set an additional meter and regulator in the gas house to service the elementary, which would require new and/or additional piping. A question and answer period followed.

At this time, Mr. Seltzer administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Lori Griffin.

The minutes of the Reorganization Meeting on December 3, 2013 and the Committee of the Whole Meeting on December 3, 2013 were accepted as written on the motion of Mr. Curatola, seconded by Mr. Hiler, verbal vote, motion carried.

There were no public comments.

Student Delegates, Marie Anderson, Nick Colwell, Chris Culley, Jessica Duffy and Megan Sensky, updated the Board on all the activities of the school including:

- Peer Leaders – Santa Shuffle on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 and Christmas caroling at the Overlook Nursing Home.
- Madison Macri and Jordan Bucci – representing Mohawk at the IU Extreme Leadership for Students on December 17, 2013.
- Seventh and Eighth Grade Composition Students – participation in the Macy's Believe Campaign.
- Student Council – Raised \$100.00 in the "Leaf Hunger Behind" campaign to donate to Project HOPE, and the Candy Cane Gram sale.

- Guidance Department – Career Fairs and Career Workshop Speakers.
- Football Team – Five players earning Top 22 Honors – Travis Giardina, Shane McFarland, Chad Hogue, Mike Kurtz and Spencer McConahy. Shane McFarland and Mike Kurtz also earned Scholar Athlete Awards.
- Mohawk FFA – 20 members attended the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

Likewise each Administrator informed the Board of recent and upcoming events that will take place in their respective buildings such as the 6th Grade Field Trip to Pittsburgh to see “A Christmas Carol” followed by dinner at the Spaghetti Warehouse, combined Elementary Chorus and Band Concert, Second Phase of Guided Reading, the High School Band Concert, Keystone Training, WEB Club collecting for Toys for Tots and the Fashion Show in January. Mr. Meehan commended Mr. Exposito for his diligence in making certain that the activity buses are operating smoothly.

The Financial Report dated November 30, 2013, was presented for approval. So moved on the motion of Mr. Laughner, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, 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. Butch motioned to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Mr. Laughner, 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 and Construction bills approved

GENERAL FUND	
Prepaid	\$ 65,896.38
Current	\$ 164,613.95
SCHOOL LUNCH	
Prepaid	\$ 46,213.68
CONSTRUCTION	
Prepaid	\$.00

There were two travel requests on the additions to the agenda this evening. On the motion of Mr. Curatola, seconded by Mr. Hiler, approval was granted to include these items in the agenda, verbal vote, motion carried.

Approved additions to the agenda

The following employment requests were presented for approval:

- Miss Marissa Stoner – Elementary Classroom Teacher.
- Mrs. Erin Palmer – Secondary Special Education Teacher
- Mrs. Autumn Pastore – Long-Term Substitute for the remainder of the school year.
- Ms. Kara Kendall – Elementary Instructional Paraprofessional for the remainder of the 2013-14 school year.

Employment requests were approved

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

Christine McKinney was approved as an addition to the nurse substitute list on the motion of Mr. Butch, seconded by Mr. Hiler, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 9 yes, 0 absent, motion carried.

Addition to substitute list approved

On the motion of Mr. Butch, seconded by Mr. Curatola, approval was granted to solicit bids for two new school buses for the 2014-2015 school year, verbal vote, motion carried. Mrs. Kwolek explained we are on a rotation with the purchase of buses in order to keep our fleet up to date.

Granted permission to solicit bids for two new school buses for 14/15

The following travel requests were presented for approval:

- Mr. Cliff Wallace to accompany approximately 22 students to the Farm Show in Harrisburg, PA from January 6 – 8, 2014.
- Mrs. Pat Byers to accompany two state officers from March 16 – 21, 2014 and Mrs. Diane Laughner to accompany approximately five additional students to the FCCLA State Leadership Conference in Lancaster, PA from March 19 – 21, 2014. The District will cover the cost of the registration, event fees, transportation, meals and lodging for the students as well the advisors. Total cost is approximately \$2,000.00.

Approved requests for travel

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.

Real Estate Additions and Exonerations were presented for approval. The current exonerations total \$98,200 bringing the YTD exonerations to \$3,579,000 and YTD additions to \$3,579,000 which translates to a YTD gain of \$449,720 or \$5,886.83 in actual tax dollars. Approval was granted on the motion of Mr. Singer, 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/Exon. approved

Mrs. Kwolek recognized the following:

- Ashley Graziani and the Mohawk Marching Band for their participation in the Light Up Night Parade.
- The agreement with New Castle School of Trades concerning their Combination Welding Program (1000 hours). Graduates of the Mohawk Vo-Ag Program will receive credit for the first quarter (250 hours) if they meet certain criteria.
- Three Board Members received recognition from PSBA for their years of service; Diane Gwin, a certificate for 8 years, Jonathan Laughner, a certificate for 16 years and Eugene Butch, a plaque for 28 years.

Brooke Miller, First Vice President of the Mohawk Elementary PTO informed the Board of their recent activities including the candy sale, Santa's Lane and the sale of spirit wear.

At 6:40 P.M., the meeting was adjourned on the motion of Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Hiler, verbal vote, motion carried.

Janet L. Crum
Board Secretary