

The Regular Meeting of the Mohawk Area Board of Directors was called to order at 8:00 P.M. by the Vice President, Mark Hiler, and commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag followed by a moment of silence. The following members were present: James Capalbo, Stephen Cardella, Harry J. Curatola, Jr., Lori Griffin, Jonathan Laughner and Scott Singer. President Ted Morrow and Eugene A. Butch, Jr. were excused. Superintendent Kathleen Kwolek, Assistant to the Superintendent, Lorree Houk, High School Principal, Raymond Omer, Assistant High School Principal, Greg Ferencak, Elementary Principal, Bradlee Meehan, Assistant Elementary Principal, George Spurdute, Solicitor John R. Seltzer, and Janet Crum, Secretary, were also in attendance.

The minutes of the Board Meeting on December 9, 2013 and the Committee of the Whole Meeting on January 13, 2014 were accepted as written on the motion of Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Curatola, verbal vote, motion carried.

There were no public comments.

Mrs. Kim Turnley, local auditor, was in attendance and presented the audit report for the year ending June 30, 2013 in draft form. It will be prepared in final form after review by the Board and Administration. She distributed a management letter, which would contain any findings, and was happy to report that Mohawk had none for the 2012-13 year. The letter also reminded the district of various important subjects such as segregation of duties for real estate collections, keeping current on proper payroll procedures, etc. She pointed out the total revenues and expenditures for the year, the differences between the 2012-2013 budgeted figures and actual expenses and revenues, which indicated we have an excess of revenues over expenditures of \$996,279. She stated that we currently have a healthy fund balance of \$13,976,804. She also explained how quickly this fund balance could change due to the state of the economy, the future employer retirement costs and many other factors. She briefly reviewed the School Lunch Fund, saying that it is not as financially sound as last year. She is seeing this more and more due to the drop in Federal and State Subsidies, which is directly related to breakfast and lunch sales. She also said that they did not have to perform a Single Audit, which is required if an entity receives \$500,000 or more in Federal Funds. She asked the Board to read the Management Discussion and Analysis Report, which is an overall review of the district's financial activities for the past year, and that she would be happy to answer any questions they may have.

Ms. Lou Ann Miller, Elementary Health and Wellness Teacher, addressed the Board and thanked them for allowing her and

Mr. Carr to attend the National Convention. She stated she was very excited to be invited as a presenter. She also showed the Board a short video of how they are integrating technology into the classroom/gymnasium using iPads.

Likewise each Administrator presented information to the Board on varying subjects: Common Core Standards, integrating academics through special subjects, Guided Reading, Warrior Work Application created by Mr. Franz which allows parents to view their child's homework assignments, the new data wall in the office and Period R.

The Financial Report and Budget Transfers dated December 31, 2013, were presented for approval. So moved on the motion of Mr. Curatola, seconded by Mr. Singer, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Financial Report and Budget Transfers Attached)

Financial Report and Budget Transfers were approved

Mr. Singer motioned to pay the bills as listed, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, 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)

General Fund, School Lunch and Construction bills approved

GENERAL FUND	
Prepaid	\$ 403,059.45
Current	\$ 229,068.61
SCHOOL LUNCH	
Prepaid	\$ 35,745.10
CONSTRUCTION	
Prepaid	\$ 57,493.75

There were no additions to the agenda this evening.

Consideration was given to the following resignation request:

Accepted resignation from Lori Delillo as Jr. High Cheer Coach

-- Ms. Lori Delillo – Jr. High Cheerleading Coach – effective immediately.

Consideration was given to employing the following:

-- Ms. Heather Chisholm – Long Term Substitute until approximately May 2, 2014.

-- Mrs. Lisa Kwolek – Long Term Substitute – second semester of the 2013-14 school year.

-- Ms. Nicole Nocera – Junior High Cheerleading Coach

- Ms. Allyson Morici – Special Education Instructional Paraprofessional
- Ms. Lisa Dugan – Title I Instructional Paraprofessional

Approved
employment as
presented

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

Consideration was given to adding the following to the Daily Substitute List:

- LeaAyn Petti - Paraprofessional/Secretary
- Alan B. Marsh – Certified Teacher
- Lauren N. Mick – Certified Teacher

Approved
additions to
Daily Sub List

Mr. Curatola motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

The 2014-2015 Budget Calendar was presented for approval, beginning with requests being entered and ending with the final adoption of the budget on Monday, June 16, 2014. So moved by Mr. Singer, seconded by Mrs. Griffin, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Budget Calendar Attached)

2014-2015
Budget
Calendar
approved

The Administration is requesting approval to solicit bids/price quotes for the following for the 2014-2015:

- General Teaching Supplies
- Custodial Supplies
- Athletic Supplies

Granted
permission to
solicit bids for
supplies for
2014-2015

Mr. Curatola motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Singer, verbal vote, motion carried.

Consideration was given to awarding the HVAC Contract: accept the base bid of \$1,565,000 from Renick Bros. Mechanical; reject Alternate H-1 bid for an alternate ATC sub-contractor; reject Alternate H-2 bid for an alternate RTU manufacturer; and reject Alternate H-4 bid for replacement of the gas line. Mr. Singer motioned acceptance of the Renick Bros. bid as stated above, seconded by Mr. Laughner, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Awarded
HVAD
Contract to
Renick Bros.

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Likewise, Mr. Curatola motioned acceptance of the base bid of \$580,000 from McCurley-Houston; rejecting the Alternate E-1 bid to keep the existing transformer. The motion was seconded by Mr.

Accepted
McCurley-
Houston base
bid

Capalbo, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

In addition, consideration was given to accept the base bid of \$554,906 from Mahoning Builders as the General Contractor. So moved by Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Curatola, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Mahoning
Builders
approved as
General
Contractor

Consideration was given to the annual approval of the PSBA Standards for Effective Governance & PSBA Code of Conduct for members of PA School Boards. Mr. Laughner motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Singer, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried. (Copy Attached)

Approved PSBA
Standards for
Effective
Governance &
PSBA Code of
conduct

Consideration was given to the adoption of a resolution stipulating Mohawk Area School District will limit any tax increase to the state index according to the Taxpayer Relief Act of 2006. The index for Mohawk this year is 3%, which allows us to increase taxes by .39 mills. So moved by Mr. Singer, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Resolution
adopted limiting
any tax increase
to the state index

Consideration will be given to the approval for student Thomas Welch to compete as an independent at the WPIAL Rifle Championship in February, 2014. Mrs. Kwolek clarified the district will not incur any expenses or liability. Mr. Singer motioned approval, seconded by Mrs. Griffin, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried.

Grant permission
for student to
compete as an
independent at
WPIAL Rifle
Championship

There were no travel requests this evening.

Real Estate Additions and Exonerations were presented for approval. The current exonerations total \$132,200 bringing the YTD exonerations to \$3,261,480 and YTD additions to \$3,579,000 which translates to a YTD gain of \$319,520 or \$4,156.34 in actual tax dollars. Approval was granted on the motion of Mr. Curatola, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 7 yes, 2 absent, motion carried. (Copy Attached)

Real Estate
Additions/Exon.
approved

Mrs. Kwolek recognized the following:

-- Mrs. Missy O'Shane – National Board Certification. Mrs. Kwolek stated she is our seventh teacher to achieve this tremendous honor.

Mrs. Griffin wished to recognize the French Club for giving their time to serve dinner and clean up at a recent function at the Cathedral. She stated they were all appropriately dressed and well behaved. She also commended their advisor, Mrs. Karen Cilli.

There were no comments from Mohawk P.T.O or the Mohawk Education Association.

At 9:02, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session on the motion of Mr. Singer, seconded by Mrs. Griffin, verbal vote, motion carried.

Janet L. Crum
Board Secretary