

The Regular Meeting of the Mohawk Area Board of Directors was called to order at 8:00 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., and Jonathan Laughner. Lori Griffin, Mark Hiler and Scott Singer 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 Sperdute, and Janet Crum, Secretary, were also in attendance.

The minutes of the Board Meeting on February 10, 2014 and the Committee of the Whole Meeting on March 3, 2014 were accepted as written on the motion of Mr. Laughner, seconded by Mr. Curatola, verbal vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Phyllis McCullough, Mrs. Valerie Bauer and Ms. Jamilyn Maiorano were in attendance and reported on the use of iPads in First Grade. They stated iPads are a useful tool in the classroom, provide a sense of independence, allow for differentiated practice, and provide a way to plan lessons based on the Common Core Standards. They have been in use in First Grade for about the last three years, and can be geared towards whole group instruction, small group instruction, or independent practice. Most importantly, they provide a way for students to practice important skills in a fun and meaningful way.

Mrs. Peterson announced the student delegates, Chris Culley, Nick Colwell, Jessica Duffy, Megan Sensky and Marie Anderson, stating this would be their last opportunity to address the Board. They are currently in the process of choosing the new delegates for next year. The students reported on all of the Spring sports and activities.

Likewise, each Administrator reported on the activities and preparations for PSSA testing in each building.

Mrs. Kwolek welcomed members of Troop 721, who attended the meeting as part of the requirements to obtain their merit badge.

The Financial Report dated February 28, 2014, was presented for approval. So moved on the motion of Mr. Hiler, seconded by Mr. Curatola, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried. (Copy of Financial Report Attached)

Financial
Report
approved

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

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| GENERAL FUND | |
| Prepaid | \$ 77,563.31 |
| Current | \$ 159,147.19 |
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| SCHOOL LUNCH | |
| Prepaid | \$ 31,549.68 |

There were two additions to the agenda this evening:

- Consideration to waive penalty fees for two parcels in Mahoning Twp.
- Approval to amend the 2013-14 school calendar to include requests for Section 1504 Exceptions for two days.

Approved
additions to the
agenda

Mr. Curatola motioned approval to add these items to the agenda, seconded by Mr. Laughner, verbal vote, motion carried.

Consideration was given to the approval of the following emergency substitute teachers:

- Gina Dunkerley
- Marion Zingaro
- Michael Conn
- Mary Cournan

Approved
emergency
substitute
teachers

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

Consideration was given to approving Mr. Ben Edwards as the volunteer advisor of the WEB Club. Mr. Cardella motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Bed Edwards
approved as
volunteer advisor
for WEB Club

Mr. Laughner motioned to award the bids for 2014-15 custodial supplies as recommended by Mr. Cinque at the Elementary, and Mr. Werhnyak at the High School, in the amounts of \$18,340.84 and \$13,178.28 respectively. The motion was seconded by Mr. Curatola, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried. (A copy of the summary sheet attached and a copy of the detailed bid sheets on file in the Office of the Superintendent.)

Awarded bids
for 2014-15
custodial
supplies

Consideration was given to the approval of the Program of Studies for the 2014-15 school year. Mrs. Houk reviewed some areas of change such as increasing the extended periods in Jr. High, the Freshman Rotation, the Course Grid, the addition of AP World History and Psychology to the Social Sciences and the fact that Biology will now be offered to 10th grade students rather than 9th. She stated that 26 credits are needed for graduation. So moved on the motion of Mr. Butch, seconded by Mr. Cardella, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Program of Studies for 2014-15 approved

Consideration was given to the approval for Mr. Raymond Omer to apply for candidacy as President of the Pennsylvania Association of Elementary and Secondary School Principals. Mrs. Kwolek stated this is an excellent opportunity for Mr. Omer as well as the school district. Mr. Capalbo motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Laughner, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Granted permission for Mr. Raymond Omer to apply for candidacy as President of the PA Assoc. of Elem. & Sec. School Principals

Consideration was given to the approval of the submission of the North Beaver Township Building Permit for the Elementary School HVAC Project. Mrs. Kwolek explained the total amount due for the building permit, mechanical permit and electrical permit is \$28,657.18. So moved on the motion of Mr. Curatola, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Submission of Building Permit for Elem. HVAC project approved

Consideration was given to the approval for Eckles Architecture and Engineering to solicit pricing from the general contractor of the elementary lighting/HVAC project for repairs to the brick façade at the elementary school. Mrs. Kwolek explained a façade evaluation was performed by Barber & Hoffman, Inc. in order to determine the cause of visible masonry distress at multiple locations around the building and also to provide recommendations for repairs. Eckles will be paid a lump sum fee of \$10,500.00 for architectural and engineering services including design, documentation and construction contract administration. Mr. Butch motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Laughner, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Granted permission for Eckles Architecture to solicit pricing for repairs to Elementary brick façade project

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Consideration was given to the approval of the 2014-2015 Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV budget. The school district contributions for next year are \$649,135.00 with the estimated share for Mohawk being \$15,755.00. This represents 17% of the total General Operating Budget and provides support for Board Services, Office of Executive Director, Human Resources, Operation & Maintenance of Plant and Warehousing and Distribution. So moved on the motion of Mr. Curatola, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Approved 2014-15 Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV budget

In addition, approval was granted to register interested board members for the Annual Midwestern Intermediate Unit IV Convention and Dinner on April 23, 2014 on the motion of Mr. Laughner, seconded by Mr. Butch, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Approval granted to register interested board members for Annual Midwestern Inter. Unit IV Convention/Dinner

The following travel requests were presented for approval:

- Mrs. Lauren Parks and Miss Courtney Castaldi to attend the 2014 PAFPC Annual Conference from April 27 – 29, 2014 at Seven Springs Resort in Champion, PA. Costs will be paid from Title I Funds.
- Mr. Andy Shillingburg and Mr. Carl Sockaci to accompany approximately 25 students to the TSA State Conference and Competition from April 9 – 11, 2014 at Seven Springs Resort in Champion, PA.
- Mr. Jeff McNeish and two chaperones to accompany approximately 16 – 30 students to participate in the National Academic Games Tournament from April 24 – 29, 2014 in Knoxville, TN.

Approved requests for travel

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

Approval was granted for the Mohawk Community Education Foundation to use the high school auditorium and cafeteria on May 16 – 17, 2014 for the Annual Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Banquet. Mr. Butch motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, roll call vote, all members present voting on the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Use of Facilities granted to Mohawk Community Education Foundation

There were no Additions and Exonerations this evening.

On the recommendation of Solicitor, John R. Seltzer, consideration was given to the approval to waive penalty fees for two parcels in Mahoning Township. So moved on the motion of Mr. Cardella, seconded by Mr. Laughner, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Waived penalty fees for two parcels in Mahoning Twp.

Consideration was given to the approval to amend the 2013-2014 school calendar to include requests for Section 1504 (Act 80) Exceptions for February 17, 2014 and June 6, 2014. Mrs. Kwolek explained there is a seldom used statute that allows a district to apply for full Act 80 days if the Board has pre-planned activities for purposes deemed appropriate by the Secretary of Education, with such activities scheduled to occur instead of instructional time. All approved Act 80 time must be deducted from instructional hours. If these two days are approved by PDE, we will still exceed the required annual instructional

Granted permission to amend 2013-14 school calendar

hours of 990 for the high school and 900 for the elementary. Mr. Butch motioned approval, seconded by Mr. Capalbo, roll call vote, all members present voting in the affirmative, 6 yes, 3 absent, motion carried.

Mrs. Kwolek recognized the following:

- McKenzie Stelter – WPIAL Class AA Diving Champion
- Kayla Wallace – FCCLA project
- Donation of equipment from Sheetz

A representative from P.T.O. informed the Board of all their recent projects and activities.

There were no comments from the Mohawk Education Association.

At 8:50 P.M. the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel on the motion of Mr. Capalbo, seconded by Mr. Laughner, verbal vote, motion carried.

Janet L. Crum
Board Secretary