

Mohawk Valley School District #17

Minutes

REGULAR MEETING April 12, 2022

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Ann Taylor, President
Mr. Tristan Wright, Member
Mr. Julian Rinehart, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mrs. Gina Richmond, Vice-President
Mr. Howie Jorajuria, Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Shanna Johnson
Mrs. Delia Salcido
Mrs. Amanda Talamantes

I. CALL TO ORDER

- ❖ Mrs. Ann Taylor called the Board Meeting to order at 5:00 pm

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- ❖ The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Ann Taylor

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- ❖ Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Tristan Wright made the motion to adopt. Mr. Julian Rinehart seconded.

There was no discussion, motion carries.

IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- No comments

V. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Matters about which the Board may engage in discussion but will take no action.

1. Administrator Reports

a) Enrollment Report

➤ Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- ❖ Enrollment is holding steady
- ❖ She received two phone calls recently with new people moving to our community

b) Budget Report

➤ Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- ❖ There should be a carryover into FY23 of at least \$140,000
- ❖ Classroom Site Fund-Prop 301 money is estimated to be down from \$733 to \$708 per student
- ❖ There will be a 2% inflation increase to the budget. There is no other news yet on the budget
- ❖ Prop 208 is pretty much dead. Courts said it is not constitutional due to aggregate spending limit. This Prop would have “taxed the rich”
- ❖ The High-Cost Child Grant for our handicapped student was approved for \$41,000. The second claim has been submitted for \$13,000 for January, February and March. We will submit again for April and May
- ❖ SB1269 – School Finance – Rural Schools will lose money with this bill. The changes mostly benefit charter schools
- ❖ The funding for the budget is complex. It takes the following to build the budget:
 - TEI
 - Transportation Formula
 - Base Level Support

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- Local tax vs State tax
- SPED Weights

All of these are being examined under proposed SB1269

- ❖ Nurse Grant – MVS was awarded money for a school nurse. MVS has opted to waive the grant. The grant requires an RN and is only good for one year

c) Academic Report

➤ Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- ❖ Discipline outcome of students with alcohol:
 - 7th grade boy who brought alcohol to school has been long-term suspended and may return January 2023
 - The 8th grade girl with alcohol in her possession was given thirteen (13) days of out-of-school suspension
 - Three (3) 8th grade girls were given nine (9) days of out-of-school suspension
 - One (1) 8th grade boy was given five (5) days out-of-school suspension
 - 8th Grade field trip is pending
- ❖ Lockdown on March 11, 2022
 - Lockdown lasted for about 45 minutes
 - A man was witnessed yelling at adults in the cafeteria parking lot. He made threatening comments and actions
 - The kinder teacher and Mr. Burns witnessed a man entering the bus area and using the port-a-potty. At this point is when the lockdown was called
 - YCSO was called, Wellton PD showed up 25 minutes after the call. YCSO showed up 45 minutes after the call
 - There were challenges due to the lack of a PA system

d) Bond Report

➤ Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- ❖ We have a new SFB liaison. Mary Morrison came on site and saw the water plant and other projects
- ❖ The bond projects need to be started. Kerry Campbell, Director, will draft a letter stating that we have approval to start and funding will take place after July 1, 2023
- ❖ A PO in the amount of \$800,000 has been issued to Pilkington Construction for the bond work
- ❖ There is a concern of long lead items. If items are not ordered soon, then there will be a delay in the project. There are also concerns of the price increases. Bond dollar value is decreasing
- ❖ Work will start in the kitchen. We anticipate not having access to the kitchen at the start of school. We are looking into options such as a portable kitchen to address the issue. The cost of the portable kitchen would be approximately \$9,000 per month
- ❖ Simultaneously work will be in the main building and 300 student bathrooms, then proceed through the main building, the 200 buildings, then the 300 buildings
- ❖ HVAC installations
 - The issue with the return air restructure in the main building has finally been resolved
 - Sternco design, DLR will look it over, then the project will continue with the new design
 - The gym HVAC units are progressing and near completion
 - Field irrigation is now being installed

e) Water Plant Report

➤ Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- ❖ Arcadis and Taylor Construction are both asking for more money and extension of contract. Taylor is seeking \$151,628 and Arcadis is seeking an additional \$97,568 for the Water Plant Project and \$_____ for the HVAC Project. The timeline of their contract has

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run out and the SFB timeline in the system has lapsed. This makes it hard to pay and proceed

- ❖ SFB is not wanting to approve more money. Arcadis and Taylor are being made to prove why they need more money
- ❖ SFB is pushing back hard. There have been several meetings in the past week with SFB, Sternco, Arcadis, Taylor and MVS. The Director of the State Office of Administration, Andy Tobin, has been on the meetings to seek understanding of the project and justification from Taylor and Arcadis
- ❖ The project has had issues and delays. The delays are because a piece of electrical equipment called SES gear is delayed indefinitely. The plant itself is ready for delivery but it cannot be brought to the site without power to keep in a climate-controlled condition. Taylor is working with Klein Electric for an alternate solution
- ❖ Dry bed is being used, but there have been concerns and issues being worked out

f) General Items

➤ Mrs. Johnson informed the board of the following:

- ❖ Twenty-five (25) students from 6th and 7th grades have selected to attend the Lion King on Broadway in Phoenix in July. The parent group is helping to sponsor this trip
- ❖ Eight (8) students are being inducted into NJHS this week
- ❖ State testing will be taking place
- ❖ SB1165 – Interscholastic Sports, Intramural athletics, biological sex. Governor Ducey has signed this. The gist is that schools must determine that a team is males, females or coed. It prohibits the male sex from participating on teams designated female, women or girls
- ❖ SB1412 Race, ethnicity, sex, classroom instruction – not signed or passed yet. The gist is that it deals with critical race theory
- ❖ SB1211 schools, materials, activities, posting, review – not signed or passed yet. This would require strict rules on materials taught and posting of everything used for instruction 72 hours prior to being used as instruction

2. Governing Board Member Comments

- Board members stated that they would like to be kept updated on what is going on SFB

VI. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

These items are adoption of a routine nature and those that normally do not require deliberations on the part of the Governing Board. A board member may pull items, which will then be discussed and voted on separately.

1. Minutes

- a) Minutes of March 8, 2022 – Regular Board Meeting and Public Hearing

2. Expense Vouchers

- b) Expense #24 \$ 60,811.61
- c) Expense #25 \$ 36,800.86
- d) Expense #26 \$227,808.45

3. Payroll Vouchers

- e) P-19 \$ 62,903.56
- f) P-19.1 \$ 1,614.30
- g) P-20 \$ 63,205.57

4. Student Activity Reports

- h) March 2022
- i) Year-to-Date – 03/21/2022

5. Bank Account Reconciliations

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j) Student Activities/Revolving Fund/Cafeteria Fund – March 2022

6. Other

- k) Non-Renewal of Certified Contract of an Employee
- l) Letter of Resignation of an Employee

Mrs. Johnson stated that the non-renewal of contract is for Sarah Rivera and is due to a breach of protocols during testing. The students' tests were invalidated per ADE. She also stated that Mrs. Sarah Rodriguez is retiring.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Mr. Tristan Wright made the motion to accept the consent agenda. Mr. Julian Rinehart seconded.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve FY23 Student Calendar, Staff Calendar and 12-Month Employee Calendar

Mrs. Johnson stated that school will be starting a week later, August 9, 2022. This is in hopes to give construction more time to work in the kitchen. Also, four (4) additional professional development days have been added prior to the start of school. There will be a PD work day in September and January. There will be two (2) full days for conferences and two (2) half-days for conferences.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve FY23 Student Calendar, Staff Calendar and 12-Month Employee Calendar. Mr. Tristan Wright made the motion to approve. Mr. Julian Rinehart seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

2. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve FY23 Certified Salary Schedule

Mrs. Johnson stated that there are no changes to the salary schedule and it this needs to be approved every year.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve the FY23 Certified Salary Schedule. Mr. Tristan Wright made the motion to approve. Mr. Julian Rinehart seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

3. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve FY23 New Hires Hourly Rates

Mrs. Johnson stated that there are not changes to the new hires hourly rates.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve the FY23 New Hires Hourly Rates. Mr. Julian Rinehart made the motion to approve. Mr. Tristan Wright seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

4. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve FY23 Certified Contracts for Returning Teachers, Classified Salary Contracts and Notices of Appointment

Mrs. Johnson proposed the following raises:

- 3% for all Teachers and the Instructional Coach (Mrs. Burr)
- 3% for Paraprofessionals, Cafeteria staff, Maintenance, Custodial and Bus Driver positions
- 3% for Mrs. Shanna Johnson and Mr. Tim Burns
- 5% for Mrs. Sherry Fajardo, Mrs. Tabitha Grissom, and Mrs. Sarah Smith. This is based on their duties and increased responsibilities. The pay needs to be closer to similar position

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- 8% for Mrs. Delia Salcido and Mr. Eleazar Munoz. Mrs. Salcido's wages needs to match others in the community in the same type of position. Mr. Munoz is a great asset to MVS and needs to be compensated in order to keep him
- We will be adding a Social Studies teacher for Jr. High and a Special Education teacher

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve the FY23 Certified Contracts for returning Teachers, Classified Salary Contracts and Notices of Appointment. Mr. Tristan Wright made the motion to approve. Mr. Julian Rinehart seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

5. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve ASBA Insurance Trust Health Plan for FY23

Mrs. Johnson proposed the following plan for FY23:

- Adopting similar plan as last year. She reviewed the plan
- Increase staff contribution from \$40 to \$50 for co-pay plan and;
- \$0 to \$25 for high deductible plan

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve ASBA Insurance Trust Health Plan for FY23. Mr. Tristan Wright made the motion to approve. Mr. Julian Rinehart seconded.

6. Future Items

- May 10, 2022 at 5:00 pm – Regular Board Meeting
- Superintendent's Contract – need to gather more information from ESI since she will be a Return-to-work employee

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Tristan Wright made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Julian Rinehart seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 pm.

A copy of the agenda background material provided to the Governing Board members (with the exception of material relating to possible executive sessions) is available for public inspection at the District Office, 5151 South Avenue 39E, Roll, Arizona.

Dated this 15th day of April, 2022
Delia Salcido, Governing Board Secretary

Designated Board Member

Date

Delia Salcido, Board Secretary

Date