

Mohawk Valley School District #17

Minutes

REGULAR MEETING April 18, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Ann Taylor, President
Mr. Tristan Wright, Member
Mr. Julian Rinehart, Member (Via Telephone)

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Shanna Johnson
Mrs. Delia Salcido
Ms. Kim Hand
Ms. Sarah Bell

I. CALL TO ORDER

- ❖ Mrs. Ann Taylor called the Board Meeting to order at 5:08 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

- ❖ There were 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:
 - ❖ No Enrollment Report

b) Budget Report

- Mrs. Johnson stated the following:
 - ❖ There will approximately \$150,000 carry forward after raises and insurance raise
 - ❖ We will be applying for a grant that will allow us to purchase a new handicapped bus. We are an ideal candidate for this grant. We are looking into a 52 passenger bus
 - ❖ The money is coming from the State of Arizona that was set aside by Governor Ducey
 - ❖ The grant will cover all costs for two year such as insurance, training and all electric that may be needed to implement an electric or hybrid bus
 - ❖ Preference is given to electric vehicles but we will make our case for a gas or diesel bus

c) Academic Report

- Mrs. Johnson stated the following:
 - ❖ NJHS induction will be Friday, April 21, 2023 at 2:00 pm
 - ❖ There will be a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mechanics) camp this summer. Fourteen (14) students will be attending

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d) Expense #23	\$ 2,000.00
e) Expense #24	\$1,101,062.22

3. Payroll Vouchers

f) P-19	\$66,527.13
g) P-19.1	\$ 1,917.12
h) P-20	\$66,380.34
i) P-20.1	\$ 479.28
j) P-20.2	\$ 1,437.84
k) P-21	\$64,518.64

4. Student Activity Reports

- l) March 2023
- m) Year-to-Date – 03/31/2023

5. Bank Account Reconciliations

- n) Student Activities/Revolving Fund/Cafeteria Fund – March 2023

6. Other

- o) Letter of Resignation for Brandi Bender

Mrs. Johnson stated that Mrs. Brandi Bender is resigning because she is taking a job with Crane District.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked if anything need to be pulled and for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Mr. Tristan Wright made the motion to accept the consent agenda. Mr. Julian Rinehart seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Revised FY23 Student Calendar

Mrs. Johnson stated that the student calendar must be revised to reflect two days that were taken off for moving classrooms. The days do not need to be make up since there are plenty of instructional hours and staff worked those days.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve the revised FY23 Student 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 Soccer Coaches (Eleazar Munoz and Mireya Arcos)

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve soccer coaches (Eleazar Munoz and Mireya Arcos). 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 the Annual Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022

Mrs. Johnson stated that the audit went well with new auditors in spite of the chaos and construction. She also stated that there were fourteen (14) findings. Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Salcido went over the findings.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve the Annual Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022. Mr. Tristan Wright made the motion to approve. Mr. Julian Rinehart seconded.

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There was no discussion. Motion carries.

4. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve NSLP Equipment Grant – Construction Vendor (Pilkington Construction), Supplies Vendor (Arizona Restaurant Supply)

Mrs. Johnson stated MVS was awarded a \$70,000 cafeteria equipment grant. The grants includes a new walk-in refrigerator, two new sinks, new commercial microwave and shelving. Pilkington will do the installation of the walk-in and AZ Restaurant Supply will provide the equipment.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve NSLP Equipment Grant – Construction Vendor (Pilkington Construction), Supplies Vendor (Arizona Restaurant Supply). 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 Disposal of Curriculum

Mrs. Johnson stated she is proposing adopting new curriculum for K-5 Reading. In order to do so, the existing curriculum, Journeys Core Program, must be disposed of, which was adopted in 2014.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve disposal of curriculum. Mr. Tristan Wright made the motion to approve. Mr. Julian Rinehart seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

6. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Benchmark Advance 2022 Curriculum

Mrs. Johnson stated that two programs have been looked at closely, Benchmark Advance and Into Reading. The teachers had input and they preferred Benchmark Advance. Mrs. Johnson also stated that this will be paid out of the CLSD grant. She would like to have this ordered this week so the materials can be received by summer so the teachers can study and train. Appropriate protocol and policy has been followed for this adoption.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve Benchmark Advance 2022 Curriculum. Mr. Tristan Wright made the motion to approve. Mr. Julian Rinehart seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

7. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Curriculum List for 2023-2024 School Year

Mrs. Johnson stated that it has come to our attention that it is best practice to adopt a curriculum list. It has not been looked at in this light before. With the controversy in public education these days, we want to be transparent with our curriculum. It was stated that it needs to be posted on MVS website.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve the curriculum list for 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Tristan Wright made the motion to approve. Mr. Julian Rinehart seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

8. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve ASBA Insurance Trust Health Plan for FY24

Mrs. Johnson stated we keep being hit with large insurance increases. We are looking at a 12% increase for FY24. We took the time to get a quote from Kairos, another source of insurance that The Trust offers. Their quote came back substantially higher because we have a high loss ratio. Mrs. Johnson went over the contribution strategy with the different costs. She stated that if the district absorbs all the increase with the current cost, it will cost the district \$22,344. After discussion of the different costs, it was stated that the best option was the renewal with the absorbed increase.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve ASBA Insurance Trust Health Plan for FY24. Mr. Tristan Wright made the motion to approve the renewal with the absorbed increase, which will cost the district \$22,344. Mr. Julian Rinehart seconded.

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There was no further discussion. Motion carries.

9. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve FY24 Certified Salary Schedule

Mrs. Johnson stated is best practice to increase the certified salary schedule when there is a pay raise. This salary schedule has a 3% increase in each cell. Mrs. Johnson also stated that she has already gone over the compensation plan and MVS is competitive with Crane and District 1.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve the FY24 Certified Salary Schedule. Mr. Tristan Wright made the motion to approve. Mr. Julian Rinehart seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

10. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve FY24 New Hires Hourly Rates

Mrs. Johnson stated that to this new hires hourly rate schedule, we added the language “current minimum wage” as the base and removed the ceiling pay. She also stated that minimum wage is predicted at \$14.80 in January of 2024. All instructional aides will now be above \$15.12. Mrs. Johnson stated that we need to protect our maintenance and need to have them at a rate where they will stay with us.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve the FY24 New Hires Hourly Rates. Mr. Tristan Wright made the motion to approve. Mr. Julian Rinehart seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

11. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Rehire of Mrs. Shanna Johnson

Mrs. Johnson stated she is coming back from ESI. She stated that she will have a 0% raise on her contract. She is proposing an increase of \$1,200 to her car allowance (\$100/month increase) and an increase of \$2,000 to her stipend, which comes out of a grant.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve the rehire of Mrs. Shanna Johnson. Mr. Tristan Wright made the motion to approve. Mr. Julian Rinehart seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

12. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve FY24 Certified Contracts for Returning Teachers, Classified Salary Contracts and Notices of Appointment

Mrs. Johnson stated she is proposing a 3% raise for teachers. She stated that the average compensation per teacher is close to \$10,000. She is proposing an 8% raise for classified staff. However, for two cafeteria helper positions and a custodial position she is proposing a 3%. Mrs. Johnson stated that the justification for these raises is that we need to keep up with minimum wage increases. We value our positions and need to be competitive with surrounding wages within the community. Mrs. Johnson also stated that she is proposing a 3% raise for the business manager and facilities manager and increase their stipends by \$1,000.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve FY24 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.

13. Future Items

- Next Board Meeting – May 9, 2023 at 5:00 pm

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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 adjourned at 5:50 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 19th day of April, 2023
Delia Salcido, Governing Board Secretary

Designated Board Member

Date

Delia Salcido, Board Secretary

Date