

Mohawk Valley School District #17

Minutes

REGULAR MEETING August 15, 2023
ADOPTED BUDGET MEETING August 15, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Gina Richmond, Vice-President
Mr. Julian Rinehart, Member
Mr. Tristan Wright, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mrs. Ann Taylor, President
Mr. Howie Jorajuria, Clerk

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

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. PUBLIC HEARING

Conduct a *PUBLIC HEARING* to present the *Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service Plan (ARP Act)*

- ❖ Mrs. Johnson stated that this is the last required public hearing and approval of the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction
- ❖ There were no changes to the plan

V. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- ❖ There were no comments.

VI. 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:

- ❖ Started year with 153 students, down 10 students from last year
- ❖ We forecast being down on enrollment
- ❖ It is concerning that Kindergarten is a small class. There are only 12 students in the class
- ❖ We have 8 PreK students
- ❖ There is a possibility of getting a non-verbal autistic student in 7th grade. We will need to hire an additional instructional aide

b) Budget Report

➤ Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- ❖ Mrs. Johnson explained the tax rates and state equalization:

- MVS District receives 24% of local taxes and 76% of state equalization
- Crane District receives 15% of local taxes and 85% of state equalization
- Somerton District receives 4% of local taxes and 96% of state equalization

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- Antelope HS, Hyder District, Paloma District and Palo Verde receive nearly 100% of local taxes
- ❖ Mrs. Johnson stated that if a district receives 100% of local taxes, then the district needs to watch the cash flow in order to know the district has the cash to pay its bills, otherwise the County has to float the expenses. If expenses are excessive above cash then warrants occur. Mrs. Johnson is continuing to research and know details about tax collections and when warrants occur from the County
- ❖ MVS is fortunate to have landowners that pay their taxes so there is little concern for the District
- ❖ When a district such as Somerton has mostly state aide, it is difficult to have a bond or override because there is a limited capacity to tax

c) Academic Report

➤ Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- ❖ Meet the Teacher Night was a nice success. At least half of the students came to see their classrooms
- ❖ The start of the year was very smooth. Staff came right in and worked hard
- ❖ The K-5 teachers are fully embracing the New K-5 ELA Curriculum and teaching with fidelity. It seems to be going well
- ❖ MVS has been put on a targeted support status by ADE:
 - The subgroup “students with disabilities” were under the mark
 - The benchmark is 22 points and this subgroup has 21.16 points
 - This is from FY22 school year but just finding out due to a cliché in the system
- ❖ We were eligible for a \$15,000 grant but it was too late to apply for it
- ❖ Teaching assignments:
 - Mrs. Amanda Quintero has moved to 2nd grade
 - Mrs. Tina Noble moved to 6th – 8th grade Science
 - Ms. Tiffany Ott is the new Kindergarten teacher
 - Mr. Kim Hand is now the only SPED teacher
- ❖ We are looking to hire an additional aide to meet the needs of our most needy students. This person will only be SPED with no other duties
- ❖ Six 8th grade students will be taking an Algebra I course at Antelope High School

d) Bond and Facilities Report

➤ Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- ❖ The ribbon cutting ceremony went very well. There was very positive feedback
- ❖ Mrs. Johnson stated that there is over \$10 million in costs for all the projects funded by SFB
- ❖ The final walk will be within the next the few weeks
- ❖ There is still work that needs to be completed:
 - MVS is putting up new panel sound boards in the gym
 - Door handles must have inside locks
 - Front door needs work
- ❖ Irrigation needs:
 - The irrigation within the school has been compromised. It was already very old but worked. Pilkington agreed to fix what they broke due to construction but the system is so old, it is challenging to repair
 - We are seeking quotes to have this repaired. We hope the cost is approximately between \$40,000 - \$50,000
 - The plan is to seek donations across the community to pay for this. MVS does not have the funds to replace the system, but it needs to be done. The irrigation aides in the water plant operation as well
- ❖ Library furniture has been selected and will be ordered soon

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- ❖ Mrs. Johnson stated she intends to write letters of recommendation for Arcadis, DLR Group and Pilkington. They all went above and beyond to make this project work out nicely
- ❖ The Capital Lawsuit is heating up again and will start back up in September. It is set to go to trial in May/June of 2024
- ❖ Our project is being used as an example as to what SFB can do
- ❖ SFB is going to use Mrs. Johnson's interview and this project as a media publicity piece
- ❖ If called back to witness again, it will be interesting the stance the defendants will take against MVS seeing that we have had all of the projects done
- ❖ The State has spent \$50 million between Chino Valley, Ajo and MVS, all who were involved in the lawsuit

e) Water Plant Report

➤ Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- ❖ The project is at a stressful point once again
- ❖ The basis of design for the additional needs for the reject water is near completion
- ❖ There are design concerns
- ❖ There have been many challenges with the technology
- ❖ The AC unit within the membrane plant conex box will not cool under 90 degrees with the heat and humidity. Westech is quoting additional AC for the box
- ❖ There is a list with items that need corrections or completion
- ❖ In the new reject water design we intend to include about 4-weeks of operation oversite so the third-party commissioner, JHE, can come back on-site for an extended time to oversee the plant's operation to ensure it will operate appropriately

f) General Items

➤ Mrs. Johnson informed the board of the following:

- ❖ No General Items Report

2. Governing Board Member Comments

- ❖ No comments

VII. 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 July 11, 2023 – Regular Board Meeting

2. Expense Vouchers

b) Expense #35	\$632,732.80	FY23
c) Expense #02	\$ 58,232.72	FY24
d) Expense #03	\$ 782.00	FY24
e) Expense #04	\$ 86,086.45	FY24

3. Payroll Vouchers

f) P-01	\$11,772.28
g) P-02	\$23,192.94
h) P-03	\$27,970.07

4. Student Activity Reports

- i) July 2023
- j) Year-to-Date – 7/31/2023

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5. Bank Account Reconciliations

- k) Student Activities/Revolving Fund/Cafeteria Fund – July 2023

6. Other

- l) Letter of Resignation for Sarah Bell

Mrs. Johnson stated that Ms. Sarah Bell has moved back to Washington.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked if anything needed 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.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Serve Plan (ARP Act)

Mrs. Johnson stated that this is the last time required approval for the Safe Return to in Person Instruction Plan

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Serve Plan (ARP Act). 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 Shanna Johnson's Appointment to the Yuma County Education Foundation as the East Yuma County Representative and Foundation President

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve Shanna Johnson's appointment to the Yuma County Education Foundation as the East Yuma County Representative and Foundation President. 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 Purchasing Science, Workroom, and Library Furniture through School Source AZ

Mrs. Johnson stated that tables and stools for the science room and a table and chairs for the workroom have already been ordered. She also stated that library furniture will be ordered soon.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve purchasing science, workroom, and library furniture through School Source AZ. Mr. Tristan Wright made the motion to approve. Mr. Julian Rinehart seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

4. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Purchasing a Handicap Van through Arizona Mobility and Approve Arizona Mobility as Sole Source and Financing through The Huntington National Bank

Mrs. Johnson stated that this needs to be done in order to transport our handicap student. The cost of the van was more than what we expected to spend but it is a necessity. She also stated that this van does not require a certified CDL bus driver therefore the aides can drive it. We hope to submit for a reimbursement through the high cost child grant.

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There was no discussion. Motion carries.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve purchasing a handicap van through Arizona Mobility and approve Arizona Mobility as sole source and financing through The Huntington National Bank. Mr. Tristan Wright made the motion to approve. Mrs. Gina Richmond seconded.

5. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Copy Machine Leases through Kyocera and Financing through GreatAmerica Financial Services Corporation

Mrs. Johnson stated that we are in need of new copiers. The other machines were in constant need of repair. There was a question about the leases and how it works.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve copy machine leases through Kyocera and Financing through GreatAmerica Financial Services Corporation. Mrs. Gina Richmond made the motion to approve. Mr. Tristan Wright seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

6. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Yuma Nursery Supply as Sole Source and Purchase Conex Boxes

Mrs. Johnson stated that three conex boxes were purchased. One for the parent group, one for the WTP, and one for custodial storage. We attempted to purchase them from the border wall but that did not pan out. She also stated that Yuma Nursery is a sole source in Yuma.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve Yuma Nursery Supply as sole source and purchase conex boxes. Mrs. Gina Richmond made the motion to approve. Mr. Tristan Wright seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

7. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve an Additional Credit Card through National Bank for Student Activities

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to an additional credit card through National Bank for Student Activities. 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 Coaching Contracts for Boys Flag Football (Julian Rinehart) and Girls Volleyball (Cristina Cleveland and Jodecci Martinez)

Mrs. Johnson stated since Mr. Rinehart is a board member and is coaching football, he will need to sustain from this vote and he needs to sign a Conflict of Interest for sports.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve coaching contracts for boys flag football (Julian Rinehart) and girls volleyball (Cristina Cleveland and Jodecci Martinez). Mr. Tristan Wright made the motion to approve. Mrs. Gina Richmond seconded. Mr. Julian Rinehart withheld from voting.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

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9. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Jackie Fox as Cheerleading Coach for Football/Volleyball Season

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve Jackie Fox as cheerleading coach for Football/Volleyball season. Mrs. Gina Richmond made the motion to approve. Mr. Julian Rinehart seconded

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

10. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Neil Johnson as Student Discipline Hearing Officer

Mrs. Johnson stated we approve him every year so he will be available if the need arises for a level three discipline issue involving drugs, alcohol, or violence. Otherwise the board would be the hearing officers.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve Neil Johnson as student discipline hearing officer. Mr. Julian Rinehart made the motion to approve. Mr. Tristan Wright seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

11. Consideration and possible action to appoint a delegate to represent Mohawk Valley School District #17] as the district delegate to the Arizona School Boards Association delegate assembly to be held on September 9, 2023

Mrs. Johnson stated that a delegate has not been appointed and sent to the ASBA Law Conference in several years. After discussion the board opted to not appoint a delegate.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to not appoint a delegate to represent Mohawk Valley School District #17] as the district delegate to the Arizona School Boards Association delegate assembly to be held on September 9, 2023. Mr. Tristan Wright made the motion to not appoint a delegate. Mr. Julian Rinehart seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

12. Governing Board to discuss and may consider action to approve the Arizona School Boards Association's (ASBA) draft 2024 Political Agenda, and, direct the District's delegate to the ASBA delegate assembly to represent the Board's determined position

Mrs. Johnson reviewed the hot topics and controversial items with the board members. There are items on Political Agenda that are opposed by some, including the state superintendent, Tom Horne. She stated it is the boards' choice whether or not to support this political agenda. Mrs. Johnson also stated that ASBA is advocating for important things.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve the Arizona School Boards Association's (ASBA) draft 2024 Political Agenda. Mr. Tristan Wright made the motion to not appoint a delegate. Mr. Julian Rinehart seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

13. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Policies 744-747, Second Reading

Mrs. Johnson stated this is the second reading and the policies need to be approved. For polices IGA, IGD, and IJJ, the word "board" from "board authorized" committees has been changed to only state "authorized committees."

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve Policies 744-747, Second Reading. Mr. Tristan Wright made the motion to not appoint a delegate. Mr. Julian Rinehart seconded.

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There was no discussion. Motion carries.

14. Future Items

- Next Board Meeting – September 12, 2023 – Regular Meeting

IX. 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 6:30 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 16th day of August, 2023
Delia Salcido, Governing Board Secretary

Designated Board Member

Date

Delia Salcido, Board Secretary

Date