

# Mohawk Valley School District #17

## Minutes

REGULAR MEETING ..... February 14, 2023  
PUBLIC HEARING MEETING ..... February 14, 2023

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mrs. Ann Taylor, President  
Mrs. Gina Richmond, Vice-President  
Mr. Howie Jorajuria, Clerk  
Mr. Tristan Wright, Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mr. Julian Rinehart, Member

**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. Howie Jorajuria made the motion to adopt. Mr. Tristan Wright 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. Shanna Johnson stated this is requirement of ESSER funds and American Rescue Act
- ❖ This must be done bi-annually through September 2023

### 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:
  - ❖ No Enrollment Report

##### b) Budget Report

- Mrs. Johnson stated the following:
  - ❖ MVS has been awarded three more High-Cost Child Reimbursement Grants for a total of \$42,024.36. The first grant reimbursement was for \$11,965.09. It is a grand total of \$53,989.45.
  - ❖ The plan is to apply for more HCC grants in the spring
  - ❖ The money has justified the additional instructional aide and additional sped teacher that was needed this year
  - ❖ The money will allow to save money from M&O to carry forward for next school year

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### c) Academic Report

#### ➤ Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- ❖ Parent/Teacher Conferences were February 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. These days were half days. We had excellent turn out
- ❖ Mrs. Johnson gave a presentation about interventions and how student progress is monitored
  - Strategies to meet students' academic needs
  - Assessment Graphs
  - Student Data/Standards
  - Benchmarks
  - Intervention Groups
  - Data Working Board
  - MOWR Law
- ❖ Had a staff workday on January 31<sup>st</sup>. It was a very productive day of reviewing student data and making plans/goals for the remainder of the school year
- ❖ K-3 Reading Core Adoption –
  - We will be adopting a new K-3 Reading Core
  - We are looking into two programs, “Benchmark Advance” and “Into Reading”
  - Samples have been ordered and corresponding with vendors
  - We have not adopted since 2014
  - CLSD grant funds will be used
  - Needs to be displayed for 60 days
- ❖ Student Attendance –
  - A handful of letters are being sent to parents in regards to attendance
  - Overall student attendance has been good this year
  - There is a 20% chronic absenteeism rate

### d) Bond and Facilities Report

#### ➤ Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- ❖ Cafeteria –
  - Moving back in next week. It looks great!
  - Looking into a state grant for the cafeteria to purchase a walk-in, commercial microwave and commercial sinks
- ❖ Main Building –
  - Roof going on now, structural beam has been put into place. Noise of installation is a challenge for the teachers
  - Next will be completion of plumbing, paint, carpet, and cabinetry in library office and teacher workroom
  - Hallway flooring is a concern because area is not acclimated. Potentially there will be porcelain or ceramic tile put in
  - There is some plumbing that still needs corrected
  - The library office and workroom have flooded the last two storms
  - The hallway also flooded
  - Keys have been a challenge. We have temporary keys but want to wait for completion to relock the entire system at once
- ❖ Windows –
  - They should be shipped soon. Installation will first be the 200 building then main building classrooms over spring break
  - There will be a coordination meeting for planning the window installation. We will need to be strategic
  - Richie Rodriguez is doing the closet shelving for the 100 building

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- ❖ 200 Building –
  - Abatement of old piping –
    - The issue with the abatement and removal of the old piping under the window has been resolved. It now has to be approved by all parties including SFOB
    - We are waiting for quotes to do the change orders and upload to SFOB
    - Removing some piping and covering some in the wall will be done
    - The move will be done hopefully over Spring Break
- ❖ VOIP Phone and Speakers –
  - We are now using the new phones but not yet on the VOIP system which will be digital
  - The speakers have been installed but not in use yet
- ❖ Obstacles and “Hard Bid” Concepts
  - There have been hurdles to work through and working through the idea that this is a hard bid and the strange things that are in the plans made by the architect, but we are getting into a better groove now that they are not in our space
  - The three projects still going is a challenge. Contractors are having to work together
- ❖ Gym HVAC Project –
  - The project is still not complete but coming closer to it being complete
  - There has been communication with Merrill letting them know the project needs to get completed

### e) Water Plant Report

#### ➤ Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- ❖ Water Plant Update –
  - Commissioning has started. This means that there is testing and start up occurring
  - It should be on-line in mid-April and complete by mid-summer
  - Additional costs for spare parts
    - Have to go to SFOB to cover these costs
    - The additional cost is due to increased pricing since the project was bid
  - There have been some challenges –
    - Tanks leaking
    - Corrections being worked out
    - All contractors worked together to get the internet connected

### f) General Items

#### ➤ Mrs. Johnson informed the board of the following:

- ❖ President’s Roundtable –
  - ❖ Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Taylor attended a meeting with other Yuma County Superintendents
  - ❖ Jennifer Marson, Executive Director of AZ Association of Counties presented information about the legislative process and the course that ideas presented go through to become law. She serves as a lobbyist for all AZ counties.
  - ❖ Aggregate Expenditure Limit –
    - This issue has been resolved for this school year

## 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.*

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### 1. Minutes

- a) Minutes of January 10, 2023 – Regular Board Meeting

### 2. Expense Vouchers

b) Expense #15	\$ 270.00
c) Expense #16	\$707,480.65
d) Expense #16	\$ 2,866.33
e) Expense #16	\$157,298.12

### 3. Payroll Vouchers

f) P-15	\$66,643.09
g) P-16	\$66,303.67

### 4. Student Activity Reports

- h) January 2023  
i) Year-to-Date – 01/31/2023

### 5. Bank Account Reconciliations

- j) Student Activities/Revolving Fund/Cafeteria Fund – January 2023

### 6. Other

- k) Tax Credit  
l) Possible Events that MVS Board Members May Attend and Result in a Quorum
- Open House/Back to School Night
  - Fall Festival
  - Christmas Program
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion
  - AUHS Graduation
  - MV Community Church
  - Pioneer Day Festivities
  - 5 de Mayo Festivities
  - Tri-Valley Ambulance Benefit
  - Antelope Homecoming BBQ
  - Antelope Sporting Events
  - Local Restaurants

Mrs. Johnson stated that the mentioning of locations of possible events for board members is a routine. This should be done annually as good practice.

**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. Mrs. Gina Richmond 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 required by ESSER funds and American Rescue Act.

**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. Howie Jorajuria seconded.

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There was no discussion. Motion carries.

**2. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve FY24 Calendars (Student, 10-Month Employee and 12-Month Employee)**

Mrs. Johnson stated that the FY24 calendars are very similar to current year calendars. The calendars were ran by the leadership team but not by all staff. The student calendar has PD days built in.

**Motion:** Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve FY24 Calendars (Student, 10-Month Employee and 12-Month Employee). Mr. Howie Jorajuria made the motion to approve. Mr. Tristan Wright seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

**3. Discussion on Policies 739-743 – First Reading**

Mrs. Johnson stated that the following are only exhibits and do not require approval by the board, only by the superintendent. These exhibits go along with policies that have been adopted earlier:

- 739 – Family Life Education
- 740 – Library Materials Selection and Adoption
- 742 – Exclusions and Exemptions from School Attendance
- 743 – Parental Involvement in Education

She stated that the following policy is a new one and aligns language to the federal language in the US Department of Education:

- 741 – Admission of Students in Foster Care

There was a discussion item only. No action needed.

**4. Future Items**

- Next Board Meeting – March 14, 2023 at 5:00 pm

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Tristan Wright made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Howie Jorajuria seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:34 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 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2023  
Delia Salcido, Governing Board Secretary

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Designated Board Member

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Date

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Delia Salcido, Board Secretary

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Date