

Mohawk Valley School District #17

Minutes

REGULAR MEETING March 14, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Ann Taylor, President
Mrs. Gina Richmond, Vice-President
Mr. Howie Jorajuria, Clerk
Mr. Julian Rinehart, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Tristan Wright, 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. 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:
 - ❖ Auditors were here last week. The audit went well with new auditors. It was a bit nerve racking but we learned some things and it went well
 - ❖ We have been awarded more high cost reimbursements. We will be applying for another one
 - ❖ We have applied for a grant for kitchen equipment
 - ❖ Contracts and raises will be brought to the April board meeting
 - ❖ Other districts have been contacted about their pay raises to see how we compare:
 - 5% for Crane
 - 8% for Yuma District One – they had to make up for being low in other areas
 - ❖ We tentatively are looking at a 15% increase on insurance

c) Academic Report

- Mrs. Johnson stated the following:
 - ❖ State Testing will start after Spring Break
 - ❖ Science testing will be done before Spring Break

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- ❖ State Superintendent Tom Horne has created the “Empower Hotline” to empower inappropriate teacher behavior

d) Bond and Facilities Report

➤ Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- ❖ We are back in the cafeteria
- ❖ Windows have been started in the 200 building. The main building will be next
- ❖ The next move and transition will be during Spring Break
- ❖ Science class will be moved to the workroom and Prek will be in the library
- ❖ The final move will be in June when all construction is complete
- ❖ School Facilities Board will be on campus on March 29, 2023 to see our projects and our water plant
- ❖ Discussion needs to begin of next steps for the M&O override if we choose to go to vote again
- ❖ 2025-2026 will be the first reduction year. Funds will be at 2/3 that year
- ❖ It has been suggested to consider an election in 2023 to be safe
- ❖ Mrs. Johnson will bring information back to the board since there are new board members who were not on the board when we went through this process

e) Water Plant Report

➤ Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- ❖ Water Plant is coming along
- ❖ ADEQ was on site on March 14, 2023. They have come a long way. We are a model water plant. ADEQ is very pleased and are willing to help
- ❖ There have been some questions about permits on the water plant:
 - Initially two permits were sought – Yuma County and ADEQ
 - Yuma County has not done any inspections but ADEQ has
 - ADEQ trumps Yuma County, therefore there is no need to have both permits
 - Yuma County will administratively pull their permits
- ❖ Town of Wellton is recruiting Tim Burns to do some side work for them on their water plant
- ❖ At some point there might be an IGA with Tacna and Wellton as Mr. Burns works with these entities

f) General Items

➤ Mrs. Johnson informed the board of the following:

- ❖ Brooke Curtis is a finalist for Teacher of the Year
- ❖ Mrs. Johnson asked if any of the board members have heard about the Lithium Plant coming to Tacna. Mr. Rinehart stated that he has heard about it. Mrs. Johnson stated that if this happens it will directly impact our students and community. There was some discussion about this plant and potential impact to the community and school

2. Governing Board Member Comments

- ❖ No comments

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 February 14, 2023 – Regular Board Meeting and Public Hearing

2. Expense Vouchers

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b) Expense #19	\$228,692.78
c) Expense #20	\$ 33,675.46

3. Payroll Vouchers

d) P-17	\$66,574.42
e) P-18	\$66,041.75

4. Student Activity Reports

- f) February 2023
- g) Year-to-Date – 02/28/2023

5. Bank Account Reconciliations

- h) Student Activities/Revolving Fund/Cafeteria Fund – February 2023

6. Other

- i) Tax Credit Donations

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked if anything need to be pulled and for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Mr. Howie Jorajuria 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 Letter of Resignation for Tabitha Grissom

Mrs. Johnson stated that Mrs. Grissom has taken another job and will no longer be driving for MVS except on some Fridays as a substitute.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve letter of Resignation for Tabitha Grissom. Mr. Howie Jorajuria made the motion to approve. Mrs. Gina Richmond seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

2. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Yearbook as a Student Activities Club

Mrs. Johnson stated that Yearbook was overlooked as a club at the beginning of the year, so they need to be approved as a club since they do fundraising.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve Yearbook as a Student Activities Club. Mrs. Gina Richmond made the motion to approve. Mr. Howie Jorajuria seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

3. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Polar Cooling and Northern Chemical Company as Sole Sources

Mrs. Johnson stated that these vendors were overlooked at the beginning of the year when we accepted other vendors as sole sources.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve Polar Cooling and Northern Chemical Company as sole sources. Mrs. Gina Richmond made the motion to approve. Mr. Howie Jorajuria seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

4. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Policy 741 – Second Reading

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Mrs. Johnson stated that this is the second reading and now needs approval. The language was added in this policy to include the language from the US Department of Education.

- 741 – Admission of Students in Foster Care

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve Policy 741 – second reading. Mr. Julian Rinehart made the motion to approve. Mr. Howie Jorajuria seconded.

5. Future Items

- Next Board Meeting – April 11, 2023 at 5:00 pm
- Board members asked if the meeting could be changed to April 10, 2023 at 5:00 pm. Everyone was in agreement to change the meeting

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Howie Jorajuria made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Julian Rinehart seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:38 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 March, 2023
Delia Salcido, Governing Board Secretary

Designated Board Member

Date

Delia Salcido, Board Secretary

Date