

Mohawk Valley School District #17

Minutes

REGULAR MEETING May 9, 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. Julian Rinehart made the motion to adopt. Mr. Howie Jorajuria 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:
 - ❖ She recapped points from the previous meeting:
 - We have applied for a handicapped bus though a grant. We should have a response by the middle of the month
 - We were awarded the NSLP Equipment Grant for \$70,000 to replace the walk-in cooler, sinks and add a microwave. A revision is being done to account for \$15,000 that were overlooked
 - Certified teachers were given a three (3) percent raise
 - Classified employees were given an eight (8) percent raise, minus two cafeteria helper positions and a custodial position. We are now good and in line with minimum wage
 - Classified contracted employees were given a three (3) percent raise. Their stipends were increased by \$1,000 each

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- Superintendent did not receive a raise, however her car allowance was increased by \$100 and stipends were increased by \$2,000
 - There is a twelve (12) percent increase to insurance. The district voted to absorb the cost
 - ❖ AASBO budget talk is:
 - The proposed increase to the base level is a 2.92%
 - Looks like more money is going towards School Facilities Board and Building Renewal Grants and new construction
 - ❖ Mrs. Ann Taylor inquired about the private school voucher (ESA). Mrs. Johnson stated that there are very little perimeters on the ESA. She believes Arizona is the first state that has opened it up for every student. She also stated that the money rolls over from year to year and people are using the roll over for pay for college
- c) Academic Report**
- **Mrs. Johnson stated the following:**
 - ❖ 8th grade promotion will be May 24, 2023 at 6:30 pm. It will be in front of the school since both the field and the gym are still not ready to be used due to construction
 - ❖ Kinder program is scheduled to be May 23, 2023 at 10:00 am
 - ❖ Fund day will be on May 17, 2023. This is a day with water games and snow cones
 - ❖ May 30-31, 2023 will be staff in-service days to reflect, plan ahead, new reading core training and possibly moving classrooms
- d) Bond and Facilities Report**
- **Mrs. Johnson stated the following:**
 - ❖ The ribbon cutting was going to be May 24, 2023 but has been moved to the beginning of the school year since the projects are not complete
 - ❖ The gym ceiling has mold. This will be remediated and a new ceiling put in place. This will be at least a \$200,000 change order
 - ❖ The roofs will be changed to shingles if the state approves the funds. It will be at least a \$75,000 in change order. The details still being worked out. There has been some negotiating to correct this. Pilkington and Arcadis will wave project fees in order to make up for the correction
 - ❖ The main building roof tiles came in the wrong color. This was just discovered this week, so the new tiles had to be ordered. We do not have a delivery date yet
 - ❖ The HVAC duct work in the 300 building must be changed. This will require a change order and a cost of at least \$25,000
 - ❖ Door thresholds in the 300 building classrooms are a concern. This will be another change order. This will most likely result in all new sidewalks in order to create the appropriate slope into the classrooms to be handicap accessible
 - ❖ We have done over a million dollars in change orders
 - ❖ Overall, this project is going very well
 - ❖ It appears that our projects have become model projects for the state to use as a symbol of their diligence to help other schools
- e) Water Plant Report**
- **Mrs. Johnson stated the following:**
 - ❖ We are officially online with new water. The old plant is no longer being used. However, there have been some issues with the new plant not producing water
 - ❖ Water sample has been taken. Once these results come back and are within limits, ADEQ will remove the consent order. We can then use the water fountains
 - ❖ The issue with the dry bed for reject water continues. There is a design flaw due to Westech's inaccurate calculations of the amount of reject water that will occur. Plan for correction:
 - Add an additional dry bed
 - Keep the existing cistern as an emergency place to dump water

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- Pump water back into the fire tank so there is a near zero discharge and the process
- Plan and change order should be complete by the end of next week.
- ❖ There has been a lot of stress in the last few weeks determining what to do with this reject water since the drying bed has not worked. We put water into the cistern, now we have had to empty that and we have had to determine that it safe to put onto the grass. There are concerns that the chemicals in this reject water will sterilize the soil. Once we start putting this water onto the grass, all parties have agreed to test the water to ensure it will not harm the soil.

f) General Items

- Mrs. Johnson informed the board of the following:
 - ❖ We are just wrapping up the school year

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 April 18, 2023 – Regular Board Meeting

2. Expense Vouchers

- b) Expense #25 \$ 77,888.97
- c) Expense #26 \$682,523.42

3. Payroll Vouchers

- d) P-22 \$ 63,627.88

4. Student Activity Reports

- e) April 2023
- f) Year-to-Date – 4/30/2023

5. Bank Account Reconciliations

- g) Student Activities/Revolving Fund/Cafeteria Fund – April 2023

6. Other

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 FY23 May Budget Revision

Mrs. Johnson stated that the budget has been reduced by approximately \$5,000. This was due partially to losing a high needs student in the fall. She also stated we will need to give raises, absorb

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insurance cost and move people back into the M&O budget that were in other funds. We will have approximately \$150,000 in carry over for FY24. Mrs. Johnson stated that if there is a 3% increase to the base level, this will help absorb raises.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve the FY23 May Budget Revision. Mr. Julian Rinehart made the motion to approve. Mr. Howie Jorajuria seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

2. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Letter of Resignation for Kathy Rogers

Mrs. Johnson stated that Kathy Rogers is retiring in September. She must first resign then be rehired through ESI.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve letter of resignation for Kathy Rogers. 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 FY24 Revised Notice of Appointment for Kathy Rogers

Mrs. Johnson stated that Kathy Roger's Notice of Appointment needs to reflect the 26 days she will be with the district.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve the FY24 Revised Notice of Appointment for Kathy Rogers. 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 Intergovernmental Agreement between Educational Services Inc. and Mohawk Valley School for Employee Staffing Services

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve IGA between Educational Services Inc. and Mohawk Valley School for Employee Staffing Services. Mr. Howie Jorajuria made the motion to approve. Mrs. Gina Richmond seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

5. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Return to Work for Kathy Rogers through Educational Services Inc.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve return to work for Kathy Rogers through Educational Services Inc. Mr. Howie Jorajuria made the motion to approve. Mr. Julian Rinehart seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

6. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve FY24 Housing Rental Rates

Mrs. Johnson stated that the rates seem fine since they were increased significantly last year. She also stated that the Superintendent house is not being rented at this time. This house seems to be hard to rent but we need the income and having it vacant is a concern.

It was stated that houses in close vicinities are being rented for the same amount as the Superintendent house so maybe lowering the rent amount will bring in renters. It was suggested to hold on for another month with the current rate and see what happens. If there are no renters in the next month then the rates for both houses can be revisited. At this time all rates will be frozen. It is safe to tell the tenants that the rates for FY24 will remain the same.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve the FY24 Housing Rental Rates. Mr. Julian Rinehart made the motion to approve. Mr. Howie Jorajuria seconded.

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There was no discussion. Motion carries.

7. Future Items

- Next Board Meeting – June 20, 2023 – The Proposed Budget Meeting will need to be held on June 20, 2023 because Mrs. Johnson will be out of town for her daughter’s wedding
- Next Board Meeting – July 11, 2023 – Adopted Budget Meeting

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Gina Richmond made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Howie Jorajuria seconded. The meeting adjourned at 5:28 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 10th day of May, 2023
Delia Salcido, Governing Board Secretary

Designated Board Member

Date

Delia Salcido, Board Secretary

Date