

Mohawk Valley School District #17

Minutes

REGULAR MEETINGNovember 12, 2024

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Julian Rinehart, Member
Mr. Tristan Wright, Member

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Delia Salcido
Mrs. Sherry Fajardo
Ms. Kim Hand
Mrs. Teresa Yeghoian

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. Mrs. Gina Richmond 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:

- ❖ ADM is 135.
- ❖ The budget was done at 137 ADM, so we will be short.
- ❖ We were waiting for the results on the M&O Override. Now that the elections are over, we will be doing more research on Small School Adjustment.

b) Budget Report

➤ Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- ❖ The M&O Override passed. This means the override continues for seven (7) more years
- ❖ At year five (5), it will begin to decrease and we will have to go back to the electors.
- ❖ We will be going through the budget in November and will bring information to the December meeting of where we stand for FY26.
- ❖ We have been extremely conservative with the budget, but big decisions will need to be made on how to maintain the budget.
- ❖ We have been randomly selected for a grants fiscal monitoring.
- ❖ The bond and weatherization project has been cleaned up and reconciled.
- ❖ The bond has approximately \$30,000 left which needs to be spent on capital items.

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c) Academic Report

➤ Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- ❖ We are an “A” school.
- ❖ The following areas are what determined our “A” status:
 - Growth – 48.7 points out of 50
 - EL Proficiency and Growth – 9 points out of 10
 - Acceleration/Readiness – 10 out of 10 points
 - 8th grade performance – 5 points
 - 3rd grade EKA minimally proficient – 5 points
 - Chronic absenteeism – 2 points
 - Subgroup improvement – 6 points
 - Special Education inclusion – 2 points
 - Bonus Points – 2 points out of 5
 - Sped population – 2 points out of 2
 - We did not get Science points
 - We need to work on Proficiency. Jr. High has some holes in Math. Teachers are doing after school math tutoring.
- ❖ We celebrated our “A” with a toast to staff on Thursday, November 7, 2024.
- ❖ We will have an all-school and parent celebration on November 22, 2024 with games and a fun day that will include the crazy cars, cow cars, bouncy house. Parent Group is helping with this event.
- ❖ Mrs. Puga made a beautiful Veteran’s Day video instead of having an assembly.
- ❖ Student Council had a movie night on Friday, November 8, 2024.
- ❖ The Christmas Program will be on December 18, 2024 at 6:00 pm.
- ❖ We are having after school math tutoring for 5th and 6th grade students.
- ❖ Mrs. Vielbig and Mrs. Burr have applied for \$6,900 Math grant for math manipulatives.

d) Facilities Report

➤ Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- ❖ The softball field needs to be repaired. Mr. Wright will be leveling the field for us. We considered new fill dirt but we think leveling will work.
- ❖ The gym project is scheduled to start December 2, 2024. We are waiting for a component.

e) Water Plant Report

➤ Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- ❖ We are working on the Waste Stream Optimization Project.
- ❖ The mobilization is December 2, 2024. This is to optimize the plant to handle the excess waste produced by the membranes.
- ❖ We are doing a Water Quality Study:
 - JHE is doing a study on how to reduce the TTHM levels in the water
 - A variety of water sampling and testing has already been done
 - 5-gallon canal water has been sent to JHE to study
- ❖ Recent public use of the fire hydrants drained the fire tank. Signs were put on each hydrant letting the public know they were not for their use.
- ❖ Steve Jones, Project Manager, has been asked to come do a presentation on where we are at with the water plant.

f) General Items

➤ Mrs. Johnson informed the board of the following:

- ❖ Mrs. Johnson stated that she won a free training. This training can be done after the first of the year with the two new board members.
- ❖ Ideas for the training:
 - Effective board meetings
 - Open meeting laws
 - Finance

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- Roles and responsibilities
- Board operations and communication protocols
- Customized training
- ❖ Minimum Adequacy Guidelines Committee (MAG)
 - Mrs. Johnson has been on the Governor's committee for the last year
 - The final meeting is November 13, 2024
 - The purpose of the meeting is to review all guidelines and make new recommendations to the governor's office and Department of Administration. These guidelines are referenced for new school facilities and also used to justify the need for repairs in existing schools. Mrs. Johnson's committee was Modern Learning Spaces.
- ❖ Mrs. Johnson has been selected as the ASBA/ASA Small District Superintendent of the Year. She will be attending the Winter Conference.

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) October 8, 2024 – Regular Board Meeting
- b) October 15, 2024 - Special Board Meeting

2. Expense Vouchers

- c) Expense Voucher #10 \$142,667.90
- d) Expense Voucher #11 \$ 51,179.68
- e) Expense Voucher #12 \$ 81,510.23

3. Payroll Vouchers

- f) Payroll Voucher #08 \$67,960.72
- g) Payroll Voucher #09 \$64,716.11
- h) Payroll Voucher #10 \$69,242.05

4. Account Reconciliations

- i) Student Activities – 10/31/2024
- j) All Accounts – 10.31/2024

5. Other

- k) Approval to Rescind Coaching Contracts for Boys Basketball (Charles Fowler and Nydia Monge)
- l) Approval of Coaching Contracts for Boys Basketball (Teresa Yeghoian)
- m) Approval of Amazon Credit Card
- n) Donations

Mrs. Johnson stated that Charles Fowler needs to be removed because he is going to AUHS as head coach for wrestling and Nydia Salcido will not be coaching. She also stated that Teresa Yeghoian needs to be added as boys basketball coach.

Mrs. Richmond stated that in the past only two coaches have been paid. She asked why now multiple coaches are being paid. She also asked if one coach could be paid for coaching two teams.

After the discussion on sports, it was decided to pull item L, contract for Teresa Yeghoian for boys basketball and table until the next board meeting.

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Mrs. Johnson stated that we now have an Amazon credit card. The reason is for bookkeeping purposes and to make tracking expenses easier.

Mrs. Ann Taylor asked to a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Motion: Mrs. Gina Richmond made the motion to approve the consent agenda minus item L and table it. Mr. Howie Jorajuria seconded.

There was no further discussion. Motion carries unanimously

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

1. The Board will discuss, consider and give direction on voting on one bylaw change proposal from the Arizona School Boards Association. This bylaw proposal by the ASBA Board of Directors must be approved by two-thirds of the ASBA member boards to be effective. After discussion, the Board will vote to give direction to Ann Taylor to vote in the manner the board has approved.

The following is the bylaw proposal to be considered and acted upon:

The ASBA Governance Committee, with unanimous approval from the ASBA Board of Directors, has proposed changes to the bylaws to enhance governance practices within our association. These updates are designed to improve transparency, accountability, and member engagement, ensuring that ASBA continues to operate with the highest standards of integrity and effectiveness. The proposed changes also aim to strengthen the association's ability to adapt to emerging challenges and better serve our diverse membership.

Background: The committee has conducted a thorough review and is recommending updates to the bylaws. These recommendations are aimed at improving the effectiveness of governance within ASBA and ensuring alignment with best practices. Please find the attached Bylaw Proposed Changes, along with a summary document.

Mrs. Johnson stated that ASBA is recommending changes on one bylaw change proposal from the Arizona School Boards Association.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion on the ASBA Bi-Law change. Mr. Howie Jorajuria made the motion and Mrs. Gina Richmond seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries unanimously.

2. Move to suspend Governing Board Policy BGB related to a first and second reading, regarding policy adoption, for the discussion and consideration of agenda item 3, regarding Policies 801-807, Policy BAA- Board Self-Evaluation, Policy DJE-Purchasing Procedures, Policy GCFC-Professional Staff Certification and Credentialing Requirements, Policy GDFA-Support Staff Qualifications and Requirements, Policy IGA, Curriculum Development, Policy IMG, Animals in School, Regulation JLCD-R-Administering Medicines to Student, of this Board agenda dated November 12, 2024
Mrs. Johnson stated that the second reading needs to be waived since we missed the October review and they need to be approved.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to suspend Governing Board Policy BGB related to a first and second reading, regarding policy adoption, for the discussion and consideration of agenda item 3, regarding Policies 801-807. Mr. Howie Jorajuria made the motion to approve. Mrs. Gina Richmond seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries unanimously.

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3. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Policies 801-807

Mrs. Johnson stated that the following policies need to be approved:

- No. 801 Policy BAA – Evaluation of School Board
- No. 802 Policy DJE – Purchasing Procedures
- No. 803 Policy GCFC – Professional Staff Certification and Credentialing Requirements
- No. 804 Policy GDFA – Support Staff Qualifications and Requirements
- No. 805 Policy IGA – Curriculum Development
- No. 806 Policy IMG – Animals in Schools
- No. 807 Policy JLCD-R – Administering Medicines to Students

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion approve Policies 801-807. Mr. Howie Jorajuria made the motion to approve. Mrs. Gina Richmond seconded.

IX. FUTURE ITEMS

- **Next Board Meeting – December 10, 2024 – Regular Meeting**

X. 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 5:38 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 November, 2024
Delia Salcido, Governing Board Secretary

Designated Board Member

Date

Delia Salcido, Board Secretary

Date