

Mohawk Valley School District #17

Minutes

REGULAR MEETING November 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
Calvin Shaw
Damian Martinez
Adrienne Graboski
Rosa Sanchez
Jamie Garcia

I. CALL TO ORDER

- ❖ Mrs. Ann Taylor called the Board Meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- ❖ Mrs. Ann Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- ❖ Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Tristan Wright made the motion to adopt. Mrs. Gina Richmond 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:

- ❖ Mrs. Johnson stated that there is nothing new to report for enrollment.

b) Budget Report

- Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- ❖ Mrs. Johnson went over funding categories so board members have a better understand of the budget. She explained in detail the revenue received, the expenditures made and the remaining balance for each fund. She stated to the board which funds are budget accounts and which funds are cash accounts. Mrs. Johnson also explained to the board once again the percent of local taxes and state equalization Mohawk Valley School and other schools in the county receive. She explained what was done in order to have the cash accounts in the positive.
- ❖ Mrs. Johnson stated that at this time she is not ready to discuss the incentive bonus for the Superintendent, Business Manager and Facilities Manager. She said that she has not had the time to go over accounts yet to justify and determine amounts.

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c) Academic Report

➤ Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- ❖ Mrs. Johnson stated that Mohawk Valley School is a “B” school with a total of 76.28 points. She went over the categories that determine how we got to that letter grade:
 - K-8 Proficiency counts as 30% – We earned 15.14 points. We struggle in this area.
 - K-8 Growth counts as 50% – We earned 44.14 points. We shine in this area
 - K-8 EL Proficiency and Growth is worth 10 points – We earned 5 points. It is very hard for us to earn these points in this area. Sped students or low functioning IQ students keep us from earning these points.
 - K-8 Accelerations Readiness is worth 10 points – We earned 10 points. 8th Grade Math HP, 8th Grade Math MP, 3rd Grade ELA MP, chronic absenteeism, which we do have, and subgroup improvement gave us these points.
 - K-8 Total Bonus Points is worth 5 points – We earned 2 points. Science is worth 3 points, which we did not receive and Sped is worth 2 points if above 11.39% of Sped population, which we are, is what gave us the 2 bonus points.
- ❖ Thanksgiving lunch was today. Parents were invited to attend and 40 lunches were served to parents.
- ❖ We held our first awards assembly since before the pandemic. We awarded students in growth and achievement.
- ❖ The Christmas Program will be on December 13, 2023 at 6:00 pm. Students will be performing “The Grinch.”

d) Bond and Facilities Report

➤ Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- ❖ The bond work is complete.
- ❖ DLR is using our project as their publicity. They will be coming to take professional pictures in December.
- ❖ Mrs. Johnson stated that she is serving on the governor’s committee to review and potentially update the MAG (Minimum Adequacy Guidelines).

e) Water Plant Report

➤ Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- ❖ Waiting for Sternco to release the CAD files. The CAD files will make moving forward with the new design easier.
- ❖ There are technology issues with the Membrane Operation
- ❖ There continues to be issues of the plant going into “maintenance clean” and causing the plant to freeze.
- ❖ Alerts are now being sent out but not until the water levels are too low. It is being worked on to correct this so that the alerts go out sooner so Mr. Burns has time to correct the situation.

f) General Items

➤ Mrs. Johnson informed the board of the following:

- ❖ ASBA Information:
 - Controversy over the hiring of the new Executive Director. There are claims that he lied on his resume and ASBA board still hired him.’
 - Several ASBA board members and employees have left ASBA and/or have moved to work with ASA.
 - ASA has begun to offer many of the same services that ASBA offers such as board training, evaluators training, policy training and law training.
 - School districts sent out a joint resolution expressing their concerns and disapproval. Mrs. Johnson stated she did not join this force and would rather have the large districts battle this.

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- ❖ ASBA Policies vs. the Trust Policies
 - The Trust has created policies
 - The Trust cost for policies is \$800 and our cost with ASBA for policies is \$3,612 plus \$580 for membership.
 - Our contract is up for renewal in May of 2024. We have two-year contracts.
 - At this time, we cannot take this on. Superintendents in the area state that it takes a year or so to transition.
 - Some districts in Yuma are considering the change mostly for the less expensive cost.

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 October 10, 2023 – Regular Board Meeting and Bond Public Hearing

2. Expense Vouchers

b) Expense #11	\$ 70,707.79
c) Expense #12	\$ 10,689.60
d) Expense #13	\$222,956.24
e) Expense #14	\$104,166.57

3. Payroll Vouchers

f) P-08	\$70,049.89
g) P-08.1	\$24,091.56
h) P-09	\$70,875.45
i) P-10	\$71,371.12

4. Student Activity Reports

- j) October 2023
- k) Year-to-Date – 10/31/2023

5. Bank Account Reconciliations

- l) Student Activities/Revolving Fund/Cafeteria Fund – October 2023

6. Other

Mrs. Johnson stated that board members are more than welcome to call whenever they have any questions regarding the expense vouchers.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked if anything needed to be pulled and for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Mr. Howie Jorajuria made the motion to accept the consent agenda. Mr. Tristan Wright seconded.

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VII. ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Board Self-Evaluation Results

Mrs. Johnson and board members recapped the Board Self-Evaluation results and were in agreement with the evaluations. It was stated that board members as a whole have gotten better. Mrs. Johnson stated that one of the comments from the board was that children usually receive too much homework. She stated that she was curious if board members are hearing this from the community and that she would like to know so she can address it with her staff.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve the Board Self-Evaluation results. Mr. Tristan Wright made the motion to approve. Mr. Howie Jorajuria seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

2. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve FY23 AFR Revision

Mrs. Salcido explained to board members that since the AFR had already been submitted by October 15, 2023, a revision to the AFR needed to be done because the deadline for the CLSD grant was missed. She stated that expenses were in a line where there was no budget, therefore expenditures in the amount of \$17,039.44 needed to be moved to ESSER III, in order for the completion report in the CLSD grant can be met by the December deadline.

She also stated that Bond Building expenditures should have been paid out of Building Renewal (SFB) but were coded to Bond Building. Expenditures in the amount of \$24,869 were moved from Bond Building into Building Renewal.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve the FY23 AFR Revision. Mr. Howie Jorajuria made the motion to approve. Mr. Tristan Wright seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

3. Discussion on Policies 748-762, First Reading

Discussion on the following Policies:

- No. 748 Policy BCB – Board Member Conflict of Interest
- No. 749 Policy BDA – Board Organizational Meeting
- No. 750 Policy BE – School Board Meetings
- No. 751 Policy BEDA – Notification of Board Meetings
- No. 753 Policy CBI - Evaluation of Superintendent – **we do not want to adopt this policy**
- No. 754 Policy EBC - Emergencies
- No. 758 Policy JK – Student Discipline

4. Future Items

- Next Board Meeting – December 12, 2023 – Regular Meeting
- Superintendent Evaluation

VIII. 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 6:08 pm.

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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 November, 2023
Delia Salcido, Governing Board Secretary

Designated Board Member

Date

Delia Salcido, Board Secretary

Date