

Mohawk Valley School District #17

Minutes

REGULAR MEETING November 9, 2021

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Tristan Wright, President

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Shanna Johnson
Mrs. Delia Salcido
Mrs. Jennifer Puga
Ms. Sofia Puga
Ms. Fatima Sanchez
Mr. Ethan Holliday
Mr. Jaime Villafana
Ms. Megan Richmond

I. CALL TO ORDER

- ❖ Mr. Howie Jorajuria called the Board Meeting to order at 5:07 pm

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- ❖ The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Howie Jorajuria

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- ❖ Mr. Howie Jorajuria asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Julian Rinehart made the motion to adopt. Mrs. Gina Richmond seconded.

There was no discussion, motion carries.

IV. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- Mr. Howie Jorajuria acknowledged the audience present at this meeting. Ms. Kylie Richmond stated that students from Antelope High School were present to observe how a governing board meeting was ran for their Government class.

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:
 - ❖ Enrollment report was not given

b) Budget Report

- Mrs. Johnson stated the following:
 - ❖ There is a situation in Arizona in regards to the aggregated expenditure limit (AEL)
 - ❖ A cap has been put on spending limits for schools, a process that goes back to 1980 implementation
 - ❖ Spending limit does not include grants
 - ❖ If this situation is not corrected MVS could lose approximately \$236,454
 - ❖ With losses like this, the only thing that can be cut is staff
 - ❖ The problem is that budget is based on current year enrollment and AEL is based on prior year enrollment

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- ❖ Many districts across the state had a drastic decline in enrollment due to the pandemic
- ❖ Prop 301 funds are now calculated in the AEL which was not done before 2020
- ❖ AEL does not include weighted student counts for Special Education students but budget does. This means additional money will be lost
- ❖ This can only be corrected with legislative action. However, they do not go back into session until March 1st. If this is not corrected for the future, it can be a problem and schools will have to close
- ❖ Result Based Funding allocations are out. MVS had budgeted \$25,000 but actually received \$27,000

c) Academic Report

- Mrs. Johnson stated the following:
 - ❖ Academic report was not given

d) Bond Report

- Mrs. Johnson stated the following:
 - ❖ Twenty-two BRG's have been approved by SFB. The design is being finalized
 - ❖ The newest consideration is the electrical work and lighting. The lighting is being examined very closely. Assessments are being completed for these items
 - ❖ We are leaning towards promethean boards for classroom technology. A promethean board will be brought to the December board meeting for a demonstration
 - ❖ Timeline:
 - November 19th – 29th – QA/QC review of master design
 - December 3rd – Drawings due
 - December 5th and 12th – Run Ad in the Yuma Sun
 - December 7th – Issue Bid
 - December 16th – Pre-Bid Walkthrough
 - January 14th – Bid Due
 - ❖ Move January 11th meeting to January 18th so contractor can be approved by board
 - ❖ Ram and Klein's Kustom Electric are doing a total assessment of the electricity
 - ❖ The funding piece will be tricky with SFB

e) Water Plant Report

- Mrs. Johnson stated the following:
 - ❖ Construction moving along
 - ❖ Plant should have been shipped in October, however, word today is that the packaged plant might not be available until March due to a "chip" issue
 - ❖ We are inquiring about having it shipped without the "chip", so we can proceed
 - ❖ The insurance issue has been solved. Westech has offered insurance for a price of \$1,500 - \$3,000

f) Maintenance Report

- Mrs. Johnson informed the board of the following:
 - ❖ Maintenance Report was not given

g) General Items

- Mrs. Johnson informed the board of the following:
 - ❖ General Items Report was not given

2. Governing Board Member Comments

- No Comment

VI. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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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 September 14, 2021 – Regular Board Meeting

2. Expense Vouchers

- b) Expense #08 \$ 78,031.67
- c) Expense #09 \$154,546.23
- d) Expense #10 \$ 15,135.88

3. Payroll Vouchers

- e) P-06 \$ 57,724.16
- f) P-07 \$ 57,758.49
- g) P-07.1 \$ 11,070.36

4. Student Activity Reports

- h) September 2021
- i) Year-to-Date – 9/30/2021

5. Bank Account Reconciliations

- j) Student Activities/Revolving Fund/Cafeteria Fund – September 2021

6. Other

Motion: Mr. Howie Jorajuria asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Mrs. Ann Taylor made the motion to accept the consent agenda. Mr. Julian Rinehart seconded.

Mrs. Johnson took the time to explain what the consent agenda is for new board members. She stated that the consent agenda is routine business, it is one action rather than many. This routine business does not need discussion or debate. She also stated that in the consent agenda items such as the minutes and reports that have been highly discussed in prior meetings. This is also where expense and payroll vouchers are placed. It allows the board to know what expenses have been made.

VII. 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 Mr. Tristan Wright to vote in the manner the board has approved. The following is the bylaw proposal to be considered and acted upon:

Proposal A With unanimous approval of the ASBA Hispanic Native America Indian Caucus and ASBA Board of Directors, this change is being sought by the Hispanic-Native American Indian Caucus (HNAIC). It would create a seat on the ASBA Board of Directors so that Hispanic and Native American interests can be represented simultaneously on the board. Currently, there is one seat on the ASBA Board of Directors designated for a representative of the HNAIC and it alternates every two years between Hispanic representation and Native American representation, creating gaps in representation. By contrast, the Black Alliance has a seat on the ASBA Board of Directors, ensuring representation on the board at all times. This proposed bylaw change also provides the flexibility for the HNAIC to split into two distinct groups if its members so choose and allows those groups to change their names and be recognized under the new names.

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Mrs. Johnson stated that this is basically voting to approve two seats on the ASBA Board of Directors. One as a Hispanic Caucus and one as a Native-American Indian Caucus. Currently there is one seat that represents both.

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Mr. Julian Rinehart made the motion to approve. Mrs. Ann Taylor seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

2. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve IGA between Yuma County Library and Mohawk Valley School District #17

Mrs. Johnson stated that there are changes being made to the IGA between Yuma County Library and MVS. She stated that the IGA outlines the new agreement. The formal document is still under review with our attorney.

The following are the changes to the IGA:

- MVS will employ and supervise the position
 - MVS will invoice YCLD for payment of a 20 hour/week employee. Four weeks annually have been added beyond the student calendar for summer programs and prep
 - YCLD will provide books and management system
 - The Library will still be open to the public as it is now, during MVS hours and under MVS supervision
- ❖ Lisa Mendez, YCLD Director and Mrs. Shanna Johnson are in agreement of the changes
 - ❖ The IGA has gone between both parties' attorneys
 - ❖ It is a 5 year agreement
 - ❖ There will be a change in staffing

Board members commented and questioned about how the relationship with Yuma County Library will continue and how the library will operate as a Public Library. Mrs. Johnson clarified that the library would continue as is; it is the supervision and the contract of the librarian that is changing. All public that comes to the library already comes through the office for safety reason and this model will continue. She stressed the importance of continuing a relationship with Yuma County Library.

Motion: Mr. Howie Jorajuria asked for a motion to approve IGA between Yuma County Library and Mohawk Valley School District #17. Mr. Julian Rinehart made the motion to approve. Mrs. Gina Richmond seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

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

Mrs. Johnson stated that the Board Self-Evaluation will be reviewed.

Board members were in agreement with the evaluations. They also decided to have further discussion at the December board meeting.

Motion: Mr. Howie Jorajuria asked for a motion to approve Board Self-Evaluations. Mrs. Gina Richmond made the motion to approve. Mrs. Ann Taylor seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

4. Discussion and Possible Action on Policies 712-715 – Second Reading

Mrs. Johnson stated this is the second reading for these policies. She also stated that the AZ Supreme Court ruled that adding unrelated items to a bill is unconstitutional. This means that the K-12 budget bill that had items such as Critical Race Theory and Districts cannot Mandate Masks are null and void because they were unrelated to the budget.

Motion: Mr. Howie Jorajuria asked for a motion to approve Policies 712-715. Mrs. Ann Taylor made the motion to approve. Mr. Julian Rinehart seconded.

5. Future Items

- December 14, 2021 at 5:00 pm – Regular Board Meeting and follow-up on Board Self-Evaluations

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Howie Jorajuria asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Ann Taylor made the motion to adjourn. Mrs. Gina Richmond seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:02 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 12th day of November, 2021
Delia Salcido, Governing Board Secretary

Designated Board Member

Date

Delia Salcido, Board Secretary

Date