

# Mohawk Valley School District #17

## Minutes

REGULAR MEETING ..... October 10, 2023  
BOND PUBLIC HEARING ..... October 10, 2023

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**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 5:05 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. Tristan Wright seconded.

There was no discussion, motion carries.

- After the adoption of the agenda, Mrs. Johnson stated that there are eight math students and eight ELA students that performed "Highly Proficient" on the 2023 AZ State Test. There were three students who earned a perfect math score. She awarded the students with a medal and certificate.

### IV. PUBLIC HEARING

*Conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on Bond/Override Update*

- ❖ Mrs. Johnson stated that a hearing must be held annually.
- ❖ Mrs. Johnson reviewed FY21, FY22, FY23 and current FY24 expenses for the bond and override.
- ❖ She stated that as of today \$1,407,283 has been spent on bond related expense, leaving approximately \$83,000 for future expenses.
- ❖ Mrs. Johnson stated that it is now the time to start thinking about another M&O override going into FY25. She stated that without an override, the M&O fund would reduce by approximately \$200,000. It would be very hard for the district to operate without these funds. Staff and programs would have to be cut.
- ❖ Mrs. Johnson reviewed the estimated override amounts from FY21 through FY24.
- ❖ Board members and Mrs. Johnson discussed ways to bring an override back to the community and justify the need to continue to support it.

### V. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- ❖ There were no comments.

### VI. 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:

- ❖ For different reasons, we may lose about six students in December.

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- ❖ The budget was based on 145 ADM.
- ❖ The current ADM is 147 with 154 students.
- ❖ Losing six students would be 142 ADM with 148 students.
- ❖ We now have four non-verbal high needs students in the self-contained SPED classroom
- ❖ There are three aides in the classroom for the high needs students. We are hiring one more aide.

### b) Budget Report

- **Mrs. Johnson stated the following:**
  - ❖ Capital is over due, to the purchase of the van. We will be doing a reimbursement through the High Cost Grant to hopefully recoup the expense.

### c) Academic Report

- **Mrs. Johnson stated the following:**
  - ❖ The Patriotic Assembly will be on November 9, 2023 at 9:30 am. The students will be singing songs and presenting a quick program.
  - ❖ The Fall Festival will be on October 25, 2023.
  - ❖ Conferences were held last week. There was a great turnout.
  - ❖ ATSI (Additional Targeted Support and Improvement)
    - In 2022 MVS was placed in the targeted support for category “students with disabilities” with a 21.16 score with a 21.99 threshold. In 2023 this category has been met with a 28.61 score.
  - ❖ Mrs. Johnson stated that the letter grade will be out in November

### d) Bond and Facilities Report

- **Mrs. Johnson stated the following:**
  - ❖ The bond is pretty much done.
  - ❖ The final walk through will be on October 11, 2023.
  - ❖ All the exterior bathroom epoxy flooring had to be redone.
  - ❖ Pilkington Construction has been amazing to work with.
  - ❖ Mrs. Johnson stated that we are working with auditors on how to correctly give an incentive to Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Salcido and Mr. Burns for the extra work, efforts, leadership, and expertise required with the construction projects. There was discussion from the board on possibly giving the teachers, staff and students a celebration reward for everything that everyone went through with the construction.

### e) Water Plant Report

- **Mrs. Johnson stated the following:**
  - ❖ The final walk-through will be October 11, 2023.
  - ❖ There are still some technical issues going on that are being worked out with Westech.
  - ❖ JHE has been hired to complete the final design for the excessive wastewater.

### f) General Items

- **Mrs. Johnson informed the board of the following:**
  - ❖ Mrs. Johnson will be out October 19-25, 2023 for a special trip to Puerto Rico. She will make sure things are in place for her absence on campus.

## 2. Governing Board Member Comments

- ❖ No comments

## VII. 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.*

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### 1. Minutes

- a) Minutes of September 12, 2023 – Regular Board Meeting

### 2. Expense Vouchers

- b) Expense #09 \$ 97,599.72
- c) Expense #10 \$788,911.35

### 3. Payroll Vouchers

- d) P-06 \$71,560.62
- e) P-07 \$71,353.19
- f) P-07.1 \$ 479.76

### 4. Student Activity Reports

- g) September 2023
- h) Year-to-Date – 9/30/2023

### 5. Bank Account Reconciliations

- i) Student Activities/Revolving Fund/Cafeteria Fund – September 2023

### 6. Other

- j) Approval of Revised Notice of Appointment for Elizabeth Rodriguez
- k) Approval of Michelle Gutierrez as SPED Paraprofessional
- l) Approval of Coaching Contracts for Boys Basketball (Nydia Monge and Robbie Hohlbein) and Girls Softball (Cristina Cleveland and Jodecci Martinez)

Mrs. Johnson stated that the revision for Ms. Rodriguez's Notice of Appointment is to increase her hours and her pay because she has taken the lead in the self-contained classroom. She also stated that Ms. Gutierrez will be an instructional aide in the self-contained classroom.

**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. Tistan Wright seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

## VIII. ACTION ITEMS

### 1. **Discussion and Possible Action to Approve FY23 Annual Financial Report (AFR)**

Mrs. Johnson went over FY23 AFR. She stated that the FY23 budget was \$1,841,431 and expenditures were \$1,637,145. She also stated that there will be \$204,286 carryover in M&O and \$21,234 carryover in Capital. She also explained that in Classroom Site Fund, with it being in the negative, there will be no expenses in FY24 to rebuild the fund. FY24 budget in CSF will be approximately \$156,000. This will recapture the negative balance. She stated that in Food Service, there a carryover of \$6,424. This was due to having received supply chain assistance in FY23. Mrs. Johnson informed the board that Teacherage ended the year with a positive \$.36. Expenses were moved out of Teacherage to make this possible. The board asked questions about the various accounts. Mrs. Johnson stated that in November she can go over it again, display and explain the accounts again.

**Motion:** Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve the FY23 Annual Financial Report (AFR). Mr. Howie Jorajuria made the motion to approve. Mr. Tristan Wright seconded.

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### 2. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve JH Engineering as a Sole Source for Design, Engineering, Construction Administration and Commissioning Services for the Water Treatment Plant Enhanced Commissioning and Discharge Optimization Project

Mrs. Johnson stated that JHE needs to be approved as a sole source for services for the water treatment plant. They will do the final design for the excessive wastewater. They did the commissioning of the plant for Taylor Engineering. Mrs. Johnson shared the justification of why they are considered a sole-source.

**Motion:** Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve JH Engineering as a Sole Source for Design, Engineering, Construction Administration and Commissioning Services for the Water Treatment Plant Enhanced Commissioning and Discharge Optimization Project. Mr. Tristan Wright made the motion to approve. Mr. Julian Rinehart seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

### 3. Future Items

- Next Board Meeting – November 14, 2023 – Regular Meeting

## IX. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Howie Jorajuria made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Tristan Wright seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023  
Delia Salcido, Governing Board Secretary

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Designated Board Member

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Date

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Delia Salcido, Board Secretary

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Date