

Mohawk Valley School District #17

Minutes

REGULAR MEETING September 12, 2023

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Julian Rinehart, Member
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 5:13 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:

- ❖ We are at 150 students
- ❖ New 7th grade non-verbal autistic student has not started school. We need a current plan which the parent has not provided

b) Budget Report

➤ Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- ❖ Mrs. Johnson briefly explained the tax rates and state equalization once again:
 - MVS District receives 24% of local taxes and 76% of state equalization
 - Antelope HS, Hyder District, Paloma District and Palo Verde receive nearly 100% of local taxes
- ❖ Warrant fees from the Yuma County Treasurer's office is 5.5%
- ❖ Warrants are issued when the cash limit is overspent. Although there is money in the budget, warrants may be charged if revenue has not been deposited by the county tax collection or by the state for equalization funds
- ❖ Mrs. Johnson went over the increase of warrant fees amounts from FY16 – FY23
- ❖ Classroom Site Fund (301 Monies)
 - It is over the cash limit
 - A plan will be shared with the County Office on what will be done to rebuild the 301 account

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- A few year back many efforts were attempted to understand why the budget was more than the cash. Several CFO's and Superintendents were called and no one was able to give a clear understanding
- No expenses will be made in 301 at this time
- Warrant interest fees can be reclaimed in the budget two years later. It has been overlooked and never taught about it, therefore it has not been done. This will be done going forward. It has to be done in the proposed or adopted budget only
- The tax levy in FY18, for the teacherage plumbing was not coded correctly to capital. It appears it was coded to M&O and this created warrant fees. This is being corrected between the Yuma County Treasurer, Yuma County Office and Mohawk Valley School so it can be coded correctly to capital

c) Academic Report

➤ Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- ❖ Book Fair is going on September 11th – 15th
- ❖ September 19, 2023 will be an all-day staff workday. There will be no school. K-5 teachers are working hard to embrace the new ELA core program.
- ❖ Parent-Teacher Conferences will be the first week of October. There will be three half days for conferences
- ❖ Three boys in 3rd grade scored a perfect score in Math on AASA state test. Testing information will be brought to the October board meeting

d) Bond and Facilities Report

➤ Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- ❖ The school renovation project is wrapping up
- ❖ The last change order has been submitted
- ❖ The final punch walk will be September 20, 2023
- ❖ There are very few items left to be done. The main item is the new lock and keying system
- ❖ The fire alarm has been a challenge. The rain has thrown the alarm into all kinds of codes. Leaks in the roof and moisture that got into some of the conduit created challenges

e) Water Plant Report

➤ Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- ❖ The last phase of the design for the water plant that must occur is not going on as fast as it should
- ❖ The design enhancement for the excess waste water is currently being priced
- ❖ Westech came and spent several days onsite to remedy some of the technical issues
- ❖ Taylor Engineering has stepped up and seems quicker to repair items and take ownership of warranty items
- ❖ JHE spent a day on-site to review operating procedures

f) General Items

➤ Mrs. Johnson informed the board of the following:

- ❖ ASBA Yuma County meeting will be on October 25, 2023, which is the same day as the Fall Festival. Mrs. Johnson stated she will not be able to attend. No other board members plan to attend
- ❖ Mrs. Johnson will be attending the ASRS Conference in Flagstaff on September 14th – 16th
- ❖ There is a new logo and letterhead that is in the final designing stage
- ❖ AUHS has a new Social Worker that is working with families. She might be working with one of our students as well
- ❖ LGBTQ+
 - No action at Mohawk Valley School needs to be taken at this time
 - We will act on this when an issue arises
 - For now, there are conflicting interpretations of laws and interpretations of requirements

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- If a child wants to use a restroom based on gender of choice rather than gender assigned at birth, then we would make accommodations and would investigate with parents
- All students deserve the right to feel safe and accepted and accommodated

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 August 15, 2023 – Regular Board Meeting

2. Expense Vouchers

b) Expense #36	\$ 420.70	FY23
c) Expense #37	\$ 3,565.24	FY23
d) Expense #05	\$ 14,798.00	FY24
e) Expense #06	\$465,504.13	FY24
f) Expense #07	\$ 56,068.90	FY24
g) Expense #08	\$ 329.41	FY24

3. Payroll Vouchers

h) P-04	\$ 69,976.05
i) P-05	\$ 70,848.59

4. Student Activity Reports

- j) August 2023
- k) Year-to-Date – 8/31/2023

5. Bank Account Reconciliations

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

6. Other

- m) Approval of Substitute Teachers and Substitute Aides
- n) Approval of FY24 Stipends for all Employees
- o) Approval of Clarissa Gutierrez as SPED Paraprofessional
- p) Approval of Coaching Contract for Robbie Hohlbein for Boys Flag Football

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. Mrs. Gina Richmond seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve FY24 8th Grade Field Trip

The 8th Grade Field Trip itinerary was presented by the 8th grade sponsors, Ms. Brooke Curtis and Mrs. Nydia Monge. Brady Womack, 8th grade Student Council President, stated that the 8th grade lock-in went very well and it was very good.

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Ms. Curtis and Mrs. Monge stated that they will be following last year's itinerary. They stated that in the first quarter they will be doing mostly fundraising. In the second and third quarter they plan to do fundraising and field trip which will be educational for the students. In the fourth quarter they will do their final fundraising if needed and that is when the end of the year trip will take place. It will be May 16-17, 2024. They plan on staying in state with an overnight trip to Flagstaff, Williams and Phoenix. They estimate that the cost of the trip will be approximately \$5,200 and total expenses for the year of \$6,825.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve the FY24 8th Grade Field Trip. Mr. Howie Jorajuria made the motion to approve. Mrs. Gina Richmond seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

2. Future Items

- Next Board Meeting – October 10, 2023 – Regular Meeting

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Howie Jorajuria made the motion to adjourn. Mrs. Gina Richmond 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 13th day of September, 2023
Delia Salcido, Governing Board Secretary

Designated Board Member

Date

Delia Salcido, Board Secretary

Date