

Mohawk Valley School District #17

Minutes

REGULAR MEETING September 13, 2022

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. Sarah Bell
Ms. Susie Puga
Ms. Brooke Curtis

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. Mr. Tristan Wright 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 up to 148. Budget was done on 132 ADM
- ❖ Eight new students enrolled this week. Two are on IEP's. We continue to add to our SPED count which is high already

b) Budget Report

➤ Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- ❖ Budget is in a good place at this time
- ❖ A \$100,000 cushion had been set aside. Money was put in supply accounts
- ❖ Proposing a raise later on in the meeting and very confident in giving this raise
- ❖ There is concern once again that the aggregated spending limit needs to be increased. This was a problem last year as well
- ❖ Superintendents across the state have signed letters to persuade a special session before mid-term elections to fix this
- ❖ If this is not corrected it would be catastrophic to the budget
- ❖ AEI:
 - This is from 1978
 - It could not arbitrarily raise property taxes
 - AEI passed in 1980
 - Charter schools are not part of AEI because they were not part of the original AEI

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- AEI is a statewide limit, not a local limit
- AEI is based on prior year enrollment
- MVS is at risk of losing \$260,000, which would be four teachers
- Staff and public need to be educated but at the same time we need to use caution so not to scare staff
- There is talk that districts can spend money by local vote, this is being researched
- ESA was enacted in 2011

c) Academic Report

➤ Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- ❖ Ms. Susie Puga presented her Social Studies curriculum, platforms and future outlooks for 6th, 7th and 8th grades
- ❖ Mrs. Johnson stated that Ms. Hand, Mrs. Noble and herself visited the autistic program at Alice Byrne Elementary School in Yuma
- ❖ Mrs. Johnson went over state test scores from last spring

d) Bond and Facilities Report

➤ Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- ❖ Things are moving along quickly
- ❖ The main building should be painted, both interior and exterior, by the end of the month
 - Lighting
 - The exterior lighting is going to design
 - We are asking that SFB pay for lighting under the eaves for the egress to all classrooms
 - This originally included the parking lot but we have scaled back on that
 - Technology
 - Technology seems to be the hardest to bring together
 - Speakers were not included in the Voip system
 - The quote for the speakers came back at \$166,000
 - We are going to ask SFB to pay for the speakers
 - Without them we have no way of communicating with the entire campus as a whole in the state of an emergency
 - This is a big safety concern

e) Water Plant Report

➤ Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- ❖ The temporary discharge bed was made larger so now 1000 gallons can be backwashed per day
- ❖ Turbidity has been at its worst this year. It has been as high as 27-47 when normal should be less than 3
- ❖ ADEQ has stepped in and increased everyone's sense of urgency
- ❖ A special meeting was called by SFB between ADEQ, SFB, Taylor, Arcadis and MVS
- ❖ ADEQ and SFB had their own internal meeting due to the "emergency" concern with the high turbidity and recent Ecoli found in the water prior to the joint meeting
- ❖ As a result of the meeting, the temporary bed being used for discharge water was made larger
- ❖ The insurance on the shipment of the packaged plant has been secured
- ❖ A change order has been done for SFB to pay for the shipment
- ❖ It is set to ship on September 21, 2022 and should arrive on September 28, 2022, but shipping dates on all projects across the globe seem to fluctuate, most likely the date will move
- ❖ SFB has agreed to rent handwashing stations for the school. Three have been rented

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f) General Items

➤ Mrs. Johnson informed the board of the following:

- ❖ Letter to Senator Mark Kelly about water concern
 - A letter was drafted to Senator Mark Kelly thanking him for his support of the water concerns in Arizona, particularly Yuma County
 - It will be sent to Senator Kyrsten Sinema as well
 - Mrs. Johnson asked board members if they would like to collectively write a letter to the Senators. Mrs. Taylor stated that the letter written by Mrs. Johnson is enough, other members agreed
 - The Yuma County ASBA meeting will be on September 27, 2022. Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Taylor will be attending

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 16, 2022 – Regular Board Meeting

2. Expense Vouchers

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| b) Expense #42 | \$ 14,714.40 | FY22 |
| c) Expense #04 | \$191,269.73 | FY23 |
| d) Expense #05 | \$660,582.30 | FY23 |

3. Payroll Vouchers

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| e) P-4 | \$61,445.58 |
| f) P-5 | \$63,207.10 |

4. Student Activity Reports

- g) August 2022
- h) Year-to-Date – 08/31/2022

5. Bank Account Reconciliations

- i) Student Activities/Revolving Fund/Cafeteria Fund – August 2022

6. Other

- j) Approval of Substitute Teachers and Substitute Aides
- k) Approval of FY23 Stipends for All Employees

Mrs. Johnson told the board that we have three substitute teachers that are fully certified and she stated that there are three still pending certification. Fully certified are Joanna Brees, Timothy Taylor, Ryan Stuhr. Still pending certification are Cristina Cleveland, Sarah Gamez, and Elizabeth Rodriguez.

She also stated that the FY23 stipends have been cleaned up and will be paid out of different funds.

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

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VII. ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve FY23 8th Grade Field Trip

The 8th Grade Field Trip itinerary was presented by Ms. Sarah Bell and Ms. Brooke Curtis. They stated that they will now be the 8th grade sponsors, along with Nydia Monge. It was stated to the board that the goal of the field trip has changed. They will be giving the students a variety of things to do so they can bond as a class. It will be a total different experience. They estimate a total of expenses in the amount of \$10,000.

They had a lock-in and have planned something each quarter, ending with a final overnight triple experience at the end of the year.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve the FY23 8th Grade Field Trip. Mr. Tristan Wright made the motion to approve. Mr. Julian Rinehart seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

2. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Cheerleading as a Club

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve Cheerleading as a club. Mr. Julian Rinehart made the motion to approve. Mr. Howie Jorajuria seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

3. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Revised FY23 Certified Salary Schedule

Mrs. Johnson stated that a 10.5% increase to the base salary schedule. Raises were not put into the base last year and it is necessary to keep new hires at an appropriate rate. It keeps it cleaner moving forward.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve revised FY23 Certified Salary Schedule. Mr. Tristan Wright made the motion to approve. Mr. Howie Jorajuria seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

4. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Revised FY23 New Hire Hourly Rates

Mrs. Johnson stated that the new hires have been adjusted to reflect the minimum wage increase going into effect in January. She also stated that minimum wage will be close to about \$14 p/hour come January. We worked to ease the "compression" of new and returning employees.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve revised FY23 New Hire Hourly Rates. Mr. Tristan Wright made the motion to approve. Mr. Julian Rinehart seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

5. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Revised FY23 301 Plan

Mrs. Johnson stated that a clause has been put in the plan stating that stipends may be paid from other sources other than 301 funds. The 301 plan has to be voted on by teachers. All staff has voted on the revised plan and it also has to be board approved.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve the revised FY23 301 Plan. Mr. Tristan Wright made the motion to approve. Mr. Howie Jorajuria seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

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6. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve an Additional 4.5% Raise for all Employees Retroactive to FY23 Beginning Date of Contracts and Notices of Appointment

Mrs. Johnson stated that due to increase funding we feel confident in offering all staff an additional 4.5% raise to go into effect for the remainder of the year. This raise will be retroactive to the beginning of contracts and notices of appointment. This will adjust everyone to where they should be. Districts across the county have given a 6-8% raise, we need to be able to compete with other districts.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve an additional 4.5% raise for all employees retroactive to FY23 beginning date of Contracts and Notices of Appointment. Mr. Howie Jorajuria made the motion to approve. Mr. Tristan Wright seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

7. Discussion on Policies 716-736 – First Reading

Discussion on Policies:

- No. 716 JLDAB – Referrals to Other Agencies Do not Adopt
- No. 717 JRR – Student Surveys
- No. 718 KI – Visitors to Schools
- No. 719 KB – Parental Involvement in Education
- No. 720 IHAMB – Family Life Education
- No. 721 JLCB – Immunizations of Students
- No. 722 JLCC – Communicable Infectious Diseases
- No. 723 GBGCB – Staff Health and Safety
- No. 724 DIA – Accounting System
- No. 725 IHA – Basic Instructional Program
- No. 726 JLDA – School Counselors and Psychologists
- No. 727 JICFA – Hazing
- No. 728 IKF – Graduation Requirements
- No. 729 JJIA – Intramural Sports
- No. 730 EE – Transportation Services
- No. 731 EEAEA – Bus Driver Requirements, Training, and Responsibilities
- No. 732 JF – Student Admissions
- No. 733 IJL – Library Materials Selection and Adoption
- No. 734 IJNC – Resource Centers/Media Centers/School Libraries
- No. 735 IMD – School Ceremonies and Observances
- No. 736 IMB – Teaching About Controversial/Sensitive Issues

8. Future Items

- October 11, 2022 at 5:00 pm – Regular Board Meeting

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VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Tristan Wright made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Julian Rinehart seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 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 19th day of September, 2022
Delia Salcido, Governing Board Secretary

Designated Board Member

Date

Delia Salcido, Board Secretary

Date