

Mohawk Valley School District #17

Minutes

REGULAR MEETING February 11, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Ann Taylor, President
Mrs. Gina Richmond, Vice-President
Mr. Carlos Farnsworth, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Tristan Wright, Clerk
Mrs. Judy Simmons, Member

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Shanna Johnson
Mrs. Delia Salcido
Jennifer Puga
Alexandria Saboria
Amy Jorajuria
Kim Hand

I. CALL TO ORDER

- ❖ Mrs. Ann Taylor called the Board Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- ❖ The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mrs. Ann Taylor.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- ❖ Mrs. Johnson requested to move Item 1, the Student Council Field Trip, to before Call to the Public as well as the Water Plant presentation with Mr. Jeff Haach from JH Engineering and Mr. Steve Jones from Arcadis.
- ❖ Mrs. Ann Taylor called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Carlos Farnsworth moved to adopt the agenda with the proposed changes, and Mrs. Gina Richmond seconded the motion.

There was no discussion, motion carries.

IV. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Student Council Field Trip

Cole Jorajuria, Student Council President, presented the itinerary for the Student Council Field Trip to the Diamondbacks game. The group plans to attend the 6:40 PM game on Friday, May 9, 2025, departing from MVS at 2:00 PM and returning by 12:30 AM.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor called for a motion to approve the Student Council Field Trip. Mrs. Gina Richmond made the motion, and Mr. Carlos Farnsworth seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries unanimously.

V. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Water Plant Report

Mrs. Johnson introduced Mr. Jeff Haach from JH Engineering and Mr. Steve Jones from Arcadis, stating that they would be providing an update on the Water Treatment Plant projects.

Mr. Haach and Mr. Jones first discussed Phase II, the Waste Management Project, followed by an update on the TTHM Mitigation Project. They reported that both projects are progressing as expected and are now on the right track.

VI. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- ❖ No comments

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VII. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Matters about which the Board may engage in discussion but will take no action.

1. Administrator Reports

a) Budget Report

➤ **Mrs. Johnson stated the following:**

- ❖ MVS is considered approaching High Risk per the Auditor General.
- ❖ Over Expenditure in Capital due to Teacherage in Tax Levy
 - ADE School Finance is concerned about the capital over-expenditure of \$90,138.
 - This resulted from the emergency tax levy for the housing plumbing and roofing project.
 - We anticipated the over-expenditure, and knew this would create registered warrants due to the fact that taxes were not collected in time to do the work. Because of the emergency situation of the plumbing project, this was the only option.
 - We are working with AED School Finance to address the issue.
- ❖ Small School Adjustment Updates
 - We will estimate to request \$350,000 in Small School Adjustment in excess of the budget.
 - This amount is not much more that the tax levy for the housing project. Therefore, taxpayers will not see much of an additional increase in taxes.
- ❖ SB1526: Small School Adjustments; District Eligibility
 - Senator Tim Dunn has introduced this bill in the Senate Education Committee.
 - This is a mercy bill only for Mohawk Valley, to allow the district to transition to small school status in FY26, without having to wait another year.
 - She has also reached out to other Senators and hopes to meet with them as well.
 - She continues to work with ASA's Director of Governmental Affairs, Rebecca Beebe, and ARSA's Policy Expert, Dianne Smith, who are guiding her through who to network with in the political arena.
- ❖ MVS's Plan
 - Approve the open enrollment policy.
 - Approve classroom capacity for each grade level and for the SPED self-contained classrooms.
 - After school board approval of policies and class capacity, send open enrollment packets to current open enrollment families.
- ❖ Mrs. Johnson informed the board that she needs their support to continue pursuing the mercy bill. If they do not support this effort, she would like to know so she can plan accordingly for FY26.

b) Academic Report

➤ **Mrs. Johnson stated the following:**

- ❖ Sports Program Update:
 - Training on policies for coaches and athletic director was done on January 15, 2025.
 - Going forward, all coaches will be trained.
 - The updated coach's contract and athletic director contract has been implemented.
 - The Athletic Director's job description has been updated to include procedures that need to be followed when handling coach, parent, and athlete's needs.
 - The current Athletic Director has gone through all the training, is aware of the job description, and reviewed the roles of the AD when handling parent, coach and, student concerns.
 - A permission slip for coaches to transport players has been created and approved by the attorney. It is now fully being implemented.

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c) Facilities Report

- Mrs. Johnson stated the following:
 - ❖ The Gym HVAC Project was increased by approximately \$65,000.
 - ❖ A decorator has been hired to put up the pictures in the hall.

d) Water Plant Report

- Mrs. Johnson stated the following:
 - ❖ JH Engineering and Arcadis shared updates at the beginning of the meeting.

e) General Items

- Mrs. Johnson informed the board of the following:
 - ❖ An ASBA School Board Training session has been scheduled for the March Board Meeting. The training will take approximately two hours.

2. Governing Board Member Comments

- ❖ No comments

VIII. 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) January 14, 2025 – Regular Board Meeting

2. Expense Vouchers

- b) Expense Voucher 17 \$17,810.32
- c) Expense Voucher 18 \$97,509.86
- d) Expense Voucher 19 \$60,859.30

3. Payroll Vouchers

- e) Payroll Voucher 15 \$66,611.42
- f) Payroll Voucher 16 \$42,011.02

4. Account Reconciliations

- g) Student Activities – 1/31/2025
- h) All Accounts – 1/31/2025

5. Other

- i) Approval of Reimbursing Housing Security Deposit and Pet Deposit to Megan Richmond
- j) Approval of Student Placement Agreement with Northern Arizona University
- k) Approval of Education Technology Consortium (ETC) Cooperative Purchasing Agreement
- l) Possible Events that MVS Board Members May Attend and Result in a Quorum:
 - Open House/Back to School Night
 - Fall Festival
 - Christmas Program
 - 8th Grade Promotion
 - MVS Sporting Events
 - AUHS Graduation
 - Pioneer Day Festivities
 - Tri-Valley Ambulance Benefit
 - Antelope Homecoming BBQ
 - Antelope Sporting Events
 - Local Restaurants
- m) Donations
 - Sports Donation

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- ✓ Gowan, Inc \$250
- Tax Credit
 - ✓ Murdock \$400.00
- Other
 - ✓ Box Top\$47.70

Mrs. Ann Taylor asked if anything needed to be pulled. Item 5.i. was pulled because only three board members were present, and Mrs. Gina Richmond had to abstain from voting.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Mrs. Gina Richmon made the motion to accept the consent agenda, excluding Item 5.1. Mr. Carlos Farnsworth seconded.

There was no further discussion. Motion carries unanimously

VII. ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Student Council Field Trip

Item 1 was discussed and approved at the beginning of the meeting.

2. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Athletic Director Contract Document

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve the Athletic Director Contract. Mr. Carlos Farnsworth made the motion to approve. Mrs. Gina Richmond seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries unanimously.

3. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Policy JFB-Open Enrollment, Second Reading

Item 3 was tabled due to a lack of time, as Mr. Carlos Farnsworth had to leave the meeting early. Items 4 and 5 were also tabled, as they pertain to the same topic. A special board meeting will be held on February 14, 2025 to continue the meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to table Items 3, 4, and 5. Mrs. Gina Richmond made the motion to approve. Mr. Carlos Farnsworth seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries unanimously.

4. Discussion of Regulation JFB-R and Exhibit JFB-E Open Enrollment

Item was tabled.

5. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Grade Level Capacity

Item was tabled.

VIII. FUTURE ITEMS

- Next Board Meeting – March 11, 2025 – Regular Meeting

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Gina Richmond made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Carlos Farnsworth seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 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.

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Dated this 14th day of February, 2025
Delia Salcido, Governing Board Secretary

Designated Board Member

Date

Delia Salcido, Board Secretary

Date