

# Mohawk Valley School District #17

## Minutes

REGULAR MEETING ..... January 14, 2025

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mrs. Ann Taylor, President  
Mrs. Gina Richmond, Vice-President  
Mr. Tristan Wright, Clerk  
Mrs. Judy Simmons, Member  
Mr. Carlos Farnsworth, Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mrs. Shanna Johnson  
Mrs. Delia Salcido  
Sylvia Sandoval  
Ramiro Sandoval  
Haley Rinehart  
Roger Rinehart  
Teresa Yegohian  
Amy Jorajuria  
Elena Orozco  
Tiesha Orozco  
Veronica Orozco  
Wendy Orozco  
Rachel Farnsworth  
Kim Hand

### 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. Mrs. Gina Richmond seconded.

There was no discussion, motion carries.

### IV. ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS as per A.R.S. 15-321

- a) **President**
- b) **Vice-President**
- c) **Clerk**

- ❖ Mr. Tristan Wright nominated Mrs. Ann Taylor for President. Mrs. Gina Richmond seconded the nomination. Mr. Tristan Wright closed the nominations. Mrs. Ann Taylor was the elected President.
- ❖ Mr. Tristan Wright nominated Mrs. Gina Richmond for Vice-President. Mrs. Ann Taylor seconded the nomination. Mr. Tristan Wright closed the nominations. Mrs. Gina Richmond was the elected Vice-President.
- ❖ Mrs. Ann Taylor nominated Mr. Tristan Wright for Clerk. Mrs. Gina Richmond seconded the nomination and closed the nominations. Mr. Tristan Wright was the elected Clerk.

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### V. ACTION TO DESIGNATE CALENDAR YEAR 2024 CRITERIA FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD as per A.R.S. 15-321

- ❖ Mrs. Johnson stated that the Board must set the date and time of the monthly meetings. Mrs. Johnson also stated that due to Mr. Carlos Farnsworth work, 6:00 pm would be a better time for the monthly meetings. Mr. Tristan Wright made the motion to keep the meetings on the second Tuesday of every month, change the time to 6:00 pm starting the February meeting and to post the agenda at MVS office and MVS website. Mrs. Gina Richmond seconded the motion.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

### VI. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- ❖ Mrs. Sylvia Sandoval addressed the board and presented folders related to her removal from coaching. She spoke for a duration of eight ½ minutes, after which she was informed that she had exceeded her allotted speaking time. Several other community members also spoke on her behalf.

### VII. 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 127.5.
- ❖ That makes the 100<sup>th</sup> day average about 127. This keeps us out of the small school adjustment for the next year by two students.

##### b) Budget Report

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

- ❖ Mrs. Johnson shared facts and the direction she is heading with this regarding Small School Adjustment with a power point presentation.
- ❖ She discussed:
  - MVS's situation of declining enrollment
  - MVS's options and concerns
  - Explained what Small School Adjustment is
  - The proposed changes to the legislation in regards to the Small School Adjustment Statute
  - The needs for MVS
  - MVS's student count over time
  - MVS's FY25 budget
  - The fixed and non-negotiable expenses
  - MVS's staffing
  - Budget cuts already in place in FY25
  - How reduced ADM effects other budget areas
  - Tax Rates over time
  - Yuma County School District's tax rate comparisons
  - Small School Adjustment Comparisons
  - What the tax rate increase would like for local home owner
  - Budget needs and shortfalls
  - Specific tax levy request and what it would keep
- ❖ The goals with the Legislative Action are:
  - Try to get the merci clause for Mohawk Valley School. We need to be able to take advantage of the Small School Adjustment for FY26 since we are looking at an ADM under 125.

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### c) Academic Report

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

- ❖ January 21, 2025 will be a non-student all day professional development day. The staff will review data and look at their pacing and planning for the remainder of the school year. The focus will be on Math.
- ❖ Parent/Teacher conferences will be on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>

### d) Facilities Report

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

- ❖ No Facilities Report

### e) Water Plant Report

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

- ❖ No Water Plant Report

### f) General Items

#### ➤ Mrs. Johnson informed the board of the following:

- ❖ Mrs. Johnson showed the video that was presented for her award of the Small School Superintendent of the Year.

## 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) December 10, 2024 – Regular Board Meeting
- b) December 10, 2024 – Executive Session Board Meeting

### 2. Expense Vouchers

c) Expense Voucher 13	\$17,810.32
d) Expense Voucher 14	\$97,509.86
e) Expense Voucher 15	\$60,859.30
f) Expense Voucher 16	\$32,943.58

### 3. Payroll Vouchers

g) Payroll Voucher 11	\$66,611.42
h) Payroll Voucher 11.1	\$42,011.02
i) Payroll Voucher 12	\$58,776.74
j) Payroll Voucher 13	\$68,020.61
k) Payroll Voucher 13.1	\$2,531.41
l) Payroll Voucher 14	\$58,598.85

### 4. Account Reconciliations

- m) Student Activities – 11/30/2024
- n) Student Activities – 12/31/2024
- o) All Accounts – 11/30/2024
- p) All Accounts – 12/31/2024

### 5. Other

- q) Donations
  - Donors Choose
    - ✓ Pre-K Supplies \$679.24

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- r) Approval of New Notice of Appointment for Clarissa Gutierrez
- s) Approval of Amended Student Council Fundraising from Little Caesars to Worlds Finest Chocolate

Mrs. Johnson explained to the new board members the consent agenda routine items. The routine items are:

- Board Minutes
- Expense and Payroll Vouchers
- Account Reconciliations
- Donations

Other items on this consent agenda that need approval are:

- Notice of Appointment for Clarissa Gutierrez. Her wage was automatically increased to minimum wage due to the new change. Sub aides will increase as well.
- Amended Student Council fundraising change. New law states that all student activities fundraising must be board approved. 8<sup>th</sup> grade decided not to sell candy bars therefore Student Council will sell them in place of their planned Little Caesars Pizza sell.

**Motion:** Mrs. Ann Taylor asked if anything needed to be pulled and asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Mr. Tristan Wright made the motion to accept the consent agenda. Mr. Carlos Farnsworth seconded.

There was no further discussion. Motion carries unanimously

### VII. ACTION ITEMS

#### 1. Discussion on Policy JFB-Open Enrollment, First Reading

Mrs. Johnson explained to the new board members that this is a first reading and discussion item only. No action will be taken. She stated that the second reading and approval will take place in February.

Mrs. Johnson went on to state that Policy JFB needs to be updated in order to implement an application process for open enrollment. The key areas are:

- Due dates of application
- Process and priority of selecting open enrollment students
- Has to be on the website
- Need to cap and define capacity

Mrs. Johnson stated that she feels hopeful that Senator Tim Dunn has moved her request to Policy Advisory.

This was a discussion only item. No action was taken.

#### 2. Discussion and Possible Action to Remove Sylvia Sandoval from Girls Basketball Coaching Position

Mrs. Johnson stated that Mrs. Sandoval had already been approved to coach girls' basketball but due to her participation in a fighting incident, the board needs to discuss and determine whether or not to take action to remove her from coaching. She stated that she shared information with board members that has been shared with her.

Several of the board members gave their statement in regards to Mrs. Sandoval's incident and how they felt about it. After their statements Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion and a vote. The votes to remove Mrs. Sandoval from coaching were the following and carried as stated:

- Mrs. Ann Taylor – yes
- Mrs. Tristan Wright – yes
- Mrs. Judy Simmons – yes
- Mrs. Gina Richmond – no

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- Mr. Carlos Farnsworth – no

### 3. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Coaching Contract Document

Mrs. Johnson stated that a coaching contract to implement immediately has been created. The contract has been reviewed and approved by our attorney. She stated that an orientation and training session has also been implemented for all coaches and substitute teachers. This will be done moving forward.

**Motion:** Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve the coaching contract. Mr. Tristan Wright made the motion to approve. Mrs. Gina Richmond seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries unanimously.

### 4. Discussion and Possible Action to Hire Amy Jorajuria for Girls Basketball Coaching Position

**Motion:** Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion hire Amy Jorajuria for the girls basketball coaching position. Mr. Tristan Wright made the motion to approve. Mrs. Gina Richmond seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries unanimously.

## VIII. FUTURE ITEMS

- Next Board Meeting – February 11, 2024 – Regular Meeting
- Protocols for Athletic Director

## IX. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Tristan Wright made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Carlos Farnsworth seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:38 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025  
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