

Mohawk Valley School District #17

Minutes

REGULAR MEETING June 17, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Ann Taylor, President
Mrs. Gina Richmond, Vice-President
Mrs. Judy Simmons, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Carlos Farnsworth, Member
Mr. Tristan Wright, Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Shanna Johnson
Mrs. Delia Salcido

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- ❖ Mrs. Ann Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- ❖ Mrs. Johnson stated that at this time she is recommending to table the public hearing for the Proposed Budget. She stated proposing a budget as it stands would set tax rates and then it would be complicated to reset the rates for the SSA. The Mohawk language is in the Senate budget bill for the Small School Adjustment tax levy. We are waiting for the State Budget to pass. Once we know the results we then need to prepare to propose a budget.

She has reached out to multiple people to navigate the process of the SSA. She is recommending hiring Karin Smith, Consulting Partner with Heinfeld Meech to help us with setting the tax rates and ensuring all the steps are done correctly.

The Proposed Budget meeting will be on June 30, 2025 at 5:00 pm and the meeting to adopt the budget, hold the Truth in Taxation Hearing and address the SSA tax rates will be on July 14, 2025 at 5:00 pm.

Mrs. Ann Taylor called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Mrs. Gina Richmond moved to adopt the agenda, tabling the Proposed Budget Hearing due to the pending SSA language in the State Budget, and Mrs. Judy Simmons seconded the motion.

There was no discussion, motion carries.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

Conduct a PUBLIC HEARING to present 2025-2026 Proposed Budget

V. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

- ❖ 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) Budget Report

- Mrs. Johnson stated the following:
 - ❖ No FY25 Budget Report was given

b) Academic Report

- Mrs. Johnson stated the following:
 - ❖ The Library Program is taking place and having a great turnout.

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- ❖ There was one third-grade student that received summer school. The student did not pass the Move on When Reading part of the state achievement test. MOWR law specifies that a third-grade student must be proficient in Reading in order to be promoted to fourth grade.
- ❖ A high needs student also attended summer school for two weeks as Extended School Year per his IEP.

c) Facilities Report

- **Mrs. Johnson stated the following:**
 - ❖ Maintenance and custodial are cleaning for the summer.
 - ❖ The biggest project will be the waxing of the gym and repairing the bleachers.
 - ❖ Two glass sliding doors are being installed at housing.
 - ❖ The decorating in the hallway in the office is being completed.

d) Water Plant Report

- **Mrs. Johnson stated the following:**
 - ❖ The Air Stripping Tower will only be placed on a skid plate with external piping. No permanent structures will be in place for the pilot testing.
 - ❖ Should be in operation by July 7, 2025.
 - ❖ It is a five to six week pilot testing.
 - ❖ The pilot testing involves several samples per day.
 - ❖ ADEQ meeting per consent order will take place on August 13, 2025 to discuss the results of the pilot testing and present our construction plan with the tower.

e) General Items

- **Mrs. Johnson informed the board of the following:**
 - ❖ Mrs. Johnson explained and answered questions from board members from the previous meeting:
 - Yuma County Consortium Costs – This has to do with federal grants. It covers their costs associated with fiscal management of federal funds. This is a mandatory and set expense.
 - Expenses on previous bank statement – There was a large expense of approximately \$3,500 due to repairs on handicapped van. These expenses will be reimbursed through the High-Cost Child reimbursements we have been requesting.
 - Stipend Lists – These will be reviewed and accepted by the school board in August.
 - Event News and Calendars – All events, calendars and newsletters are on the website.
 - Teacher Assignments – A list of staff will be brought to the board in July or August.

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.

1. Minutes

- a) May 13, 2025 – Regular Board Meeting
- b) May 27, 2025 – Special Board Meeting

2. Expense Vouchers

- c) Expense Voucher 1061 \$ 33,784.01
- d) Expense Voucher 1064 \$219,200.39

3. Payroll Vouchers

- e) Payroll Voucher 24 \$65,930.98
- f) Payroll Voucher 25 \$65,015.44

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g) Payroll Voucher 25.1 \$83,452.61

4. Account Reconciliations

- h) Student Activities – 5/30/2025
- i) All Accounts – 5/30/2025

5. Other

- j) Approve Signatories for 2025-2026
- k) Approve Mrs. Shanna Johnson as the District's Qualified Evaluator for 2025-2026
- l) Approve Mrs. Delia Salcido as Revolving Fund Account Treasurer (\$5,000) for 2025-2026
- m) Approve Mrs. Delia Salcido as Cafeteria Clearing Account Treasurer for 2025-2026
- n) Approve Mrs. Sherry Fajardo as Student Activities Treasurer for 2025-2026
- o) Approve Bank of Record, National Bank of Arizona
- p) Approve Nicely Done Consulting for E-Rate for 2025-2026
- q) Approve Organizational Chart
- r) Conflict of Interest for Board Members

Mrs. Johnson stated that items j-r are routine items that must be approved each year. She reviewed and discussed each item with board members. Board members had questions on expense vouchers and payroll vouchers. Mrs. Johnson explained and answered their questions. She also reviewed, explained and trained board members on Conflict of Interest Policy BCB-E.

After the discussion Mrs. Ann Taylor asked if anything needed to be pulled. No items were pulled.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda. Mrs. Judy Simmons made the motion to accept the consent agenda. Mrs. Gina Richmond seconded.

There was no further discussion. Motion carries unanimously.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Intent to Include Interest Expense for Registering Warrants in the Amount of \$9,483.80

Mrs. Johnson stated that the process for registered warrant reimbursements have been changed. Now, it requires governing board approval. This is required to put it on the budget worksheets.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve the Intent to Include Interest Expense for Registering Warrants in the amount of \$9,483.80. Mrs. Judy Simmons made the motion to approve. Mrs. Gina Richmond seconded.

There was no discussion. Vote: 3 for – 0 against – 2 absent. Motion carries.

2. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve 2025-2026 Certified Salary Schedule

Mrs. Johnson stated that this is a new hire schedule and no changes were made to the schedule. The schedule is used to place new teachers on the salary schedule. She also stated that we should consider making changes once we have the SSA in place. Mrs. Judy Simmons asked how a salary is determined. Mrs. Johnson explained the process for developing and maintaining the salary schedule.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Certified Salary Schedule. Mrs. Judy Simmons made the motion to approve. Mrs. Gina Richmond seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

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3. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve 2025-2026 New Hires Hourly Rates

Mrs. Johnson stated that this is used to hire new employees. There were no changes made at this time.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve the 2025-2026 New Hires Hourly Rates. Mrs. Mrs. Gina Richmond made the motion to approve. Mrs. Judy Simmons seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

4. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Food Program Permanent Service Agreement

Mrs. Johnson stated that this is a formality for the school meal program.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve the Food Program Permanent Service Agreement. Mrs. Gina Richmond made the motion to approve. Mrs. Judy Simmons seconded.

5. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Legacy Excavating and Underground for Apartment Septic Project

Mrs. Johnson stated that this vendor needs to be approved for the septic work at housing. She stated that three quotes were received and this was the least expensive. The work will be executed once we know where the funding will land.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve Legacy Excavating and Underground for the apartment septic project. Mrs. Gina Richmond made the motion to approve. Mrs. Judy Simmons seconded.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

6. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Policies 863-865, Second Reading

Mrs. Johnson stated that these policies were discussed at the previous meeting. She asked board members if they had any questions. The response was no.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve Policies 863-865, Second Reading. Mrs. Judy Simmons made the motion to approve. Mrs. Gina Richmond seconded.

There was no further discussion. Motion carries.

7. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Policies 866-875, Second Reading

Mrs. Johnson stated that these policies were discussed at the previous meeting. She asked board members if they had any questions. The response was no.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve Policies 866-875, Second Reading. Mrs. Gina Richmond made the motion to approve. Mrs. Judy Simmons seconded.

There was no further discussion. Motion carries.

8. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Policies 876-905

Mrs. Johnson reviewed the changes to Policies 876-905 with the board. After reviewing the policies she asked if there were any questions. The response was no.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve Policies 876-905. Mrs. Ann Taylor made the motion to approve. Mrs. Judy Simmons seconded.

There was no further discussion. Motion carries.

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9. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Policies 906-908

Mrs. Johnson reviewed the changes to Policies 906-908 with the board. After reviewing the policies she asked if there were any questions. The response was no.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve Policies 876-905. Mrs. Judy Simmons made the motion to approve. Mrs. Gina Richmond seconded.

There was no further discussion. Motion carries.

IX. FUTURE ITEMS

- Next Board Meeting – June 30, 2025 – Proposed Budget Meeting
- Next Board Meeting – July 14, 2025 – Adopted Budget Meeting and TNT

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Gina Richmond made the motion to adjourn. Mrs. Ann Taylor seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 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 18th day of June, 2025
Delia Salcido, Governing Board Secretary

Designated Board Member

Date

Delia Salcido, Board Secretary

Date