

MOHAWK VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes

REGULAR MEETING April 21, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Mike Silva, President
Mr. Tristan Wright, Vice-President (Via Telephone)
Mr. Charles Chavez, Jr., Clerk
Mrs. Carole Henry, Member
Mrs. Melissa Sharp, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Shanna Johnson
Mrs. Delia Salcido

- I. **CALL TO ORDER**
 - ❖ Mr. Mike Silva called the Board Meeting to order at 3:00 pm
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
 - ❖ The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Mike Silva
- III. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
 - ❖ Mr. Mike Silva asked for a motion to adopt the agenda. Mrs. Melissa Sharp made the motion to adopt. Mrs. Carole Henry seconded.

 - There was no further discussion, motion carries.
- IV. **CALL TO THE PUBLIC**
 - ❖ The board decided to waive the call to the public.
- V. **GENERAL INFORMATION ITEMS**
 1. **Administrator Report**
 - a) **Enrollment Report**
 - Mrs. Johnson stated the following:
 - ❖ No enrollment report was given
 - b) **Budget Report**
 - Mrs. Johnson stated the following:
 - ❖ No budget report was given
 - c) **Bond Update**
 - Mrs. Johnson stated the following:
 - ❖ She spoke to our procurement specialists seeking advice about what is the best process to get things moving.
 - ❖ The recommendation is that an RFQ would be the best way to go. Even though this process will take longer, we can do bids with local people to obtain an architect and engineer for the projects. Tim Burns will act as Project Manager to work with engineer.
 - ❖ The other process would be to go through State Procurement. The process would be quicker but we would have to use people from Phoenix.
 - ❖ She spoke to Erika Coombs from Stifel about selling our bonds. Once the board gives a verbal approval, she will move forward with preparing the paperwork and setting up a meeting to tell us how to proceed.
 - ❖ Once the documents are ready, we will need to call a special board meeting so the selling of the bonds can be officially approve.

- ❖ The board agreed to move forward with the selling of bonds.

d) Academics Report

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

- ❖ No academics report was given

e) Maintenance Report

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

- ❖ The water plant is moving along.
- ❖ We have a submittal from WesTech. They should have information to Sternco next week on recommendations for pre-treatment.
- ❖ Tentative timeline:
 - Approval from ADEQ by June
 - Phase II of distribution lines and pre-treatment, building pad – out to bid in July-August and approved by September
 - Complete operation by February-March

f) General Items

➤ **Mrs. Johnson informed the board of the following in regards to school closure due to Covid-19:**

- ❖ Teachers are amazing. They are going great lengths to communicate with students.
 - ❖ We have been receiving great feedback from parents.
 - ❖ We did another bus route today to deliver work packets to students. We have two more scheduled but we might just do one more.
 - ❖ We have been serving about 90 lunches a day. Starting this week, meals served only four days, Monday – Thursday from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm. Thursday's meal will include Friday's food.
 - ❖ Jackie Fox, Cafeteria Manager, has been great! We need to find the time to thank her for her work.
 - ❖ This is week six of school closer.
 - ❖ We have only lost a few families. Parents have been great. We have gone to great lengths to reach families.
 - ❖ We were promised forty hot spots but have not been delivered. By the time we receive them, it might be too late.
 - ❖ The office will be open three days a week, Monday – Wednesday from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm.
 - ❖ The food supply chain is making it challenging to get food to serve. It is very sketchy what we can order. This is a nationwide problem.
 - ❖ Teacher evaluations will look different. However, for us, it will be okay because for each teacher well-documented conversations and information has been kept.
 - ❖ Teachers are required to keep logs of student contact, office hours and lesson plans. Mrs. Johnson has asked teachers to turn their lesson plans in weekly.
 - ❖ We were required to complete an attestation stating how we will provide education to students. This is our accountability for continued funding.
 - ❖ All funding will continue. No students can be withdrawn during this time.
 - ❖ Cafeteria reimbursements may cause a cash issue and budget issue for the cafeteria. If funding from federal government come through, we may need it for this area.
 - ❖ Funding for transportation will remain the same. We will apply the averages from last year.
 - ❖ Eight grade students will not have a trip or promotion. When we can, we have ideas for a summer celebration. There is also the idea of giving each student a laptop or cash with the money raised for their trip. It is the students' money.
 - ❖ Only if funding comes along, will we be able to have summer school.
 - ❖ Yuma Districts are tossing around starting school later in the year.
 - ❖ There is a concern with delinquent rent due. We have one tenant that both adults have had a reduction in work hours. We will be following laws during this time.
- **Mrs. Johnson informed the board of the following:**
- ❖ There will be a vacant school board position as of May 30, 2020. The board member is up for re-election in November and had not planned to run. Another board member that is also up for re-election will not be running again.
 - ❖ We have two community members interested in running to replace them.

Mrs. Johnson stated that the 4% is the last of the required 20% teacher increase.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

3. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve FY21 New Hires Hourly Rates

Motion: Mr. Tristan Wright made the motion to approve FY21 New Hires Hourly Rates. Mrs. Carole Henry seconded.

Mrs. Johnson stated that there are not changes to these rates.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

4. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve 2020-2021 Certified Contracts with 4% Raise for Returning Teachers

Motion: Mrs. Melissa Sharp made the motion to approve 2020-2021 Certified Contracts with 4% raise for returning teachers. Mrs. Carole Henry seconded.

Mrs. Johnson stated that this the last of the mandatory increase for teachers.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

5. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve 2020-2021 Certified Contracts for New Hires, Cindy Barksdale and Yonia Burr

Motion: Mrs. Carole Henry made the motion to approve 2020-2021 Certified Contracts for new hires, Cindy Barksdale and Yonia Burr. Mr. Charlie Chavez seconded.

Mrs. Johnson stated Mrs. Barksdale will teach third grade and Mrs. Burr will teach 6th, 7th and 8th grade math. Mrs. Johnson also stated we are giving them their years of experience and the 4% increase.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

6. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve 2020-2021 Contract for Mrs. Shanna Johnson with 4% Raise

Motion: Mrs. Melissa Sharp made the motion to approve 2020-2021 contract for Mrs. Shanna Johnson with 4% raise. Mrs. Carole Henry seconded.

Mrs. Johnson suggested tabling this item. She stated that she has not wrapped her mind around the M&O Override totally. It is hard to justify raises at this time.

Mrs. Melissa Sharp made the motion to table Item 6. Mrs. Carole Henry seconded the motion.

Motion carries to table Item 6.

7. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve 2020-2021 Classified Salary Contracts and Notice of Appointments with 3% Raise

Motion: Mrs. Carole Henry made the motion to approve 2020-2021 Classified Salary Contracts and Notice of Appointments with 3% raise. Mrs. Melissa Sharp seconded.

Mr. Charlie Chavez made the motion to table Item 7 with the discussion revolving around the M&O Override and knowing where we stand with funds for raises. Mr. Tristan Wright seconded the motion.

Motion carries to table Item 7.

8. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Pay for Mr. Dan Range

Motion: Mrs. Melissa Sharp made the motion to approve pay for Mr. Dan Range. Mrs. Carole Henry seconded.

Mrs. Johnson stated we are paying our portion to Antelope High School to help offset costs of Mr. Range's salary. There will be no music next year. Mr. Range is going to Yuma.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

9. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve ASBA Insurance Trust Health Plan for 2020-2021

Motion: Mrs. Carole Henry made the motion to approve ASBA Insurance Trust Health Plan for 2020-2021. Mr. Tristan Wright seconded.

Mrs. Johnson outlined the current plan and the proposed plan for insurance. After discussing the current and proposed plans, the board decide to table this item. Mrs. Carole Henry asked for information as to what the cost would be to the school if employees were charged ten to twenty dollars. Mrs. Johnson stated she would bring more information to the next meeting.

Mr. Charlie Chavez made the motion to table Item 9. Mrs. Melissa Sharp seconded the motion.

Motion carries to table Item 7.

10. Discussion and Possible Action to Rescind Coaching Contracts for Soccer (Kristina Ellis and Eleazar Munoz) and Track (Traci Sparks and Kristina Ellis)

Motion: Mrs. Carole Henry made the motion to rescind coaching contracts for Soccer (Kristina Ellis and Eleazar Munoz) and Track (Traci Sparks and Kristina Ellis). Mrs. Melissa Sharp seconded.

Mrs. Johnson stated this is a better legal practice since we did not have soccer or track due to the school closure.

There was no discussion. Motion carries.

11. Future Items

a. Next meeting – May 12, 2020 at 5:00 pm

VIII. ADJOURN MEETING

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.

Motion: Mr. Charlie Chavez moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Carole Henry seconded. There was no discussion. Motion carries. The meeting adjourned at 4:21 pm.

Dated this 27th day of April, 2020
Delia Salcido, Governing Board Secretary

**AS YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS AGENDA, PLEASE TELEPHONE (928) 785-4942.
THANK YOU.**

Designated Board Member

Date

Delia Salcido, Board Secretary

Date