

Mohawk Valley School District #17

Minutes

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Date: Wednesday, August 12, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Ann Taylor, President (via telephone)
Mrs. Gina Richmond, Vice President
Mr. Carlos Farnsworth
Mr. Jacob Vint, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Michael Gillmore

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Shanna Johnson
Mrs. Delia Salcido

1. MEETING OPENING

- 1.1 Mrs. Gina Richmond called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm.
- 1.2 Mrs. Gina Richmond led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 1.3 Mrs. Gina Richmond called for a motion to adopt the agenda.
Mr. Jacob Vint made a motion to approve the agenda for the meeting, and seconded by Mr. Carlos Farnsworth.

There was no discussion. The motion carried, 4-0, with 1 member absent.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- 2.1 No Comments

3. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

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

3.1 Academic Report

Mrs. Johnson reported the following:

- The school year had a very smooth start.
- There was a very good turnout for Open House.
- The math training provided to teachers before school started was very successful and motivating.
- August 11, 2026 was the first parent group meeting. There are new officers for FY27:
 - President – Heather Vint
 - Vice-President – NA
 - Kelli Rico – Treasurer
 - Kim Hand – Secretary
- Adopted Reading Core Concerns for K-3:
 - Our reading core program, Benchmark Advance, was adopted with the literacy grant. It is no longer on the Arizona State Department's list of approved core reading programs.
 - Benchmark Advance did not submit the results of the required research criteria by the deadline this spring to be put on the list for 2026-27, therefore it is no longer approved.
 - Now the Arizona State Department is telling schools they need to find a replacement or will lose MOWR funds.
 - ADE reports that they are now fully enforcing guidelines.
 - This is leaving many districts across the state in a bad situation. Curriculum is very expensive to replace.
 - We have prepaid for the core through next school year. There was no plan on adopting a new core so it will take some strategy to plan for this.
 - The MOWR plan must state that we are taking steps forward towards a new adoption.
 - If we do not adhere to the rules, about \$8,000 could be lost in K-3 funding. This money is used to pay for a part of a teacher salary plus it is Arizona law.

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3.2 Budget Report

Mrs. Johnson reported the following:

- A high needs 6th grade student has enrolled. He will be in the self-contained classroom.
- ADM is 121 students, student enrollment is 127 students.
- The tax rate article from the Sun was presented to the board. According to the article, MVS needs to collect \$52, 506 with the original amount being \$74,071. A 915 was submitted to ADE to recoup approximately \$37,000 but have not heard back from ADE.

3.3 Housing Update

Mrs. Johnson reported the following:

- All tenants paid their rent on time in July.
- House 6 paid late in August.
- Tenant in Apartment 2 will be moving out due to job relocation.
- Tree has been removed from House 3.
- Fence removed from House 3 due to damage from tree
- Due to damage to the fence at House 3, we are currently seeking quotes for its replacement. The fence replacement was originally scheduled as part of FY28 Capital Plan; however, due to the damage, the project will need to be completed sooner.

3.4 Facilities Update

Mrs. Johnson reported the following:

- Had a few minor AC issues the first week.
- Obtained a quote from SK Fencing in the amount \$4,840 for a shade structure for the 300 building.

3.5 Water Plant Update

Mrs. Johnson reported the following:

- Water Outages:
 - There were water outages during PD days right before school started.
 - The outages were due to the fact that, per the engineer, sprinkler water was moved to portable water to circulate water. This made the pumps overwork and therefore water could not be made quick enough. This process has been discontinued for now.
 - The PLC (computer brain) also went out. This has been replaced.
- NSF Certified Pumps:
 - The concerns about pumps being NSF certified continue to be a debate.
 - Engineer stands by their stand that the pumps are certified due to the parts being certified.
 - There is a document from the vendor that it is certified.
 - The attorney has asked the Project Manager to create a package of all the information so it can be presented to DEQ for their approval.

3.6 General Items

Mrs. Johnson reported the following:

- Dudik Consulting Firm wants to have a community public meeting at MVS. The meeting is scheduled for September 30, 2026 at 5:00 pm.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Consideration of Approval of the Following Items:

- 4.1 Regular Board Minutes – July 8, 2026
- 4.2 Expense Vouchers (FY26) 1072, 1073, 1074 (FY27) 1000, 1001, 1004, 1005
- 4.3 Payroll Vouchers 1002, 1003
- 4.4 Bank Reconciliations for Student Activities, Revolving Fund, Cafeteria Fund – July 31, 2026
- 4.5 FY27 Extra Duty Stipend Agreement – Junior High Math Instructional Assignment
- 4.6 FY27 Fundraising for – 8th Grade, Student Council, Yearbook
- 4.7 8th Grade Sponsors

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- 4.8 Coaching Contracts for Girls Volleyball and Boys Football
- 4.9 FY27 Substitutes and Substitute Aides
- 4.10 FY27 Local Wellness Policy
- 4.11 FY27 Technology Disaster Recovery Plan
- 4.12 Emergency Operation Plan (School Safety Plan)
- 4.13 Transportation Handbook
- 4.14 FY27 301 Plan

Mrs. Johnson reported the following:

- Item 4.5 – Jennifer Puga and Brenda Luque will be paid a \$5,000 stipend for being teacher of record in math. This was overlooked on the July agenda, but board members were informed of this.
- Item 4.6 – 8th Grade and Student Council Fundraising needs to be board approved.
- Item 4.7 – Michelle Gutierrez and Clarissa Gutierrez have agreed to sponsor 8th grade Brooke Curtis and Tina Noble will still help guide them and potentially attend trips with them.
- Item 4.8 – Football coaches will be Teresa Yeghoian and Nydia Monge. Volleyball coaches will be Amy Jorajuria and Marixa Espinoza.
- Item 4.9 – Teacher Substitutes will be Teresa Yeghoian, Griselda Rivera and Karleen Locklear. Paraprofessional subs will be Evelyn Magallon and Marixa Espinoza.
- Item 4.10 – 4.13 – These are all routine plans that must be kept and approved each year. Mrs. Johnson stated that if at any point board members want to go over the Safety Plan, she can do that.
- Item 4.14 – 301 money is intended to go directly to teachers. She presented the changes to the board:
 - Increase hourly PD pay from \$40 to \$50
 - Increase base pay from \$3,000 to \$7,000
 - Made extra summer work day language flexible

Motion: Mrs. Gina Richmond called for a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Jacob Vint made the motion, and Mr. Carlos Farnsworth seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Mrs. Ann Taylor – Yes (via telephone)
Mrs. Gina Richmond – Yes
Mr. Carlos Farnsworth – Yes
Mr. Michael Gillmore – Absent
Mr. Jacob Vint – Yes

Motion carried.

5. ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Consideration to Approve Classified Pay Schedule

Mrs. Johnson stated that the Classified Pay Schedule was not presented to the board in July along with the other schedule.

Motion: Mrs. Gina Richmond asked for a motion to approve the Classified Pay Schedule. Mr. Carlos Farnsworth made the motion, and Mr. Jacob Vint seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Mrs. Ann Taylor – Yes (via telephone)
Mrs. Gina Richmond – Yes
Mr. Carlos Farnsworth – Yes
Mr. Michael Gillmore – Absent
Mr. Jacob Vint – Yes

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Motion carried.

5.2 Consideration to Approve the Release of Tenant in Apartment 2A Due to a Job Transfer Requiring Her to Relocate and Refund of Security Deposit

Mrs. Johnson stated that the tenant had a job transfer. The condition of the apartment is very clean and worthy of a deposit refund. The recommendation is a deposit refund.

Motion: Mrs. Gina Richmond asked for a motion to approve the release and deposit refund for Xochitl Valdez. Mr. Carlos Farnsworth made the motion, and Mr. Jacob Vint seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Mrs. Ann Taylor – Yes (via telephone)
Mrs. Gina Richmond – Yes
Mr. Carlos Farnsworth – Yes
Mr. Michael Gillmore – Absent
Mr. Jacob Vint – Yes

Motion carried.

5.3 Consideration and Possible Action to Appoint a Delegate to Represent Mohawk Valley School District #17 as the District Delegate to the Arizona School Boards Association Delegate Assembly to be Held on September 9, 2026

Mrs. Johnson stated that a delegate has not been selected in several years and asked if any members were interested then one can be selected. All board members stated they were not interested in attending.

Motion: Mrs. Gina Richmond asked for a motion to not appoint a delegate to represent Mohawk Valley School District #17 as the district delegate to the Arizona School Boards Association Delegate Assembly to be held on September 9, 2026. Mr. Carlos Farnsworth made the motion, and Mr. Jacob Vint seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Mrs. Ann Taylor – Yes (via telephone)
Mrs. Gina Richmond – Yes
Mr. Carlos Farnsworth – Yes
Mr. Michael Gillmore – Absent
Mr. Jacob Vint – Yes

Motion carried.

5.4 Governing Board to Discuss and May Consider Action to Approve the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Draft 2027 Political Agenda, and Direct the District's Delegate to the ASBA Delegate Assembly to Represent the Board's Determined Position

Mrs. Johnson stated that it is basically the same as it has been in the past.

Motion: Mrs. Gina Richmond asked for a motion to approve the Arizona School Boards Association (ASBA) Draft 2027 Political Agenda and Direct the District's Delegate to the ASBA Delegate Assembly to represent the board's determined position. Mr. Jacob Vint made the motion, and Mr. Carlos Farnsworth seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Mrs. Ann Taylor – Yes (via telephone)

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Mrs. Gina Richmond – Yes
Mr. Carlos Farnsworth – Yes
Mr. Michael Gillmore – Absent
Mr. Jacob Vint – Yes

Motion carried.

5.5 Consideration to Approve Policies 1047-1064

Mrs. Johnson stated that these policies include new laws and some updates to the format. She reviewed key points with board members.

Motion: Mrs. Gina Richmond asked for a motion to approve Policies 1047-1064. Mr. Carlos Farnsworth made the motion, and Mr. Jacob Vint seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Mrs. Ann Taylor – Yes (via telephone)
Mrs. Gina Richmond – Yes
Mr. Carlos Farnsworth – Yes
Mr. Michael Gillmore – Absent
Mr. Jacob Vint – Yes

Motion carried.

5.6 Consideration to Change and Approve Board Meeting Date and Time

Mrs. Johnson stated that this was discussed at last month's meeting and tabled it. After discussion it was determined to change meeting time to 5:30 p.m. and leave the day on the second Wednesday of each month. This change will start at the September meeting.

Motion: Mrs. Gina Richmond asked for a motion to approve keeping the board meetings the same date and changing the time to 5:30 pm. Mr. Jacob Vint made the motion, and Mr. Carlos Farnsworth seconded the motion.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

6.1 Regular Board Meeting – Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 5:45 pm

7. ADJOURNMENT

7.1 Consideration to Adjourn Meeting

Motion: Mrs. Gina Richmond asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Carlos Farnsworth made the motion to adjourn, and Mr. Jacob Vint seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:29 pm.

These are the draft minutes of the Governing Board meeting held on August 12, 2026. These minutes were prepared and made available for public inspection at the District Office, 5151 South Avenue 39E, Roll, Arizona.

Prepared this 17th day of August 2026
Delia Salcido, Governing Board Secretary

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Approved by the Governing Board on September 9, 2026

Designated Board Member

Delia Salcido, Governing Board Secretary