

Mohawk Valley School District #17

Minutes

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2026

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mrs. Ann Taylor, President
Mrs. Gina Richmond, Vice President
Mr. Carlos Farnsworth, Member
Mr. Michael Gillmore, Member
Mr. Jacob Vint, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Shanna Johnson
Mrs. Delia Salcido
Sherry Fajardo

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Ann Taylor called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Ann Taylor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mrs. Ann Taylor called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Mrs. Gina Richmond moved to approve the meeting agenda and to move discussion items 4, 5, and 6 to the beginning of the agenda. Mr. Michael Gillmore seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion. The motion carried by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No comments

MOVED ITEMS:

Item 4 – Action to Adjourn the Regular Governing Board Meeting and Convene into Executive Session Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3)

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), the Board may vote to hold an executive session to receive legal advice with the attorney for the public body regarding the Arizona Auditor General Performance Audit Report 25-207, issued in August 2025, and Report 25-213, issued in November 2025, and related legal issues

At 5:48 pm. Mrs. Gina Richmond made a motion to move into Executive Session. It was seconded by Mr. Jacob Vint. The motion carried by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

At 6:06 pm Mr. Carlos Farnsworth made a motion to move out of Executive Session. It was seconded by Mr. Jacob Vint. The motion carried by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

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Item 5 – Discussion and possible action to affirm Board’s legal authority to pay additional compensation to its superintendent, business manager, facilities manager, and principal secretary for the fiscal year 2024.

Mrs. Gina Richmond made the motion to affirm the Board’s legal authority to pay additional compensation to its Superintendent, Business Manager, Facilities Manager, and Principal Secretary for the fiscal year 2024. Mr. Jacob Vint Seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Motion carried.

Item 6 – Authorization for legal counsel to proceed as directed by the Governing Board in executive session

Mr. Carlos Farnsworth made the motion to authorize legal counsel to proceed as directed by the Governing Board in Executive Session. Mrs. Gina Richmond seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

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

Motion carried.

5. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

A. Administrator Reports

a) Academic Report

Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- Parent/Teacher Conference being held February 11th and 12th
- 1st – 3rd grades will be taking a field trip to the Zoo in March
- There will be a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Tacna Park on Wednesday, March 4th
- There was a PreK-Kinder field trip to the feedlot a few weeks ago
- AZELLA testing for ELL students is being done. This is done once a year. We get points on A-F letter grade for students moving to proficient level
- 8th grade students will be having a pickleball tournament with the winter visitors on February 18th
- Math Teaching Partners were on campus for instructional rounds to observe math lessons. A great opportunity for our teachers.
- Mrs. Johnson is doing Teacher Evaluations
- We have three new students living in Tacna: A kindergarten, a 2nd grader who is blind and a 6th grader. Mrs. Richmond inquired about meeting the blind student’s needs. Mrs. Johnson stated that the School for the Deaf and the Blind will provide braille devise and instructional support on campus

b) Budget Report

Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- Mrs. Johnson reviewed the January 2026 Financial Risk Report from the Auditor General. She stated that MVS is no longer among the highest risk districts.
- The Tax Levy situation has been shared with Senator Dunn. Waiting to hear back from his office of any outcomes.

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- The regular annual audit has taken place. This has been one of the best audits ever with just a few findings. Details will be shared once audit has been finalized.

c) Housing Update

Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- An action item will be added to the March agenda to determine whether or not to keep housing
- More information has been provided to board members for their review before a formal vote can be made
- The kitchen cabinets in Apartment 5 were in very poor condition when the tenant vacated. They must be replaced. We have obtained quotes that range from \$7,200 to \$10,000
- The following rental documents were provided:
 - Rental Application
 - References
 - Current rental situation and landlord
 - Credit and criminal check was added in case it is needed
 - Rental Addendums
 - Pet Addendum
 - Occupant List
 - Security Deposit
 - Check-in/Check-out Condition Checklist
- The following was discussed:
 - The pet addendum is being broken
 - The pet addendum might need to be more than \$100
 - More emphasis on pets and following the addendum and limited number and size of pets
 - Updates to Rental Agreement – updates will be shared in March
 - Updates in procedures – updates will be shared in March
 - Need to carefully consider how to handle tenants that renew leases. Have better walk throughs before a continuation of lease is granted and enforcement of lease
 - Need to enhance how to capture photos prior to renters moving in and with renewals
 - Two rental rates rather than a reduced rate for employees or same rate for everyone. Need to think this through depending on what ASRS tells us about reporting reduced rates as income for MVS staff.

d) Facilities Update

Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- Still working on the Capital Plan with Arcadis. A draft has been sent and requested several changes to the document
- Tacna Sand and Gravel came to measure for the sand and gravel needed for the playground. We hope this will be at least a partial donation.

e) Water Plant Updates

Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- SFD has approved all funding. Construction phase of the air stripping tower has begun

f) General Items

Mrs. Johnson informed the board of the following:

- Conflict of Interest training will be done in March instead of tonight
- Mrs. Elizabeth Arredondo is the Teacher of the Year. TOY Banquet will be April 30th
- MVS photos of bathrooms before renovation was featured in ASBA email that gives information about School Facilities and Advocacy Day

B. Governing Board Member Comments

No comments

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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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.

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- a) January 14, 2026 – Regular Board Meeting and Executive Session Meeting

Expense Vouchers

- b) Expense Voucher 1036 \$215,345.92
c) Expense Voucher 1039 \$ 31,582.80

Payroll Vouchers

- d) Payroll Voucher 1035 \$55,501.73
e) Payroll Voucher 1037 \$64,153.74
f) Payroll Voucher 1038 \$ 2,521.96

Account Reconciliations

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

Other

- i) Approve IGA with Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind
j) Donations
 • JH Engineering – \$10,000
k) Approval of the Following:
 • Vehicle Agreement
 • Vehicle IGA with Antelope Union High School

Mrs. Gina Richmond abstained from voting on Payroll Vouchers #1035 and #1037 due to a conflict of interest, as Mrs. Teresa Yeghoian (Mrs. Richmond's sister) was paid on those vouchers.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor called for a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Carlos Farnsworth made the motion. Mr. Jacob Vint seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows:

Mrs. Ann Taylor – Yes
Mrs. Gina Richmond – Abstain
Mr. Carlos Farnsworth – Yes
Mr. Michael Gillmore – Yes
Mr. Jacob Vint – Yes

Motion carried.

7. ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Policy 960

Mrs. Johnson stated that this expands the federal grant review from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000. This will not apply to Mohawk Valley because that threshold will never be reached in a fiscal year

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve Policy 960. Mr. Jake Vint made the motion to approve. Mr. Carlos Farnsworth seconded. The motion carried by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

2. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Shanna Johnson as Authority to Manage Housing

Mrs. Johnson stated this is a formality. She needs this so she can make formal decisions for housing.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve Shanna Johnson as authority to manage housing. Mrs. Gina Richmond made the motion to approve. Mr. Jake Vint seconded. The motion carried by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

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3. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve FY27 Student Calendar, 10-Month Employee Calendar and 12-Month Employee Calendar

Mrs. Johnson stated that the calendars are nearly the same as the current year calendar. We are taking the day after fair week off since every other school in East Yuma County is taking it off. The PD day in May has been removed.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve FY27 Student Calendar, 10-Month Employee Calendar and 12-Month Employee Calendar. Mr. Carlos Farnsworth made the motion to approve. Mrs. Gina Richmond seconded. The motion carried by a vote of 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

8. FUTURE ITEMS

- Next Board Meeting – March 11, 2026 – Regular Board Meeting at 5:45 pm

9. 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 6:45 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 19th day of January 2026
Delia Salcido, Governing Board Secretary

Designated Board Member

Date

Delia Salcido, Board Secretary

Date