

Mohawk Valley School District #17

Minutes

TRUTH IN TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING BUDGET ADOPTION PUBLIC HEARING REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Date: Monday, July 14, 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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Ann Taylor called the meeting to order at 5:00 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. Motion to approve the agenda for the meeting made by Mrs. Gina Richmond, seconded by Mrs. Judy Simmons.

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

4. TRUTH IN TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING

Mohawk Valley School District is notifying its property taxpayers of the District's intention to raise its primary property taxes over the current level to pay for increased expenditures in those areas where the Governing Board has the authority to increase property taxes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025. The District is proposing an increase in its primary property tax levy of \$425,000. The amount proposed above will cause the District's primary property taxes on a \$100,000 home to be \$201.8393. These amounts proposed are above the qualifying tax levies as prescribed by state law, if applicable. The increase is also exclusive of any changes that may occur from property tax levies for voter approved bonded indebtedness or budget and tax overrides.

5. BUDGET ADOPTION HEARING

Mrs. Johnson stated that the budget being presented for adoption is the same as the proposed budget presented on June 30, 2025.

6. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No comments

7. INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

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

A. Administrator Reports

a) Budget Report

Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- All federal grants have been placed on a hold until further notice. For MVS it is over \$60,000 that cannot be accessed. Employees will continue to be paid but it may cause a cash problem since the funds cannot be drawn down.

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b) Academic Report

Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- Teachers return July 30, 2025 for in-service.
- Students return August 4, 2025. The first three days will be half-days.
- The back-to-school letter sent to families was shared with board members.
- Open House will be August 6, 2025 at 5:30 pm.
- Mrs. Johnson presented to the board the list of staff members and their positions for FY26.

c) Facilities Report

Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- Two-year final warranty walk was on July 14, 2025, to look for any final warranty items that need to be repaired. The warranty expires in August.
- Mrs. Johnson reviewed a few of the items mentioned in the walk.
- A maintenance binder has been created where all repairs and assessments will be recorded.

d) Water Plant Report

Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- The air stripping tower pilot has been installed. The first set of samples have been taken to the lab. The pilot testing will run for five weeks.

e) General Items

Mrs. Johnson informed the board of the following:

- No General Report

B. Governing Board Member Comments

No comments

8. 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.

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- a) June 17, 2025 – Regular Board Meeting
- b) June 30, 2025 – Proposed Budget Meeting

Expense Vouchers

c) Expense Voucher 1066	FY2025	\$ 32,000.05
d) Expense Voucher 1070	FY2025	\$ 79,828.21
e) Expense Voucher 1071	FY2025	\$343,872.28
f) Expense Voucher 1072	FY2025	\$ 4,338.00
g) Expense Voucher 1000	FY2026	\$ 47,965.22

Payroll Vouchers

h) Payroll Voucher 26	\$50,327.72
i) Payroll Voucher 27	\$50,771.29
j) Payroll Voucher 28	\$27,111.19
k) Payroll Voucher 29	\$26,217.20

Account Reconciliations

- l) Student Activities – 6/30/2025
- m) All Accounts – 6/30/2025

Other

- n) Approve Revised Contracts for 12-Month Employees

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- One day needs to be added to the 12-month employee contracts because a day was missed on the calendar.
- o) Approve Revised Coaching Contract
 - A sentence was added to the contract to include when a season may be cut short.
 - Added a paragraph about employee vs. non-employee benefits.
- p) Approve Coaching Contracts for Football and Volleyball
 - Football coaches will be Charles Fowler and Michael McDaniel
 - Volleyball coach will be Amy Jorajuria. We will continue to look for another volleyball coach since no one else has committed.
- q) Approve Revised Stipend Agreement
 - An agreement for extra duty stipends has been created. This is a new practice we have implemented, we have not had a detailed agreement in the past.
- r) Approve FY2026 Stipends for All Employees
 - The list of stipends and duties was reviewed with board members. Mrs. Johnson explained the concept behind a stipend.
- s) Approve 301 Performance Plan for 2025-2026
 - This is a mandated plan per ARS statute.
- t) Approve LTRS Special Stipend for Teachers that Complete the LTRS Coursework
 - Teachers who complete the LTRS Coursework at the end of the year will receive a stipend.
- u) Approve 8th Grade, Student Council, Yearbook and Cheerleading as Clubs for 2025-2026
 - Clubs must be approved because money cycles through activity funds.
- v) Approve Shanna Johnson for Authorization to Approve All 2025-2026 Student Activity Fundraising Requests
 - This is just a formality. Mrs. Johnson needs to be approved so she can approve Student Activity Fundraising.
- w) Approve 2025-2026 Fundraising Events for 8th Grade and Student Council
 - This is just a formality. Some activities may be adjusted and minor adjustments will be authorized by Mrs. Johnson.
- x) Approve 2025-2026 Yearbook Fundraising to be Sponsored through Donations and Selling of Yearbooks
 - This is just a formality. Fundraising for yearbook is through sponsorships and donations.
- y) Approve MOU and MOA between Mohawk Valley School District and WACOG Head Start
 - This is just a formality. WACOG services children through all of Wellton/Mohawk Community.
- z) Approve Neil Johnson as Student Discipline Hearing Officer
 - Neil Johnson is used as a hearing officer for level 3 discipline issues.
- aa) Approve Shanna Johnson's Appointment to the Yuma County Education Foundation as the East Yuma County Representative
 - This is just a formality per the Ed Foundation Bi-Laws.

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

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

9. ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Property Tax Levy for Small School Adjustment

Mrs. Johnson stated that this is to approve the \$425,000 property tax levy on primary taxes for the Small School Adjustment.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve property tax levy for Small School Adjustment. Mrs. Ann Taylor made the motion to approve. Mrs. Judy Simmons seconded.

There was no discussion. Vote: Mrs. Ann Taylor – Yes, Mrs. Gina Richmond – Yes, Mrs. Judy Simmons – Yes, Mr. Carlos Farnsworth – absent. Mr. Tristan Wright - Absent. Motion carries.

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2. **Discussion and Possible Action to Approve and Adopt the FY2026 Budget**
Mrs. Johnson stated that the budget needs to be approved as presented.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve and adopt the FY2026 Budget as presented. Mrs. Gina Richmond made the motion to approve. Mrs. Judy Simmons seconded.

There was no discussion. Vote: Mrs. Ann Taylor – Yes, Mrs. Gina Richmond – Yes, Mrs. Judy Simmons – Yes, Mr. Carlos Farnsworth – absent. Mr. Tristan Wright - Absent. Motion carries.

3. **Discussion and Possible Action to Approve 4% Raise Retroactive July 1, 2025 for Certified and Classified Staff**

Mrs. Johnson stated that she is proposing a 4% equal raise for all certified and all classified staff. The raise needs to be retroactive July1, 2025.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to a 4% raise retroactive July 1, 2025 for all Certified and Classified staff. Mrs. Gina Richmond made the motion to approve. Mrs. Judy Simmons seconded.

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

4. **Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Revised Certified Salary Schedule for FY2026**

Mrs. Johnson stated that the 4% needs to be on the salary schedule in order to keep new hire rates competitive and up with the 4% raises.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve the revised certified salary schedule for FY2026. Mrs. Judy Simmons made the motion to approve. Mrs. Gina Richmond seconded.

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

5. **Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Revised FY2026 Student, 10-Month and 12-Month Employee Calendars**

Mrs. Johnson stated that a day was left off in September on the student and 10-month calendars so an adjustment needs to be made. A paid day was left off the 12-month employee calendar.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve the revised FY2026 calendars. Mrs. Gina Richmond made the motion to approve. Mrs. Judy Simmons seconded.

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

6. **Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Student Handbook for FY2026**

Mrs. Johnson stated that no major changes were made to the student handbook. Just a few clerical and reference fixes.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve the FY2026 student handbook. Mrs. Gina Richmond made the motion to approve. Mrs. Judy Simmons seconded.

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

7. **Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Employee Handbook**

Mrs. Johnson stated that no major changes were made to the employee handbook. Just a few reference changes. This was implemented last year and staff members sign off on it each year.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve the employee handbook. Mrs. Gina Richmond made the motion to approve. Mrs. Judy Simmons seconded.

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

8. **Discussion and Possible Action to Approve to Change Regular Board Meeting Date and Time**

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Mrs. Johnson stated that it had been agreed to change the meeting date to the second Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve changing the regular board meeting date and time. Mrs. Gina Richmond made the motion to approve. Mrs. Judy Simmons seconded.

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

9. Discussion on Policy 808

Mrs. Johnson stated that this is a regulation and does not need board approval, only board awareness.

10. FUTURE ITEMS

- Next Board Meeting – August 13, 2025 – Regular Board Meeting

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Judy Simmons made the motion to adjourn. Mrs. Ann Taylor seconded. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 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 17th day of July, 2025
Delia Salcido, Governing Board Secretary

Designated Board Member

Date

Delia Salcido, Board Secretary

Date