

Mohawk Valley School District #17

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BOND PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Date: Wednesday, November 12, 2025

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Tristan Wright, Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Shanna Johnson
Mrs. Delia Salcido
Kim Hand
Nydia Monge
Tammy Valdez
Ezekiel Valdez
Charlotte DeVries
Sara Vaughan
Wesley DeVries
Teresa Yeghoian

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Ann Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:00 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: 4 for – 0 against – 1 absent
Motion carried unanimously.

At this time, 8th Grade students, Ezekiel Valdez and Charlotte DeVries, along with their sponsor, Mrs. Nydia Monge were given the opportunity to present their agenda for the field trip.

This year it will consist of two 1-day trips. The first one will be on March 13, 2026 to Out of Africa in Camp Verde, Arizona. The cost of this trip will be \$1,450.60. The second trip will be on May 1, 2026 to Scottsdale, Arizona. The cost of this trip will be \$3,405.15. Due to the fact that the liability on overnight trips has increased significantly, there will be no overnight trips. The total cost of the field trips will be \$4,855.75.

At this time, Ms. Kim Hand gave a presentation on the A-F Letter Grade Data. MVS is a “B” school, missing an “A” by 0.09 of a point. She presented the A-F indicators which are Proficiency, Growth, EL and Acceleration Readiness. She presented the points on how MVS obtained the letter grade.

4. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No comments

5. 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:

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- Mrs. Johnson explained to board members the audit findings on the Performance Audit Report- Report 1, the recommendations to correct the findings and how to navigate to the key points in the report. She stated that every performance audit will have findings.
- The funds for the Tax Collection for San Diego Electric have been taken out of the September Property Taxes in the amount of \$41,564.50 which is half of the total amount owed.

b) Academic Report

Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

➤ Heat Related Situation:

- The Fall Festival had a very good turnout. There were no issues.
- The Veteran's Day Assembly was November 10, 2025. It was a wonderful event with a nice community attendance.
- The Thanksgiving Lunch will be on November 13, 2025. Eighty parents signed up for the lunch.
- This year's Christmas Program will be the North Pole Got Talent Program. It will be on December 17, 2025.
- There will be a coach from the Math Teaching Partnership coming on November 17, 2025 to observe and offer feedback to teacher lessons.

c) Facilities Report

Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- There is a repair needed on one of the HVAC units in the gym. It will have a cost of approximately \$3,000. It is no longer under warranty.
- We are now using Hyatt Refrigeration for HVAC repairs and services.
- The termites in the gym are finally being treated. It has taken some extra coordinating to do this treatment.

d) Water Plant Report

Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- The air stripping tower design was submitted to ADEQ on November 12, 2025.
- The construction of the underground cistern is near completion.

e) Housing Updates

Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- There are two tenants that are late on their rent. One of the tenants called to inform us that she is in the hospital. She was told that there will still be a late charge to her rent.
- One tenant was given an eviction letter last month. One has not yet been sent out for this month.
- Another tenant was given an eviction notice because she had people living with her that should not have been there. To our knowledge they are no longer living there.

f) General Items

Mrs. Johnson informed the board of the following:

- Mrs. Johnson stated that Mohawk Valley School was highlighted and quoted in the judge's ruling on the Capital Lawsuit.
- On November 6, 2025, Mrs. Johnson and eight other school superintendents met with the Attorney General Kris Mayes to make her aware of the capital lawsuit. Each district shared their own stories.
- A group of about ten superintendents, led by Mrs. Johnson, are beginning a conversation about creating a movement to change the SSA ADM floor from 125 to around 200 students.
- The Superintendent Evaluation will be emailed to board members.
- There was a 5th grade student that dislocated her knee. The teamwork to take care of this issue was amazing.

B. Governing Board Member Comments

No comments

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6. 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) October 14, 2025 – Regular Board Meeting and Executive Session Meeting

Expense Vouchers

- b) Expense Voucher 1022 \$215,345.92
c) Expense Voucher 1024 \$ 31,582.80

Payroll Vouchers

- d) Payroll Voucher 06 \$65,159.10
e) Payroll Voucher 07 \$69,777.95
f) Payroll Voucher 08 \$68,282.56
g) Payroll Voucher 09 \$60,807.96
h) Payroll Voucher 10 \$66,051.87

Prior to the approval of Voucher 06-10, the following abstentions were recorded due to conflicts of interest:

- Mrs. Gina Richmond abstained from any discussion or approval regarding the pay and the coaching contract of her sister, Teresa Yeghoian.
- Mr. Carlos Farnsworth abstained from any discussion or approval regarding the pay of his wife, Rachel Farnsworth.

With these abstentions noted for the record, both Mrs. Richmond and Mr. Farnsworth were permitted to vote on the approval of Voucher 06-10, excluding any consideration of the compensation or contract items for the individuals identified above.

Account Reconciliations

- i) Student Activities – 10/31/2025
j) All Accounts – 10/31/2025

Other

- k) Donations
- Yuma Fresh Vegetables, GoAg Organization - \$1,262
 - We were awarded the GoAG garden grant in the amount of \$1,262. Mrs. Tiffany Ott and Ms. Kim Hand will work on this in the spring.
- l) Approve Boys' Basketball Coaching Contract for Teresa Yeghoian
- m) Approve FY26 Gifted Education Scope and Sequence Criteria
- This is protocol. Gifted has not been updated since 2019. This has to be submitted to the Federal Title I Grant Cycle.
 - For this year we hope to begin an afterschool group.
- n) Approve FY26 Execution of Warrants for Expenses and Payroll
- This is protocol but was overlooked for approval in July.
- o) Approval of IGA with ADE/Teaching Partners
- This is an IGA to receive funds for the special math program we are going through ADE for the coaching and training that staff are doing.
 - It has been signed by the attorney, which is protocol.
- p) Approval of the Following Procedures:
- Payroll Processing Procedures
 - Overtime and Extra Time Procedures and Request Form
 - Key Sign-in and Sign-out Procedures
 - Vehicle Mileage Procedures
 - Purchasing and Check-in Process Procedures
 - New Employee Onboarding Procedures, New Hire Technology Form, Technology Procedures for New Employees

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- We have had good procedures, but were not all in an updated written format.

Motion: Mrs. Taylor asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda as stated above. Mrs. Gina Richmond made the motion to approve. Mr. Carlos Farnsworth seconded.

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

7. ACTION ITEMS

1. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve FY26 8th Grade Field Trip

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve the FY26 8th Grade Field Trip. Mrs. Gina Richmond made the motion to approve. Mr. Carlos Farnsworth seconded.

There was no discussion. Vote were as follows:

Mrs. Ann Taylor – Yes
Mrs. Gina Richmond – Yes
Mr. Carlos Farnsworth – Yes
Mrs. Judy Simmons – Yes
Mr. Tristan Wright - Absent

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Delegation of Authority to Shanna Johnson for Approval of Overtime and Extra Time for FY26

Mrs. Johnson stated that she needs to be delegated authority to approve overtime and extra time.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to delegate authority to Shanna Johnson to approve overtime and extra time. Mrs. Gina Richmond made the motion to approve. Mr. Carlos Farnsworth seconded.

There was no discussion. Vote were as follows:

Mrs. Ann Taylor – Yes
Mrs. Gina Richmond – Yes
Mr. Carlos Farnsworth – Yes
Mrs. Judy Simmons – Yes
Mr. Tristan Wright - Absent

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Capital Plan Development with Arcadis

Mrs. Johnson stated that Arcadis will create a capital plan per the audit finding. She stated that she reached out to two other entities for quotes to make sure it was properly procured. One entity was a no response and DLR has provided a quote. It is in our best interest to approve Arcadis since they worked with us through the construction phase and with the Water Treatment Plant.

Motion: Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve the capital plan development with Arcadis. Mr. Carlos Farnsworth made the motion to approve. Mrs. Judy Simmons seconded.

There was no discussion. Vote were as follows:

Mrs. Ann Taylor – Yes
Mrs. Gina Richmond – Yes
Mr. Carlos Farnsworth – Yes
Mrs. Judy Simmons – Yes
Mr. Tristan Wright - Absent

Motion carried unanimously.

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4. Action to Adjourn the Regular Governing Board Meeting and Convene into Executive Session to Discuss the Performance Audit Report 1 Draft as per A.R.S. 38-431.A.1

Mr. Carlos Farnsworth moved to enter into executive session Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38.431.03.A.1 to discuss the Performance Audit Report 2 Draft at 7:27 pm.

Moved out of Executive Session and back into Regular Session at 8:01 pm

8. FUTURE ITEMS

- **Next Board Meeting – December 10, 2025 – Regular Board Meeting**

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 8:15 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 14th day of November, 2025
Delia Salcido, Governing Board Secretary

Designated Board Member

Date

Delia Salcido, Board Secretary

Date

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EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING

Date: Wednesday, November 12, 2025

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Mrs. Gina Richmond, Vice-President
Mr. Carlos Farnsworth, Member
Mrs. Judy Simmons, Member

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Tristan Wright, Clerk

OTHERS PRESENT: Mrs. Shanna Johnson
Mrs. Delia Salcido

The Governing Board of the Mohawk Valley School District met in an Executive Session meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2025, at Mohawk Valley School, 5151 S. Avenue 39E. Roll, Arizona.

Mr. Carlos Farnsworth moved to enter into executive session Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38.431.03.A.1 to discuss the Performance Audit Report 2 Final Draft at 7:27 pm.

Mrs. Johnson stated that this is an update on the Performance Audit Report 2. She went over the findings and the District recommendations. She stated that the final report will be published this week. .

Moved out of executive session and back to regular session at 8:01 pm.

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Dated this 14th day of November, 2025
Delia Salcido, Governing Board Secretary

Designated Board Member

Date

Delia Salcido, Board Secretary

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