

# Mohawk Valley School District #17

## Minutes

### BOND PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Date: Tuesday, October 14, 2025

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mrs. Judy Simmons, 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 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 Mr. Carlos Farnsworth, seconded by Mrs. Gina Richmond.

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

#### 4. PUBLIC HEARING

Mrs. Johnson stated that a public hearing has to be held annually to review bond and M&O Override expenditures and updates. There are approximately \$30,000 left in the bond fund that need to be spend within the next year. The plan for the funds will either be used for the apartment septic if appropriate, or to purchase a shade for the playground.

She also stated that for the M&O Override the funds will be used for raises and to keep the current staff.

#### 5. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No comments

#### 6. 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:**

- San Diego Gas and Electric has won a lawsuit in regards to their assessed value. Mohawk Valley School will have to return \$74,071.20 in taxes.
- Mrs. Johnson has spoken to the ASA Director of Government Affairs and to the Education Policy Advisor on the tax levy issue. Still working through a possible solution.
- We have met with ASRS in regards to the rental income for one of our tenants. Information has been collected and has been sent to the attorney for review. Once this is done it will be sent to ASRS.
- Housing procedures have been created and will be brought to the November board meeting for review.
- We are still working on the Capital Plan. We have not received a quote from Arcadis.

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### b) Academic Report

Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

#### ➤ Heat Related Situation:

- We had our Special Education Monitoring on October 2, 2025. We have not received the official report but we were told we are in self-monitoring and there are a few things that need to be corrected.
- We will be losing the Yuma County Library in July of 2026.
- Ashley Jones, the Yuma County Library Director, is working with their attorney to see how Mohawk Valley School can keep some or all of the books.
- We have applied for a \$1,500 grant through the Yuma Fresh Vegetables, GoAg Organization for build a garden.
- Tri-Valley has never returned phone calls on whether they can be present during sporting events.
- The Fall Festival and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade BBQ will be held on October 29, 2025.
- There will be a Patriotic Assembly on November 10, 2025 at 9:00 am.

### c) Facilities Report

Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- Nothing to Report.

### d) Water Plant Report

Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- SFD has been slow in approving change orders.
- There are three (3) change orders waiting approval. This is stalling the progress and is becoming concerning. The change orders have been signed by the liaison but have not been signed above her level.
- Design fees cannot be approved until the assessment BRG's are signed.

### e) Housing Updates

Mrs. Johnson stated the following:

- There is one tenant that had not paid the October rent. Everyone else is caught up.
- A tenant has been given a 10-day eviction notice because they have extra people living with them that are not on the lease.

### f) General Items

Mrs. Johnson informed the board of the following:

- Board members are now considered mandatory reporters. Mrs. Fajardo will be sending them a training video to complete.

## B. Governing Board Member Comments

No comments

## 7. 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) September 10, 2025 – Regular Board Meeting and Executive Session Meeting

### Expense Vouchers

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| b) Expense Voucher 1014 | \$ 64,983.05 |
| c) Expense Voucher 1015 | \$ 6,215.60  |
| d) Expense Voucher 1017 | \$ 29,686.95 |
| e) Expense Voucher 1020 | \$306,922.57 |

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### Payroll Vouchers

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| f) | Payroll Voucher 06   | \$65,159.10 |
| g) | Payroll Voucher 06.1 | \$13,059.48 |
| h) | Payroll Voucher 07   | \$69,777.95 |
| i) | Payroll Voucher 08   | \$68,282.56 |
| j) | Payroll Voucher 08.1 | \$ 478.60   |

Mrs. Johnson stated that Mr. Carlos Farnsworth and Mrs. Gina Richmond would need to abstain from voting on Payroll Vouchers 06, 07, and 08 as Mrs. Raquel Farnsworth (Mr. Farnsworth's wife) and Mrs. Teresa Yeghoian (Mrs. Richmond's sister) were paid on those vouchers.

### Account Reconciliations

- k) Student Activities – 9/30/2025
- l) All Accounts – 9/30/2025

### Other

- m) Donations
  - Sports Donations
    - ✓ Sellers Petroleum - \$250
    - ✓ Naquin Precision Earth Moving - \$2,000
    - ✓ Blohm Farms - \$100
    - ✓ Smith Farms - \$500
    - ✓ Ross Ernest - \$500
    - ✓ Curry Ridge Ranch - \$100
    - ✓ Desert Excavating - \$1,000
    - ✓ DLR Group - \$500
    - ✓ Desert Surveying & Engineering - \$1,500
    - ✓ Pioneer Title Agency - \$200
    - ✓ Pete's Body Shop - \$100
    - ✓ Four Little Devils Farm - \$500
    - ✓ Sunstate Environmental Services - \$150
  - We have collected more than \$11,000 in donations.
- n) Approve Coaching Contracts for Boys Basketball and Girls Softball
  - Boys' basketball coaches will be Teresa Yeghoian and Kevin Yeghoian.
  - Girls' softball coaches will be Amy Jorajuria and Marixa Espinoza.

Mrs. Johnson stated that Mrs. Gina Richmond would need to abstain from voting on Mrs. Teresa Yeghoian's girls' softball coaching contract due to a conflict of interest.

**Motion:** Mrs. Ann Taylor asked if anything needed to be pulled from the consent agenda. Mrs. Johnson suggested that Payroll Vouchers 06, 07, and 08 and the approval of the girls' softball coaching contract for Teresa Yeghoian be pulled due to the lack of a quorum to vote on these items.

Mrs. Taylor then asked for a motion to accept the consent agenda excluding Payroll Vouchers 06, 07, and 08, and excluding girls' softball coaching contract due to the quorum concerns. Mrs. Gina Richmond made the motion to approve. Mr. Carlos Farnsworth seconded.

The following items were accepted as part of the consent agenda: g, j, k, l, m and n (only the boys' basketball coaching contracts and the girls' softball coaching contracts, excluding Mrs. Yeghoian's contract).

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

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### 8. ACTION ITEMS

#### 1. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve FY25 AFR

Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Salcido went over the FY25 AFR expenses.

**Motion:** Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve the FY25 AFR. Mr. Carlos Farnsworth made the motion to approve. Mrs. Gina Richmond seconded.

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

#### 2. Discussion and Possible Action to Accept Letter of Resignation for Estefania Talamantes

Mrs. Johnson stated that Ms. Talamantes has elected to resign and stay at home with her baby.

**Motion:** Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve Letter of Resignation for Estefania Talamantes. 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 – Absent; Mr. Tristan Wright - Absent. Motion carried.

#### 3. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Credit Card Procedures

Mrs. Johnson stated that the board reviewed the credit card procedures in September and there were no changes.

**Motion:** Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve Credit Card Procedures. Mr. Carlos Farnsworth made the motion to approve. Mrs. Gina Richmond seconded.

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

#### 4. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Policies 917-958

**Motion:** Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve Policies 917-958. Mr. Carlos Farnsworth made the motion to approve. Mrs. Gina Richmond seconded.

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

#### 5. Discussion and Possible Action to Approve Policy 959

**Motion:** Mrs. Ann Taylor asked for a motion to approve Policy 959. Mr. Carlos Farnsworth made the motion to approve. Mrs. Gina Richmond seconded.

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

#### 6. 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

Mrs. Gina Richmond moved to enter into executive session Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38.431.03.A.1 to discuss the Performance Audit Report 1 Draft at 6:48 pm.

Moved out of Executive Session and back into Regular Session at 7:07 pm

### 9. FUTURE ITEMS

- Next Board Meeting – November 12, 2025 – Regular Board Meeting

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10. 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 7:08 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025  
Delia Salcido, Governing Board Secretary

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| Designated Board Member        | Date  |
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| Delia Salcido, Board Secretary | Date  |

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### EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING

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Mr. Carlos Farnsworth, Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Mrs. Judy Simmons, Member  
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, October 14, 2025, at Mohawk Valley School, 5151 S. Avenue 39E. Roll, Arizona.

Mr. Gina Richmond moved to enter into executive session Pursuant to A.R.S. Section 38.431.03.A.1 to discuss the Performance Audit Report 1 Draft at 8:02 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 we will submit a draft response by Friday, October 17, 2025. She also stated that we are meeting with auditors and attorney on Tuesday, October 21, 2025.

Moved out of executive session and back to regular session at 7:07 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2025  
Delia Salcido, Governing Board Secretary

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Designated Board Member

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Date

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Delia Salcido, Board Secretary

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