

**Mohawk Trail Regional School District
School Committee Meeting
May 20, 2015
7:00 p.m. – Superintendent’s Conference Room at Mohawk**

Agenda

- I. Call meeting to order
- II. Student/Staff Presentation/Reports
 - A. Scott Halligan – Mohawk Music Department Competition Trip
 - B. Day on the Hill – Mohawk Students and School Committee Members
 - C. Technology Update – Dustin Bernier and Virginia Wiswell
- III. Approve minutes of the April 15 and 27, 2015, meetings
- IV. Presentation/Citizen Comment
- V. School Reports – included in packets – for questions only
 - A. Principal Reports
 - B. Director of Pupil Personnel Services Report
 - C. Directors of Curriculum & Assessments Reports
- VI. Subcommittee Reports – included in packets – for questions only
- VII. Action Items

<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Vote to accept DOER SAPHIRE Grant (\$145,313) and move forward with installation of a wood pellet heating system at Heath Elementary School, pending approval of the Town of Heath to borrow the portion of the expense not funded by the grant (estimated to be \$35,105)2. Vote to approve 2015 – 2016 calendar3. Budget Transfer(s), if necessary4. CD and/or Nilman Fund Transfer(s), if necessary5. ECAB Use of Audio and Video for School Security – 2nd Read and Adoption

- VIII. School Committee Chair Report
 - A. Annual Town Meetings
 - FY16 Budget Votes
 - BSE Capital Vote – Shelburne
 - Post Mortem on the FY16 budget process (Martha Thurber)
 - FY17 Budget Approach
 - B. School Committee Self Evaluation (Martha Thurber)
 - C. School Committee Training –
 - May – No training scheduled
 - June 22, 2015 – topic to be determined
- IX. Superintendent’s Report
 - A. Proposed FY16 School Budget
 - B. Proposed FY16 Capital Budget
 - C. DOER SAPHIRE Grant Update (Wood Pellet Heating System)
 - D. Proposed 2015-2016 Calendar
 - E. Technology Improvement Planning
- X. Business Administrator’s Report
 - A. FY14 End of Year Report Audit

- B. FY15 Operating Statement (to be distributed at the meeting)
- C. FY16 Local Aid Estimates – Senate Ways and Means Budget

XI. Unfinished business

XII. Correspondence/Handouts

- A. April 2015 letter from Mohawk School Committee to Parents and Community Members re: Massachusetts Broadband Institute / Wired West
- B. April 2, 2015, letter from Town of Buckland Board of Selectmen re: Preschool
- C. April 16, 2015, response to Town of Shelburne Select Board re: Shelburne's request to reduce the budget by \$100,000
- D. April 22, 2015, letter from John Payne, Chairman, Town of Shelburne Board of Selectmen, re: Shelburne Selectmen's decision to recommend voting against MTRSD proposed budget and proposed capital expenditures
- E. April 27, 2015, response to Shelburne's April 22 letter
- F. April 27, 2015, Thank you letter to Barnhardt Manufacturing Company
- G. April 28, 2015, email from Judy Willis to member towns re: Vote to Pass Over Regional Agreement Warrant Article pertaining to Rowe
- H. April 30, 2015, memorandum from Attorney Mark Reich, Attorney Janelle M. Austin, Kopelman and Paige, P.C. (Buckland) Town Counsel re: Integrated Pre-Kindergarten Services in Massachusetts
- I. May 5, 2015, letter from Jason R. Ferenc, Esq., Colrain Town Counsel re: Preliminary Opinion Regarding Pre-Kindergarten Costs
- J. Capital Improvement revised Warrant Articles
- K. April 13, 2015, Buckland selectmen voice Mohawk budget concerns article in The Recorder
- L. April 16, 2015, Return to Narnia article in The Recorder
- M. April 18, 2015, Poets of Franklin County: Sequoia LeBreux article in The Recorder
- N. April 20, 2015, Mohawk towns wrangle over free preschool proposal article in The Recorder
- O. April 21, 2015, Chinese teacher coming to Mohawk article in The Recorder
- P. April 21, 2015, Mohawk costs in crosshairs at Shelburne town meeting article in The Recorder
- Q. April 24, 2015, Chinese teacher coming to Mohawk article in Shelburne Falls & West County Independent
- R. April 24, 2015, Heath School drama students present photographs in Shelburne Falls & West County Independent
- S. April 24, 2015, Student report stands out and Branching out on the family tree photographs in Shelburne Falls & West County Independent
- T. April 24, 2015, Ashfield first Mohawk town to take budget vote article in Shelburne Falls & West County Independent
- U. April 24, 2015, Mohawk News article in Shelburne Falls & West County Independent
 - Budget Summit April 29
 - Barnhardt Foundation donates
 - Fox hired for a second year
 - Bandshell repair out of budget
- V. April 24, 2015, MLF celebrates 25 years article in Shelburne Falls & West County Independent
- W. April 24, 2015, MLF gets co-executive director article in Shelburne Falls & West County Independent
- X. April 24, 2015, Buckland school reps want one Mohawk budget vote letter to editor in Shelburne Falls & West County Independent
- Y. April 24, 2015, Buckland voters to consider \$4.2 million budget; amending Mohawk regional agreement article in Shelburne Falls & West County Independent
- Z. April 24, 2015, Mohawk budget, Rowe inclusion under fire in Buckland article in Shelburne Falls & West County Independent
- AA. April 24, 2015, Shelburne draws the line article in Shelburne Falls & West County Independent
- BB. April 28, 2015, Ashfield next to weigh in on Mohawk article in The Recorder
- CC. April 29, 2015, Broadband, free preschool on Colrain annual meeting agenda article in The Recorder

- DD. April 30, 2015, Cardinal and Thurber/My Turn: Vote on whole budget, not parts editorial in The Recorder
- EE. April 30, 2015, Buckland to see 2 percent budget hike for schools, town government article in The Recorder
- FF. April 30, 2015, Proposal for Rowe to join Mohawk dropped for now article in The Recorder
- GG. May 1, 2015, Mary Lyon Foundation celebrates 25th year with Sunday 'Lyonnaise' article in The Recorder
- HH. May 1, 2015, In the Arena: School budget battles editorial in The Recorder
- II. May 1, 2015, Letter: Our reasoning letter to the editor in The Recorder
- JJ. May 2, 2015, Heath, Hawlemont get \$355K in renewable energy grants article in The Recorder
- KK. May 4, 2015, Ashfield approves free preschool 64-13 giving Mohawk its first budget OK article in The Recorder
- LL. May 6, 2015, Colrain backs Mohawk budget, 'free' preschool; Shelburne votes 'no' on assessment article in The Recorder
- MM. May 7, 2015, Buckland voters back Mohawk budget article in The Recorder
- NN. May 7, 2015, Shelburne voters send message to Mohawk with budget defeat article in The Recorder
- OO. May 11, 2015, Heath voters approve Public Safety Complex, give Mohawk an approved budget article in The Recorder
- PP. May 12, 2015, Buckland-Shelburne Elementary climbs from a 'lowest-' to a 'highest-performing' school article in The Recorder
- QQ. May 12, 2015, Putting the NEASC "warning" in perspective letter to the editor in Shelburne Falls & West County Independent
- RR. May 12, 2015, Mohawk District News article in Shelburne Falls & West County Independent
- McScholar athletes honored
 - MAA Walkathon May 16
 - "Breakfast Club" May 29-30
 - Mohawk music students win awards
 - Early education literacy fair May 16
- SS. May 12, 2015, MLF honors graduates article in Shelburne Falls & West County Independent
- TT. May 12, 2015, Mohawk School Committee urges WiredWest support letter to the editor in Shelburne Falls & West County Independent
- UU. May 12, 2015, Towns pass over admitting Rowe to Mohawk District article in Shelburne Falls & West County Independent
- VV. May 12, 2015, Preschool a hot-button issue at Ashfield town meeting article in Shelburne Falls & West County Independent
- WW. May 12, 2015, Buckland passes school budget amid debate article in Shelburne Falls & West County Independent
- XX. May 12, 2015, Voters approve Mohawk budget; broadband infrastructure article in Shelburne Falls & West County Independent
- YY. May 12, 2015, Heath puts Mohawk budget over the top article in Shelburne Falls & West County Independent
- ZZ. May 12, 2015, Shelburne voters nix Mohawk budget article in Shelburne Falls & West County Independent
- XIII. Executive Session, if necessary
- XIV. Adjournment

School Committee Meeting Dates:

- June 10, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. – Heath Elementary School
- June 22, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. – School Committee Training (topic to be determined)