Mohawk Trail Regional School District  
School Committee Meeting  
June 10, 2015  
7:00 p.m. – Heath Elementary School

Agenda

I. Call meeting to order for the purpose of reorganization – Superintendent Michael Buoniconti
   A. Election of a Chairperson
   B. Election of a Vice-Chairperson
   C. Appointment of a Secretary
   D. Set day, time and place for regular meetings
   E. Authorization for Superintendent to appoint Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer
   F. Authorization for the Treasurer, with the approval of the Superintendent, to borrow money within the legal limit from time to time in anticipation of revenues beginning July 1, 2015, until June 30, 2016, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 71, Section 16, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with the said General Laws
   G. Reauthorization for Budget Subcommittee to act on behalf of the full committee as the Warrant Signing Committee as specified in Chapter 71 Section 16A of Massachusetts General Laws.  No less than three members of the Budget Subcommittee/Warrant Signing Committee will sign each warrant

II. Student/Staff Presentation/Reports
   A. Heath Student Council Annual Report
   B. Recognition of Mohawk District Staff Retiring this year

III. Tour of Heath Elementary School

IV. Approve minutes of the May 20, 2015, meeting

V. Presentation/Citizen Comment

VI. School Reports – included in packets – for questions only
   A. Principal Reports – School Improvement Plans
   B. Director of Pupil Personnel Services Report
   C. Directors of Curriculum & Assessments Reports

VII. Subcommittee Reports – included in packets – for questions only
   A. Communications strategic plan – for School Committee Review

VIII. Action Items

1. Vote to approve overnight field trip for Mohawk High School Music Department to Annapolis, Maryland, April 14 – 17, 2016
2. Vote to accept the DOER SAPHIRE Grant of $10,000 to reimburse costs associated with hiring a professional engineer (PE) to oversee design of a solar thermal hot air heating wood pellet hybrid system in accordance with the DOER SAPHIRE program criteria, with an estimated total design cost of $21,318; to accept the DOER SAPHIRE Grant of $135,313 towards the installation of a modern wood pellet heating system at Heath Elementary School, with an estimated construction cost of $198,460; and to move forward with design of solar thermal hot air heating system to be combined with the wood pellet system with an estimated total cost of $52,089 less potential grant incentives provided by the Mass Clean Energy Center.  This vote is pending approval of the Town of Heath to borrow the portion of the expense not funded by the grant, estimated to be $74,465 (without solar) OR $116,554, including solar.
3. Budget Transfer – Vote to transfer $4,200 from Tuition paid to Non-Public Schools to SPED Tutors Salaries – High School
4. Other Budget Transfer(s), if necessary
5. CD and/or Nilman Fund Transfer(s), if necessary
6. ECAB Use of Audio and Video for School Security – 2nd Read and Adoption (pending recommendation from Policy Subcommittee)
IX. School Committee Chair Report
A. Subcommittee Assignments
B. MASC/MASS Joint Conference – November 4-7
C. School Committee Self Evaluation (Martha Thurber)
D. Call For Amendments, Martha Thurber’s letter – for School Committee review
E. School Committee Training –
   • June 22, 2015 – Begin Review of the MTRSD Regional Agreement
   • July 27, 2015 – District Determined Measures

X. Superintendent’s Report
A. FY 16 Annual Town Meeting Wrap-Up
B. Wood Pellet Heating (DOER SAPHIRE Grant) – Meeting with Heath Town Officials
C. Evaluation of Administrators
D. District Improvement Plan End-of-Year Progress Report

XI. Business Administrator’s Report

XII. Unfinished business

XIII. Correspondence/Handouts
A. May 21, 2015, “BSE early education fair and informative” article in Shelburne Falls & West County Independent
B. May 21, 2015, “Heath students lend a hand” article in Shelburne Falls & West County Independent
C. May 21, 2015, “Mohawk District News” article in Shelburne Falls & West County Independent
   • Host a student from China this summer
   • Keep it classy
   • More drama
   • Family Step-Up Day May 29
   • National Honor Society inducts new members
D. May 21, 2015, “Preparing for Mohawk’s 50th” article in Shelburne Falls & West County Independent
E. May 21, 2015, “Broadband, school repairs on Charlemont annual town meeting warrant Tuesday” article in The Recorder
F. May 21, 2015, “My Turn: Preschool plans create questions” editorial in The Recorder
G. May 22, 2015, “State energy grant for Heath school boiler could cost more than planned” article in The Recorder
H. May 28, 2015, “Mass. Bill pushed that would block cutting school transport cash” article in The Recorder
I. June 2, 2015, “Town meets Wednesday to OK school costs” West County Briefs article in The Recorder
J. June 5, 2015, “After starting a business at 15, Mohawk senior ready to work for her future” article in The Recorder
K. June 8, 2015, “You went to Mohawk—your future is bright” article in The Recorder

XIV. Executive Session, under Chapter 30A Section 21 (a) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining (Memorandum of Agreement pertaining to District Determined Measures)

XV. Action Items
7. Vote to approve Memorandum of Agreement By and Between the Mohawk Trail Regional School Committee and the Mohawk District Education Association re: Utilizing alternative Pathway 2: Student Learning Goals for evaluating educator Student Impact Rating as defined by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

XVI. Adjournment

School Committee Meeting Dates:
June 22, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. – School Committee Training – Begin review of MTRSD Regional Agreement
Next Regular Meeting – To be determined