Mohawk Trail Regional School District
School Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 13, 2016
7:00 p.m. – Sanderson Academy - Cafeteria

I. Call meeting to order

II. Statement of Trust

III. Student/Staff Presentation/Reports

IV. Approve minutes of the March 9, 2016 and March 21, 2016 meetings

V. Presentation/Citizen Comment
   - Heath Task Force

VI. School Reports –
   A. Principal Reports
   B. Director of Pupil Personnel Services
   C. Directors of Curriculum & Instruction

VII. Subcommittee Reports – included in packets
   - Mohawk’s BEST Committee Update

VIII. Education Updates

IX. Action Items

1. Vote to approve overnight Field Trip for Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School 5th Grade Students, June 8-10, 2016, to Red Gate Farm, Ashfield, MA – Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School

2. Vote to accept the $1500 donation from Terence S. Meehan, at the request of Geoffrey A. Wilson and Eve Blakeslee, for the benefit of the Music Program - Mohawk

3. Vote to accept the $2,000 donation from the Mary Lyon Foundation, Inc. to the Mohawk Music Department to be used for scholarships for students to attend a Music field trip - Mohawk

4. Vote to accept a $500 donation from Sarah Jetzon via Mary Lyon Foundation grant, to be used for STEM/Makerspace supplies – Mohawk

5. Vote to accept a $1,000 donation from the NCFI/Barnhardt Foundation on behalf of Barnhardt Manufacturing Company to be used where it is most beneficial – Mohawk Middle/High School

6. Vote to accept a $1,000 donation from the NCFI/Barnhardt Foundation on behalf of Barnhardt Manufacturing Company as a contribution to the Colrain Pre-School – Colrain Central School

7. Vote to accept a $1,000 donation from the NCFI/Barnhardt Foundation on behalf of Barnhardt Manufacturing Company to be used where it is most beneficial – Colrain Central School

8. Vote to approve the 2016-2017 School Calendar

9. Vote to approve sale and/or disposal of surplus supplies and equipment

10. Vote to approve that the District appropriates the sum of $295,292 to pay costs of repair work to the Buckland Shelburne Elementary School located at 75 Mechanic...
Street in Shelburne, Massachusetts, to include asbestos abatement and floor replacement, asphalt repairs/replacement and repair/rebuild exterior brick pilasters, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto, which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, said sum to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee, and to meet said appropriation the District Treasurer, with the approval of the Chairman, is authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority.

11. Vote to approve that within seven (7) days from the date on which this vote is adopted the Secretary be and hereby is instructed to notify the Board of Selectmen of each of the member towns of the District as to the amount and general purposes of the debt herein authorized, as required by Chapter 71, Section 16(d), of the General Laws, and by the District Agreement.

12. Budget Transfer: Vote to transfer $423.26 from Professional Development Substitute Salaries to Special Education Legal Services – Mohawk.

13. Bank Transfers/ if necessary

14. CD and/or Nilman Fund Transfer(s), if necessary

X. School Committee Chair Report
   A. Mohawk Trail Technology Drive for Chromebooks
   B. Reply to State Senators Regarding Charter School Bill
   C. Mohawk’s BEST Committee Progress: Media Promotion of Efforts
   D. Day on the Hill: What Message Should be Delivered
   E. School Committee Professional Development Topics for 4/25/16 and 5/23/16 meetings
   F. Town Information Meetings on Regional Agreement Articles, FY17 Budget, Mohawk’s BEST
   G. Promotion of Regional Agreement Articles in Communities

XI. Superintendent Report
   A. District Improvement Plan Progress Report
   B. Lobbying for Rural Schools
   C. FY17 Annual Town Meeting Brochures
   D. 2016-2017 School Calendar Draft
   E. School Climate Survey

XII. Business Administrator’s Report
   A. FY16 Operating Statement – 3rd Quarter Report
   B. FY15 Audit Report

XIII. Unfinished business

XIV. Correspondence/Handouts
   A. April 6, 2016, Letter from Heath Board of Selectmen
   B. March 31, 2016, Letter from Melanson Heath
   C. March 22, 2016, Letter from MTRSD School Committee Secretary to District Towns
   D. March 10, 2016, Letter from Town of Colrain Board of Selectmen
   E. March 8, 2016, Letter to Mr. Terry McConnell from Lark (Kirby) Thwing
   F. March 2, 2016, Letter from Casey Harvell, Director, Public Policy, American Lung Association of the Northeast
   H. April 5, 2016, Editorial: “Senate charter plan heads in right direction”, in The Recorder
   I. April 2016 Issue, “Work of the Colrain Education Committee”, by Nina Martin-Anzuoni, article in the Colrain Clarion
   K. April 1, 2016, School Life Section, Shelburne Falls & West County Independent
   L. April 1, 2016, “Mohawk News”, Shelburne Falls & West County Independent
   M. March 31, 2016, “Spaghetti dinner, school information at Hawlemont”, West County Notebook in The Recorder
   O. March 29, 2016, “Are west county’s ears burning? State study looks at wood availability in west county for potential wood-pellet plant”, by Richie Davis, article in The Recorder
P. March 24, 2016, “Mohawk, other rural schools share enrollment drop, rising costs”, by Diane Broncaccio, article in The Recorder
Q. March 23, 2016, “Buckland board opposes pellet boiler at Mohawk”, by Diane Broncaccio, article in The Recorder
S. March 16, 2016, “College scholarships available for Mohawk students and alumni”, announcement in The Recorder
V. March 14, 2016, “Mohawk fears ZIP-code muddle mars state assessment formula”, by Diane Broncaccio, article in The Recorder
W. March 12, 2016, “Mohawk teacher on leave amid police investigation”, article in The Recorder
X. March 10, 2016, Mohawk Trail Regional School District Notebook, in The Recorder
Y. March 10, 2016, “Farm for a day”, article in the Shelburne Falls & West County Independent
Z. March 10, 2016, “Farm for a day”, article in the Shelburne Falls & West County Independent
AA. March 10, 2016, “Mohawk choice bus: fair or aggressive?”, article in the Shelburne Falls & West County Independent
BB. March 10, 2016, “School News”, article in the Shelburne Falls & West County Independent
CC. March 10, 2016, “Mohawk BEST off to running start”, article in the Shelburne Falls & West County Independent
DD. March 10, 2016, “Preschoolers growing and glowing”, article in the Shelburne Falls & West County Independent
EE. March 10, 2016, “Mohawk teacher suspended”, article in the Shelburne Falls & West County Independent
FF. March 10, 2016, “Pi Day a literal and mathematical success at Sanderson”, by Virginia Ray, article in the Shelburne Falls & West County Independent
GG. March 10, 2016, “Level the playing field for school funding”, by Martha Thurber, Letter to the Editor in the Shelburne Falls & West County Independent
HH. March 8, 2016, Editorial: “Finding one voice for rural schools”, in The Recorder

XV. Executive Session, under Chapter 30A Section 21 (a), to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining (Unit A Educator Evaluation)

XVI. Additional Action Item:

| 15. Vote to approve the Memorandum of Agreement Between the Mohawk Regional School Committee and the Mohawk Regional Education Association pertaining to the revised (8-8-13) Evaluation Instrument |

XVII. Adjournment

School Committee Meeting Dates:
School Committee Meeting – Training – April 25, 2016, 7:00 p.m. - Mohawk
Next Regular Meeting – May 11, 2016, 7:00 p.m. – Mohawk