

The July 15, 2013, meeting of the Moon Area Board of Education was held in the High School Board Meeting Room, 7:00 p.m., for general purposes. The meeting was CALLED TO ORDER by President Sandra McCurdy. The following directors were present:

Mrs. McCurdy	Mrs. Schisler	Mr. Testa	Mr. Tranter
Mrs. Tatone	Mr. Bussard	Mr. Olszewski	Mr. Harbaugh

Mr. Steele was not present.

Also seated at the Board table: Dr. Ungarean, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Haslett, Mr. Heck and Mr. Maiello.

There were 32 people in the audience.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Ungarean

Dr. Ungarean reported the following: New Student Orientations! All new students and their parents are welcome and encouraged to attend upcoming Moon Area School District orientations. Kindergarten student orientation will be held for all elementary schools on Wednesday, August 21 from 9-11 a.m. at each respective building. Middle school new student orientation will be on Tuesday, August 20 at 6:30 p.m. in the middle school auditorium. High school new student orientation will be on Wednesday, August 14 in the high school auditorium from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. – please enter through the student entrance.

Tiger Pride Camp, a youth football camp for players ages 6 and up, will be held at the Moon Area High School football field on Saturday, July 27 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration starts at 8 a.m. Cost, which includes a t-shirt and lunch, is \$25 per camper and \$15 for additional family members. For more information, please visit the district website.

Dr. Ungarean also introduced, Ms. Ty Beck, a School Services Specialist Ms. Beck is from the US Army Reserve Child, Youth & School Services, located in Coraopolis. She spoke to the Board and the public about her organization's services.

Approval of Reports

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Tatone, SECONDED by Mr. Testa, “that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the meetings of June 10 and 24, 2013, and the following reports as reflected in the July Financial Report:

- Treasurer's Report
- Investment Report
- 2010 Bond Fund Account Ledger
- Bond Fund Balance Analysis

- Board Summary Report
- High School/Middle School Activities Fund Report
- Food Service Profit and Loss Report.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Payment of Bills

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Schisler, SECONDED by Mr. Tranter, “that the Board of Education approve the bills for payment as listed in the July Financial Report as follows:

General Fund	\$ 3,437,582.11
2010 Bond Fund for MS	\$ 252,700.77
Activities Fund	\$ 40,791.17
Food Service	\$ 78,709.16
Total	\$ 3,809,783.21

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Correspondence – Mrs. Schisler

No correspondence at this time.

Committee Reports – Mrs. Schisler

Education Committee – Mrs. Tatone

Mrs. Tatone reported that a list of books to be used in third grade was presented and put on public display for Board adoption on August 12, 2013. These books are intended to be used as voluntary, supplemental instructional resources by teachers for the purposes of differentiated, small group instruction. These titles do not supplant any material in the language arts curriculum. The book list is available on the MASD web site within the curriculum portal. Any community member may visit Central Office between the hours of 7:30 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday, to review hard copies of the books. The process of approving books to be used for voluntary, supplemental instruction will continue throughout the year as each grade level identifies a number of appropriate titles for this purpose.

An update was provided on the implementation activities associated with the new Math Expressions adoption for grades K-6. The math implementation leaders have been selected and have been actively engaged in professional development, curriculum writing, and lesson planning activities to provide a smooth start for the academic year. The Houghton Mifflin Harcourt company has also provided the district with an expert mathematics consultant who will provide additional professional development and support to teachers including the program format, teaching strategies and practices, technology training, and demonstration lessons starting in August and continuing throughout the school year to support our transition as we build

internal capacity with our own math leaders. Parent nights will be scheduled during the month of September to inform parents and the community about the new program.

Finance Committee – Mr. Olszewski

The Finance Committee discussed the following items:

Mr. Bennett reviewed the “Follow Your Bus” GPS tracking system proposal with the committee. He will report back to the school board at a later date.

Policy Committee – Mrs. Schisler

The policy committee met on June 24, 2013. The following was discussed:

Mrs. Schisler informed the committee that the following two policies will be reviewed by a subcommittee during the summer months:

- Policy 707, Attachments A, B & C – Use of School Facilities
- Policy 913.2 – Commercial Advertisement

The following policies will be considered in third and final reading this evening:

- Policy 100 - Strategic Plan
- Policy 101 – Philosophy of Education
- Policy 102 – Educational Goals
- Policy 103 – Affirmative Action Programs
- Policy 103 AT – Report Form for Complaints of Discrimination
- Policy 103.1 – Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities
- Policy 103.1 AT #1 – Report Form for Complaints of Discrimination
- Policy 103.1 AT #2 – Procedural Safeguards Notification
- Policy 103.1 AT #3 – Notice of District-Initiated Evaluation and Provisions of Services for Qualified Student with Disabilities
- Policy 103.1 AT #4 – Parent/Guardian Request for Evaluation, Termination, or Modification Under Section 504
- Policy 105 – Curriculum Development
- Policy 105.1 – Curriculum Development by Parents and Students
- Policy 105.2 – Exemption from Instruction

The following policies were reviewed by PSBA and presented for revisions and presented to the Board for 1st reading June 24, 2013

- Policy 218 – Student Discipline and Code of Student Conduct
- Policy 218.1 – Weapons
- Policy 218.2 – Terroristic Threats/Acts
- Policy 218.3 – Aggravated Assault
- Policy 218.4 – Drug and Alcohol

Policy 218.4 – AT – Drugs and Alcohol Attachment
Policy 218.5 – Student Misbehavior
Policy 218.6 – Smoking, Tobacco and Nicotine
Policy 218.7 – Student Behavior on School Vehicles
Policy 218.8 – Suspension and Expulsion
Policy 218.9 – Bullying/Cyberbullying

Student Activities Committee – Mr. Olszewski

No report.

Facilities Committee – Mr. Harbaugh

A meeting was held on June 19, 2013, with Stantec, the company that is doing a feasibility study for Moon. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the student demographic study and to determine the timeline for completion of the study. Stantec made initial observations. There were five (5) options discussed and asked to prepare that information for a public meeting. This public meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 14, 2013 for the first presentation by Mr. Stewman and Stantec regarding their initial options for studies on the elementary buildings.

The following items were discussed:

1) Update on upcoming change orders:

Carrie Crawford, with JC Pierce, updated the board regarding an estimate of \$17,000 worth of change orders coming up

- Manholes – some need moved, cleaned out, raised, and/or lowered
- Found a natural spring under the new parking lot; already installed French drains
- Middle School – manhole backed up on sanitary line near the loading dock – those were existing lines; had to run scope when backup occurred; has been repaired.
- Re-do the sanitary line under stadium, scope line, bill was supposed to be sent to school, need to reimburse the company.
- \$3500 credit for the warning tiles.

2) Main crosswalk at University Boulevard Entrance:

Discussion was held regarding replacing the crosswalk at main entrance on University Boulevard. Dr. Milanovich mentioned that Eckles (Mr. Naugle) said that they would replace both crosswalks on University Boulevard and Beaver Grade Road so they are done correctly.

3) Softball/Baseball Fields:

Softball / Baseball fields – one foul pole needs moved; not a large project, district will move pole.

Screen on softball field needs tied in on 3rd base side. Intention of district to that ourselves.

4) Parking lot access at Bradley Drive:

Handout drawing passed out to board for review regarding Bradley Drive

History – the district purchased in 2010; constructed a new parking lot on property that would accommodate 110 parking spaces; constructed in 2 phases. Drawing passed out represents completion of phase 3 of middle school project.

Pricing from contractor to do as a change order. Contractor's price is too high, will review. Could not be put into a phase 3 document – not part of project; had to be separate. Options were shared with board that are less expensive – value engineering options:

Option 3 –the way the scope was intended to be; approx.. \$50,000 - \$60,000 (approved by township)

Option 2 – not build any additional parking (27 spaces) ties existing road into locations, approx.. \$48,000, probably be around \$30,000 - \$40,000

Option 1 – tie in the parking lot to the existing road (one way in and one way out) price \$18,000, probably around \$5,000 - \$15,000

Option 1 a – 6 parking spaces

Decision needs to be made to do something now due to curbing being installed. Need to decide whether this can be done as a change order or bid.

5) Stadium turf replacement and track resurfacing:

Mr. Heck brought handouts and samples of stadium turf to share with the board. The original turf was installed 11 years ago and has an 8 year life expectancy. Mr. Heck is concerned about safety issues on the field, not just aesthetics; therefore, he is looking to see what condition the field is in and if it will hold up for another year

Mr. Heck shared pictures of the turf with the board – black rubber is coming through on field. This is a safety issue, wearing out and becoming hard due to impact issues. Recommends discussing this now, as the process would take a while to prepare and about a year from now to start doing work. Track is the same way, wearing out due to impact.

We are going to have to replace the field at some point. Mr. Heck said he can put together an RFP process or put out for bid – state contract. Getting competitive bids is the way to go. Will take a long time to put this together. We have a budget for replacement of turf for upcoming year.

A-Turf is the company we have previously used and would be happy to use them again. Need to narrow down to 3 big name contractors that have warranties. A-Turf did our field and now has a 12 year warranty. We are 3 years past the current warranty.

With the board's recommendation, Mr. Heck will proceed with getting quotes for the field and track.

Legislation Committee – Mr. Bussard

No report.

Moon Transportation Authority – Mr. Bussard

No report.

Transportation Committee – Mr. Testa

No report.

Parkway West Career and Technology Center – Mr. Tranter

No report.

Technology Committee – Mr. Steele

No report.

Solicitor's Report – Mr. Maiello

Mr. Maiello will be submitting report to the superintendent for the Board.

Mrs. McCurdy announced that the Board met in executive session prior to the board meeting to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Mrs. McCurdy read a statement from the board regarding the study being doing regarding possibly closing schools in the district. No decisions have been discussed or made; right now we are in the process of a feasibility study. No decisions have been made or discussed at this time. Discussion will be held in a public forum.

Mr. Testa commented that he did not know that there was a statement from the Board.

Audience Recognition (Agenda Items)

Mr. Thomas Weaver, 134 Nytiember Parkway, Moon Township, PA 15108, asks the board to reconsider the motion regarding the resolution with the MTA and to table the motion at this time and would encourage the Board to work with the MTA and the township to work out issues and come to a beneficial solution.

Mr. Mills, solicitor for MTA, asks that the Board withhold consideration of the proposed ordinance providing for the termination of the relationship with the MTA and Moon Area School District. Mr. Mills pointed out a few inaccuracies in the resolution to the Board.

Mr. Tim Bish, solicitor with Moon Township, 2 Gateway Center, Pittsburgh, PA. He is attending tonight's meeting to indicate the township's support of the authority and the program. The township hopes all parties can work together to resolve these issues.

Mr. Maiello commented that he did try to meet with MTA. He contacted Mr. Mills via voice mail and didn't get a reply in his attempt to set up a meeting with him.

Robert Morris University Program

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Tranter, SECONDED by Mr. Testa, "that the Board of Education authorize the school district's participation in the Robert Morris University First Semester of College in High School program for qualifying high school students in accordance with the attached and pending scheduling and final agreement with Robert Morris University."

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Change Orders for High School to Middle School Conversion Project

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Harbaugh, SECONDED by Mrs. Tatone, "that the Board of Education approve the change orders related to the middle school project for an increased cost of \$34,105.49."

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Policy Third and Final Reading Approval

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Schisler, SECONDED by Mr. Tranter, "that the Board of Education the third and final reading of the following policies that are revised or for adoption by PSBA:

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| Policy 100 | Strategic Plan (New) |
| Policy 101 | Philosophy of Education (Revised) |

Policy 102	Educational Goals (Revised)
Policy 103	Affirmative Action Programs (Revised)
Policy 103 AT	Report Form for Complaints of Discrimination (New)
Policy 103.1	Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities (New)
Policy 103.1 AT #1	Report Form for Complaints of Discrimination (New)
Policy 103.1 AT #2	Procedural Safeguards Notification (New)
Policy 103.1 AT #3	Notice of District – Initiated Evaluation and Provisions of Services for Qualified Students with Disabilities (New)
Policy 103.1 AT #4	Parent/Guardian Request for Evaluation, Termination, or Modification Under Section 504 (new)
Policy 105	Curriculum Development (Revised)
Policy 105.1	Curriculum Review of Parents and Students (Revised)
Policy 105.2	Exemption from Instruction (Revised).”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Policy Second Reading Approval

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Schisler, SECONDED by Mrs. Tatone, “that the Board of Education approve the second reading of the following policies that are revised by PSBA:

Policy 218	Student Discipline and Code of Student Conduct
Policy 218.1	Weapons
Policy 218.2	Terroristic Threats/Acts
Policy 218.3	Aggravated Assault
Policy 218.4	Drug and Alcohol
Policy 218.4 AT	Drugs and Alcohol Attachment
Policy 218.5	Student Misbehavior
Policy 218.6	Smoking, Tobacco and Nicotine
Policy 218.7	Student Behavior on School Vehicles
Policy 218.8	Suspension and Expulsion
Policy 218.9	Bullying/Cyberbullying.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

MTA Resolution

IT WAS MOVED by Mr.Olszewski, SECONDED by Mr. Harbaugh, “that the Board of Education approve the resolution related to the Moon Transportation Authority.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote, with the exception of Mr. Bussard who abstained from voting.

Mr. Testa thanked the three gentlemen that spoke regarding this issue. He gave some background information in that the MTA was formed in 1986 between the school district, the

township and Allegheny County to develop the land that the three taxing bodies and would agree to defer real estate taxes for 10 years for properties in the district. The owner still pays taxes, but the structure is deferred for 10 years. Developers would lay out less funds to develop in our area. District needs to see if we can continue to defer 100% of the taxes for the next 10 years. There should be some revisions made and both boards should sit down and meet regarding this issue. Mr. Testa asked Mr. Maiello his degree of confidence knowing that we are inviting potential litigation if we go ahead with this tonight that we would prevail, how confident are you?

Mr. Maiello commented that he has heard something about potential litigation and he did ask for a meeting between the attorneys. He understands the need to have meetings between the boards, but there are some legal issues that should be discussed. We would like to avoid litigation. He feels that when we look at the extension, it was for limited purposes, by way of correspondence from the MTA and the fact that the MTA at that time would retire the debt early if there were funds available. When he reviews the information supplied by the MTA, there may be a disagreement on an application. There are more than sufficient funds available with an excess left to pay down the debt. Article 11 in the resolution of 1986, that says the MTA will tell MASD when they can pay down the debt; they have the money and they haven't told us and Mr. Maiello feels that we are in a position to move forward.

Mr. Tranter commented that we have been trying to work the MTA and he is appalled that three individuals spoke up tonight when we have been going back and forth for the last 6 months. He has a long history with MTA. As a reminder, the school district is comprised of two school districts and one has nothing to do with MTA. Every resident of Crescent Township is affected by tax decisions the board makes. Several statements made this evening, he wholeheartedly disagrees with.

Mr. Testa asked that in an effort to avoid costly litigations, should we table with the caveat that we meet as boards to work something out and meet within the next two weeks? Is there any support or thoughts that we should do that?

Mr. Bussard commented that he serves on both boards, so this puts him in a difficult position. He didn't expect to hear about potential litigation this evening. Not hearing an appeal to table, he will abstain from any action on this issue; and he said he certainly cannot support both boards. Mr. Bussard would like both boards to sit down and try and hash this out. MTA has to understand that the school district has seen this through and feels it is time to close this out.

Mr. Testa made the motion to table this item. There was no second motion. Back to the original motion.

All directors voted yes on a roll call vote with the exception of Mr. Bussard who abstained.

PlanCon Part J – High School Project

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Tranter, SECONDED by Mrs. Tatone, “that the Board of Education approve the attached PlanCon Part J for the high school construction project and authorize that the documents be filed with the Pennsylvania Department of Education.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Contract Amendment

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Schisler, SECONDED by Mr. Olszewski, “that the Board of Education approve the fifth amendment to the service agreement between the school district and Global Management Solutions, Inc.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote with the exception of Mr. Tranter who voted in disfavor.

Personnel

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Harbaugh, SECONDED by Mrs. Tatone, “that the Board of Education approve the personnel items listed:

I. Rescind Extra Pay for Extra Duty Position

“that the Board of Education rescind the approval of the following extra pay for extra duty position at Bon Meade Elementary School effective immediately:

Bus Monitor (pm) Kristy Pindilli.”

II. Resignation

“that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Ashley Porter from his position as Assistant Principal at the High School effective July 8, 2013.”

III. Approval of Unpaid Leave of Absence

“that the Board of Education approve an extended Unpaid Leave of Absence to Amy Ritter Knox from her position as Grade 4 teacher at Hyde Elementary School for the 2013-2014 school year.”

IV. Approval of Childbearing/Childrearing Leave of Absence

“that the Board of Education approve a Childbearing/Childrearing Leave of Absence to Angela Espey from her position as Grade 1 teacher at Brooks Elementary School beginning August 22, 2013 through October 21, 2013.”

V. Approval of Childrearing Leave of Absence

“that the Board of Education approve a Childrearing Leave of Absence to Ashley Kulasa from her position as Grade 3 teacher at Allard Elementary School for the 2013-2014 school year.”

VI. Salary Base Adjustment

“that the Board of Education approve a salary base adjustment of \$4,848 for Dr. Maureen Ungarean, Acting Superintendent, effective July 1, 2013.”

VII. Approval of Business, Computer, Information Tech Teacher

“that the Board of Education approve William Bacu, 526 Blue Ridge Drive, Moon Township, PA 15108, to the position of Business, Computer, Information Tech teacher at the High School, pending review of references. The salary for this position will be Masters +30 Step 6, \$52,610.”

VIII. Approval of Business, Computer, Information Tech Teacher

“that the Board of Education approve Sarah Durham, 102 Oxbridge Drive, Coraopolis, PA 15108, to the position of Business, Computer, Information Tech teacher at the High School. The salary for this position will be Masters Step 2 \$47,760.”

IX. Approval of Long-Term Substitute Teacher

“that the Board of Education approve Kevin Hancock, 306 Western Avenue, Oakdale, PA 15071, to the Long-Term Substitute Grade 3 teacher position at Allard Elementary School for the 2013-2014 school year. The salary for this position will be \$181.22 per day, along with individual health coverage.”

X. Approval of Long-Term Substitute Teacher

“that the Board of Education approve John Trapizona, 516 Glenfield Road, Sewickley, PA 15143, to the Long-Term Substitute Social Studies teacher position at the High School for the 2013-2014 school year. The salary for this position will be \$181.22 per day, along with individual health coverage.”

XI. Approval of Grade Level Coordinator

“that the Board of Education approve the following Grade Level Coordinator for the 2013-2014 school year:

Grade Level Coordinator

Grade 3

Karen Bell.”

XII. Rescind Leave of Absence

“that the Board of Education rescind the request for an unpaid leave of absence from Bethany Swisher for the 2013-2014 school year. Mrs. Swisher will be returning to her first grade position at McCormick Elementary School.”

XIII. Approval of Independent Contractor Positions

“that the Board of Education approve the list of independent contractors for the 2013-2014 school year per the recommendation of Mr. Michael Haslett.”

School Physician: Dr. Theresa Crocenelli
2592B Grouse Ridge
Wexford, PA 15090
Rate for 2013/2014: \$10 per exam; \$25 work, make-up
and driving physicals (cost borne by student)

Optometrist: Dr. Joseph Udvari & Associates
West Hills Vision Center
961 Brodhead Road
Moon Township, PA 15108
Rate for 2013/2014: \$3.00 per exam

MAPS/Olweus Facil.: Joseph Martonik
1817 Madison Drive
Moon Township, PA 15108
Rate for 2013/2014: \$150/day; 2 – 3 days per week

Rhema/Olsh Nurse: Amy Johnson
114 Olde Manor Lane
Moon Township, PA 15108
Rate for 2013/2014: \$150/week; ½ day in each building

School Psychologists: Courtney Frist
730 Highpoint Drive
Wexford, PA 15090
Rate for 2013/2014: \$400 per spec ed referral;
\$200 per gifted ref.

Kathleen McCune
6378 Ebby Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15217
Rate for 2013/2014: \$400 per spec ed referral;
\$200 per gifted ref.

Prevention Education
Specialist: Leon Strimmel
Crisis Center North
PO Box 101093
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Rate for 2013/2014: \$100/ day; 1 day per week

XIV. Rescind Recommendation

“that the Board of Education rescind the recommendation for Allie Guzek, 206 Parliament Drive, Moon Township, PA 15108, as the Long-Term Substitute Grade 4 teacher at Bon Meade Elementary School effective immediately.”

XV. Approval of Long-Term Substitute Teacher

“that the Board of Education approve Allie Guzek, 206 Parliament Drive, Moon Township, PA 15108, to the Long-Term Substitute Grade 4 teacher position at Hyde Elementary School for the 2013-2014 school year. The salary for this position will be \$181.22 per day, along with individual health coverage.”

XVI. Approval of Long-Term Substitute Teacher

“that the Board of Education approve Kristina Kocis, 111 Turkmar Drive, Aliquippa, PA 15001, to the Long-Term Substitute Grade 4 teacher position at Bon Meade Elementary School for the 2013-2014 school year. The salary for this position will be \$181.22 per day, along with individual health coverage.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Audience Recognition (non-agenda items)

Mr. Basil Masry, Madison Drive, Moon Township, spoke to the board about the elementary schools issue. This issue is very important to him. He realizes no decisions have been made and understands the process. He asked if the community can be involved in the process of how decisions are made. He asked many questions about the study. He would not want to see consultants come in and make observations and only one decision to be made, yes or no. He'd like to see the community be part of this decision. He'd like to see more companies come into Moon because of our school system.

Mr. Michael Baker, 224 Wyngate Road, Moon Township, spoke to the board. He has children that attend Moon. He appreciates the amount of work that the board members do and would like to thank them. Questions on 2 specific items. Four of five elementary schools are doing exceptionally well which is attractive to home buyers. How is the school that is needing help being addressed? Recently Newsweek released college readiness scores and Moon scored 18.4 other school districts our size scored much higher. He'd like to know what the vision is for improving our college readiness.

Mr. Michael Hauser, 6041 Hawthorn Drive, Moon Township, wanted to speak very briefly about the studies on the elementary schools. He would like to see more inclusion by the entire community. Before the school board gets to a point to make a decision, he hopes that there is more information and more discussion, and including more voices and sharing of their concerns before making a final decision.

Mr. James Donohue, Spring Run Road, Crescent Township, spoke about the concept of elementary schools possibly being closed. Having community elementary schools, promotes a safe environment, children learn responsibility.

Mr. James Bogatay, 109 Shafer Road, Moon Township, expresses his appreciation to the board and everything they do and respects the board's decision to hold off on discussions regarding the closing elementary schools at this time. After living out of state, he appreciates being back in Moon Township. He focused on the process in which the decisions are made and information gathered on closing schools and feels decisions should not be based on one report. He requests that the board request two more studies on this issue, gather as much information as possible, and involve the community before making a final decision.

Mr. Bob Dingler, 133 Wyngate Road, Moon Township, want to voice his opinion that he agrees with people that spoke this evening. He moved into the school district about 10 years ago. He chose to move to Moon on the recommendation that this is a good school district. He lives in the Allard Elementary School area, smaller school and small class sizes and important to his future children. He believes that any idea of closing any schools is not good for the area. Need to consider the people that are in the school area, it affects them tremendously. Thinks you would want to keep small classes. Thinks it would be a mistake to close any schools.

Board Comments

Mrs. Tatone thanked everyone that came here to speak this evening.

Mr. Bussard, action on MTA is a shock to MTA and the school district. Relationship should be nurtured but not thrown out. Participation with the school district is essential. Hopes that this board remains open to discussions with the MTA.

Mr. Testa addressed Mr. Baker's concerns regarding the report in Newsweek. He did research on those scores. They didn't take a look at curriculum, SAT scores, etc. It was not the proper metrics to measure college readiness. He feels that the study was misleading. School districts pay for the student to take the AP test, so more students take the test, which will pump up the scores. The program that Dr. Ungarean spoke about this evening is a terrific program with RMU.

Also, Mr. Testa addressed the possible closing of schools. The board has been getting a lot of emails on this subject and he thanked everyone that came out this evening to speak about this topic. His position is that he will not vote to close any elementary schools and believes we need

all 5 elementary schools. We do not want a negative impact on a child's education. Encourages public to come to the meeting on August 14.

Mr. Olszewski had no comment.

Mr. Harbaugh commented that there is a plan to have a public meeting August 14 to meet with Stantec to discuss their findings.

Mr. Tranter feels that the board made many efforts to work with MTA and township supervisors. Takes great offense saying that we didn't meet with them. The board made a decision to give out some information that we have already received to the public regarding the study, but he disagreed. This evening he's hearing that the public would like the board to conduct additional studies. Board has to make tough decisions and will make these decisions with the best information we have. We have to look at what is in the best interest of everyone. He can understand what everyone is going through and he has lived through it.

Mrs. Schisler, commented that she has been on and off the board since 1995. The Thorn Run interchange was being built and completed back then, etc., and now they are saying it's still not complete. Is it your responsibility as a school district to be providing funding for infrastructure forever? It was a good start, now she thinks we are done. Mrs. Schisler thanked Mr. Masry and the folks that spoke tonight and felt everyone was very respectful this evening. She does not know how any one on the board feels about this study. They do not talk about his. She hasn't seen the study yet.

Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Tatone, SECONDED by Mr. Bussard, "that the Board of Education adjourn this meeting, 8:30 p.m."

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Brown
Board of Education

Laura J. Schisler
Secretary, Board of Education