

**The November 11, 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 Volpe McCurdy. The following directors were present:

Ms. Volpe McCurdy	Mrs. Schisler	Mr. Tranter	Mr. Olszewski
Mrs. Tatone	Mr. Bussard	Mr. Harbaugh	

Mr. Steele and Mr. Testa were not present.

Also seated at the Board table: Mrs. Johns, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Haslett, Mr. Heck and Mr. Brungo.

There were 20 people in the audience.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Mrs. Johns announced that the Tiger Spirit Award focuses on honoring positive character traits and recognizes students for personal achievements and excellent classroom behaviors that often reach beyond academics. For the month of November, we will recognize the two winners from Bon Meade Elementary: fourth-grader Aubrey Alderman and second grader Gabrielle Merritt. We would also like to thank our sponsors for this month, Clearview Federal Credit Union and Walgreens.

Mrs. Johns introduced Aubrey Alderman. Aubrey was nominated by Bon Meade Art teacher Ms. Day. According to her teachers and principal, she is very giving and selfless. She often makes things at home and brings them in for her teacher and classmates, thanks the cafeteria ladies for her meal as she's leaving. She is a friend to all, never excluding other students from activities that she's doing - the type of person who is always there with a nice word and smile to reassure you. Aubrey is a hard worker who diligently has dedicated time and effort to significantly advance in her academics over the past year. Congratulations, Aubrey, for being an excellent student who never gives up, and a friend to everyone.

Next, Mrs. Johns recognized Gabrielle Merritt. Gabrielle was nominated by her teacher Mrs. McCullough, who also said that she is also a friend to everyone, always keeping an eye out for others who may need an extra hand or encouraging word, and providing it. She is a determined and diligent young lady who faces any difficult scenario with a big smile on her face, never giving up, and always trying her best. Gabrielle provides lots of encouragement to her peers who might be struggling, and is known throughout Bon Meade as being kind to everyone she comes across. Congratulations to Gabrielle, for standing out as a positive person who is not only nice, but has drive to succeed.

## Regular Meeting, November 11, 2013

Don't miss the fall musical - Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat will premiere this week at the high school auditorium – November 13-16 at 7:30 p.m., and November 17 at 2 p.m. Tickets available at the door for \$12 for adults, and \$10 for students and seniors. The performance will not only feature high school students, but also students from RMU and the middle school.

Spots are open for the Moon Preschool half-year program, which begins on January 27 and runs till May 8, 2014. The program is supervised by a faculty member and taught by Moon high school students as part of the Child Development classes. Children ages 3-5 from the community are accepted on a first come, first served basis. This session meets on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:50 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.. The cost is \$90 for the entire semester. Please contact Ms. Ludwig at 412-264-9440 ext. 2108 to reserve your child's spot.

Please help Moon Area School District win products to help secure our schools by voting for our schools in the "Together for Safe Schools" online contest daily through December 13th. The school with the most votes will win a Grand Prize of \$200,000 in STANLEY Security installed products and services. Three runners-up will receive individual prizes of \$100,000 in security products. Visit the Moon website at [www.moonarea.net](http://www.moonarea.net) to access the voting link.

Next Tuesday, November 19 at 6:30 p.m., students and parents interested in pursuing collegiate sports are invited to attend the NCAA Recruiting Information Night held in the High School auditorium. The event will cover the NCAA requirements, eligibility, Division I, II and III, core courses, credit requirements, approved and non-approved MAHS courses.

McCormick Elementary teacher Mr. Blyzwick started a club this year called the "McCormick Morning Milers Club," an incentive-based running club that meets twice a week and rewards students for running. The goal is to see how many miles each student can run by the end of the year. So far, McCormick students have ran a total of 400 miles collectively.

Students in Mrs. McKenna's 4<sup>th</sup> grade computer classes at Brooks and McCormick Elementaries recently took part in a challenge to see which 4<sup>th</sup> grade class could donate the most rice using the website Freerice.com, a non-profit website that is owned by and supports the United Nations World Food Programme. Students answered questions in a variety of subject areas of their choosing. For each question they answered correctly, 10 grains of rice were donated through the World Food Programme to help end hunger. The three 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes at Brooks donated 137,070 grains of rice; the two 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes at McCormick donated 94,350 grains of rice for a Grade Total of 231,420 grains of rice.

Congratulations to McCormick third-grader Anthony Louder, who recently won the Allegheny County Fire Fighters Association's annual Fire Prevention Poster Contest.

### **Approval of Reports**

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Schisler, SECONDED by Mr. Bussard, "that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the meetings of October 14 and 28, 2013, and the following reports as reflected in the October Financial Report:

- Treasurer’s Report
- Investment Report
- 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 Mr. Harbaugh, SECONDED by Mr. Olszewski, “that the Board of Education approve the bills for payment as listed in the November Financial Report as follows:

General Fund	\$ 3,508,841.78
Activities Fund	\$ 32,261.72
Food Service	\$ 64,724.78
Investment Account	\$ 9,980.95
Capital Project Fund	\$ <u>136,317.97</u>
Total	\$ 3,752,127.20.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

**Correspondence – Mrs. Schisler**

No correspondence.

**Education Committee – Mrs. Tatone**

Mrs. Tatone reported that Dr. Bob DelGreco, Assistant Professor of Education, from Robert Morris University, presented an overview of possibilities and benefits for collaboration between Moon Area School District and Robert Morris University for a Professional Development School Cooperative. Dr. DelGreco explained that RMU’s interest would be to provide their student teachers with an in-depth and intense learning experience during their pre-service teaching coursework. The benefit to Moon Area students would be increased individual attention and classroom support, as well as increased availability of tutors.

The proposed professional development school would set goals and monitor the progress of pre-service teachers as they conduct action research with a focus on measurable achievement objectives for Moon Area students. Some examples of research areas could be early literacy initiatives, reading screenings for summer programs, STEAM initiatives, science discovery, and more.

The presentation also outlined steps to move forward beginning with the articulation of an agreement between the two entities and proceed with a plan for a 5-year program.

**Finance Committee – Mr. Olszewski**

Mr. Olszewski reported that Mr. Bennett presented the following matters:

- 2014-2015 Budget Timetable
- Wireless Microphone System for Board Meeting Room

The committee authorized Mr. Bennett to place both items on the November 11, 2013 school board meeting voting agenda.

**Policy Committee – Mrs. Schisler**

Mrs. Schisler reported that the Policy Committee discussed the following:

**Policy 214 – Class Rank**

The committee reviewed and agreed the elimination of this policy as the high school no longer has class rank and will be presented at the November 11, 2013 school board meeting for final approval. This policy is on the agenda for approval this evening. However, Mrs. Schisler asked that this item be removed from the agenda this evening for further discussion and a presentation from Mr. Balaski.

**Policy 203 through 215 Reviewed and/or Adopted by PSBA**

The committee determined that these policies should be presented to the November 11, 2013 board meeting for first reading.

**Student Activities Committee – Mr. Olszewski**

No report.

**Facilities Committee – Mr. Harbaugh**

Mr. Harbaugh reported that the Facilities Committee met on October 28, 2013 in the High School auditorium for our 2<sup>nd</sup> public meeting. The public comments will be posted online. It was a spirited meeting, well attended and we have useful information from this meeting to further our discussions.

**Legislation Committee – Mr. Bussard**

No report.

**Moon Transportation Authority – Mr. Bussard**

Moon Transportation Authority met last Monday, November 4, 2013. Items discussed were the 2014 Budget and the 2012 Certified Financial Statements that were distributed and a copy was sent to Mr. Bennett. There has been a date set to meet with the Governor in Harrisburg.

**Transportation Committee – Mr. Testa**

No report.

**Parkway West Career and Technology Center – Mr. Tranter**

Mr. Tranter commented that the Parkway West meeting has been rescheduled for November 12 due to election day last week. No report.

**Technology Committee – Mr. Steele**

No report.

**Solicitor’s Report – Mr. Maiello**

Mr. Maiello announced that he will be submitting a written report to the Board.

**Audience Recognition (Agenda Items)**

None.

**Budget Timetable**

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Tatone, SECONDED by Mrs. Schisler, “that the Board of Education approve the 2014-2015 budget timetable, as attached.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

**Policy Third and Final Reading Approval**

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Schisler, SECONDED by Mr. Bussard, “that the Board of Education approve the third and final reading of the following policies that are new and/or revised by PSBA and MASD:

- Policy 117 Homebound Instruction
- Policy 118 Independent Study
- Policy 119 Academic Freedoms
- Policy 121 Field Trips
- Policy 121.1 Overnight/Foreign Travel Programs
- Policy 122 Extracurricular Activities
- Policy 122.1 CoCurricular Activities
- Policy 123 Interscholastic Athletics
- Policy 123.1 Concussion Management (No changes)
- Policy 123.2 Sudden Cardiac Arrest (New)
- Policy 124 Summer School
- Policy 125 Adult Education
- Policy 126 Class Size

- Policy 127 Assessment Of Educational Program
- Policy 130 Homework
- Policy 131 Religious Holiday Observance
- Policy 137 Home Schooling
- Policy 137.1 Extracurricular Participation By Home Education Students (New)
- Policy 138 English As A Second Language/Bilingual Program
- Policy 140 Charter Schools (New)
- Policy 140.1 Extracurricular Participation By Charter/Cyber Charter Students (New)
- Policy 142 Migrant Students (New)
- Policy 143 Standards For Persistently Dangerous Schools (New)
- Policy 144 Standards For Victims of Violent Crimes (New)
- Policy 146 Student Services (New)"

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

**Policy First Reading Approval**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Tranter, SECONDED by Mrs. Schisler, “that the Board of Education approve the first reading of the following policies that are new and/or revised by PSBA and MASD:

- Policy 203 Communicable Diseases And Immunization
- Policy 203.1 AIDS Policy and Management Plan
- Policy 204 Attendance
- Policy 204.1 Student Employment
- Policy 205 Postgraduate Students
- Policy 206 Assignment Within District
- Policy 207 Confidential Communications Of Students (No Changes)
- Policy 208 Withdrawal From School
- Policy 209 Health Examinations
- Policy 209.1 Food Allergy Management
- Policy 210.1 Field Trip Medication
- Policy 210.2 Possession/Use of Emergency Medications
- Policy 210.3 Use of Epi-Pens
- Policy 211 Student Accident Insurance
- Policy 212 Reporting Student Progress
- Policy 213 Assessment of Student Progress
- Policy 215 Promotion and Retention.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

**Approval of Additional High School Activity Group**

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Schisler, SECONDED by Mr. Bussard, “that the Board of Education approve an additional High School activity group for 2013-2014 as attached.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

**Change Orders for Middle School Project**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Tranter, SECONDED by Mr. Bussard, “that the Board of Education approve the change orders related to the middle school project for an increased cost of \$3,987.22 (Capital Projects Fund).”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

**Contract Amendments**

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Schisler, SECONDED by Mr. Harbaugh, “that the Board of Education approve the memorandums of understanding with Global Management Solutions, Inc., Metz Culinary Management, Inc., and STA of Pennsylvania related to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, as attached.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

**Wireless Microphone System**

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Tatone, SECONDED by Mr. Bussard, “that the Board of Education authorize the purchase of a wireless microphone system for the board meeting room from Accent ESI at a cost of \$15,595.00 (Capital Projects Fund).”

Mr. Bussard asked if this system is designed to clean up all the cables laying in here or are there any other advantages to this system? Mr. Heck commented that yes it will clean up the cables but it will improve the sound quality.

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

**Conferences**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Tranter, SECONDED by Mr. Bussard, “that the Board of Education approve conferences costing over \$500 or requiring an overnight’s stay:

Ricci Rich: NIAAA ATHLETIC DIRECTORS CONFERENCE in Anaheim, California on December 13, 2013 thru December 17, 2013; cost to the district is approximately \$1,519; purpose – Continuing development and growth in athletic administration by attending seminars, workshops and leadership courses.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

**Personnel**

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

**I. Approval of Winter Sports Coaching Staff**

“that the Board of Education approve the following coach for the 2013 Winter sports season per the recommendation of Mr. Ricci Rich:

**Boys Basketball**

Asst A-2 Anthony Parise\*

**\*Pending receipt and review of clearances**

**II. Approval of Spring Coaching Staff**

“that the Board of Education approve the following coaches for the 2014 Spring sports season per the recommendation of Mr. Ricci Rich:

**Varsity Baseball**

Head Coach Dominick Santeufemio – R 10<sup>th</sup> Year

**Varsity Boys Tennis**

Head Coach Nick Wilson - R 3<sup>rd</sup> Year

**Varsity Softball**

Head Coach Ally Stasik - R 2<sup>nd</sup> Year

**Varsity Boys Volleyball**

Head Coach Sam Woods - R 2<sup>nd</sup> Year

**Varsity Track**

Head Coach Andrew Parshall

-R = Returning

**III. Approval of Substitutes**

“that the Board of Education approve the following substitutes for the 2013-2014 school year:

**Teachers**

Elizabeth Gable  
681 Crescent Blvd.  
Crescent, PA 15046

Cassandra Gilpin  
922 Harold Avenue  
Washington, PA 15301



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Kelly Martin  
35 Highland Road  
Apt. 1311  
Bethel Park, PA 15102

(pending receipt & review of clearances)

Raquel Rugani  
2408 James Street  
Aliquippa, PA 15001

**Teacher Assistants**

Christine Kernan  
306 Moray Drive  
Moon Township, PA 15108

(pending receipt & review of clearances)

Jennifer Farrar  
127 Cimarron Drive  
Coraopolis, PA 15108

(pending receipt & review of clearances)

**Teachers**

April Everhart Jubeck  
1113 Lincoln Highlands Drive  
Coraopolis, PA 15108

Amy McCullough  
195 William Circle  
McKees Rocks, PA 15136

Samantha Froehlich  
610 Noblestown Road  
Carnegie, PA 15106

Andrew Simpson  
2012 Crafton Blvd.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15205.”

**IV. Approval of Mentor**

“that the Board of Education approve the following mentor for the 2013-2014 school year:

**Mentor**

Ellen Maust

**Inductee**

Carol McLaughlin.”

**V. Approval Childbearing/Family Medical Leave of Absence**

“that the Board of Education approve a Childbearing/Family Medical Leave of Absence to Lindsay Corr from her position as Family Consumer Science teacher at the Middle School beginning on or about January 2, 2014 and extending until May 5, 2014.”

**VI. Approval of Childbearing/Family Medical Leave of Absence**

“that the Board of Education approve a Childbearing/Family Medical Leave of Absence to Jill Wilson, from her position as Business, Computer teacher at the High School beginning on or about April 7, 2014 for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year.”

**VII. Approval of Middle School Remediation Facilitator**

“that the Board of Education approve the following substitute remediation facilitator at the Middle School effective November 12, 2013 through the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year:

Middle School Remediation Facilitator (substitute) Kelly Miller.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

**Adoption of Adjudication of Employee #1438**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Bussard, SECONDED by, Mr. Harbaugh, “that the Board of Education approve the Resolution of the Moon Area School District adopting the Adjudication in the matter of Employee #1438, a professional employee of the district, pursuant to Section 1122 of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote with the exception of Mrs. Tatone, who abstained.

**Audience Recognition (non-agenda items)**

None.

**Board Comments**

Mr. Bussard wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and safe holiday!

Mrs. Tatone wanted to wish the cast of the musical all the best! They have worked very hard on this production! Break a leg!

Mr. Olszewski congratulated Coach Washington and the members of the varsity football team for their first playoff appearance in about 5 years. Coach Washington did a great job on the field and off the field, whereby athletes were recognized for volunteer work.

Mrs. Schisler and Mr. Tranter would like to thank all of our veterans who have served and are serving for our freedom we enjoy daily.

Mr. Harbaugh thanked all veterans and our new board members elect. He thanked them for their hard work at getting elected and welcomed them to this adventure. He also wishes the cast of the musical good luck in their performances this week!

Ms. Volpe-McCurdy expressed congratulations to the incoming board members. This is her final business meeting. She expressed her thanks to everyone for their cards, emails and kind and praising comments. She also thanked the community for electing her to serve on this board. She graduated from Moon and hopes to see her children graduate from Moon. Having served on this board, she feels that she has come full circle. She also thanked her fellow board members for their support and efforts over the years. She thinks we have an outstanding professional board and is sure it will continue as we move on. She also thanked them for their continued service to this school district. It's not an easy job, we do not get paid, it's a service back to the community. She will continue to be active in the community.

Mrs. Schisler wanted to thank Ms. Volpe- McCurdy. She said it has been a complete honor to serve with her and she's really going to miss her. She's learned a lot and really appreciates all she's done. She also thanked Mr. Steele, her other colleague who is was not present tonight. She started on the board back in the mid 1990's with Mr. Steele and has learned a lot from him too. She will miss both of them.

**Adjournment**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Olszewski, SECONDED by Mr. Harbaugh "that the Board of Education adjourn this meeting, 7:33 p.m."

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Brown  
Clerk, Board of Education

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Laura J. Schisler  
Secretary, Board of Education