

**The March 10, 2014, meeting** of the Moon Area Board of Education was held in the High School Board Meeting Room, 7:10 p.m., for general purposes. The meeting was CALLED TO ORDER by President A. Michael Olszewski. The following directors were present:

Mr. Olszewski	Mr. Harbaugh	Mrs. Schisler	Mrs. Tatone	Mr. Tranter
Mr. Testa	Mr. Bussard	Mr. Hauser	Mr. LaRue	

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

There were approximately 155 people in the audience.

Mr. Olszewski announced that we will restructure the meeting tonight with respect to the Odyssey of the Mind students that are in the audience. The Board will vote on agenda item 9.07 first prior to beginning the public Hearing.

### **Odyssey of the Mind Field Trip**

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Tatone, SECONDED by Mr. Harbaugh, “that the Board of Education approve the Odyssey of the Mind students to travel to Berwick, Pennsylvania, April 11-13, 2014, to participate at the State Championship level, with costs not to exceed \$15,000 without additional approval.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote with the exception of Mr. Testa who abstained voting since his son is on the Odyssey of the Mind team.

At 7:10 pm, the Board Meeting was suspended, and the Public Hearing begins. The Board Meeting reconvened at 9:30 pm.

### **Approval of Reports**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Hauser, SECONDED by Mr. Harbaugh, “that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the meetings of February 10 and February 24, 2014, and the following reports as reflected in the March 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. Tranter, SECONDED by Mrs. Schisler, “that the Board of Education approve the bills for payment as listed in the March Financial Report as follows:

General Fund - January	\$2,728,093.40
General Fund – February	\$2,515,604.32
Activities Fund - January	\$ 115,349.29
Activities Fund – February	\$ 13,674.46
Food Service – January	\$ 55,880.64
Food Service – February	\$ 66,567.55
Investment Account - February	\$ 8,413.45
Capital Project Fund - March	\$ 24,395.36
Total	\$5,527,978.47.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

**Correspondence – Mrs. Tatone**

No correspondence.

**Education Committee – Mrs. Tatone**

The Education Subcommittee will have a meeting on Thursday, March 20 for agenda setting purposes. PSSA testing will begin in two weeks in grades 3-8. Testing window was pushed back by one week due to inclement weather. The math and reading tests will be given March 24 – April 4. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade writing test will be given March 31 – April 4 and the 4<sup>th</sup> and 8th grades will take the science test April 28 – May 2 . All buildings are currently in the process of preparing the students for these tests.

**Finance Committee – Mrs. Schisler**

No report.

**Policy Committee – Mrs. Schisler**

The Policy Committee discussed the following policies: 248, 248 AT, 249, 249 AT1, 252 and 252 AT.

Mrs. Schisler informed the committee that the board is slowing down on the PSBA recommendations for these policies since they are regarding students. It was stated that the policy Subcommittee is spending a lot of time studying these policies and asked if anyone had any questions or comments. No questions or comments were brought up. These will continue to be discussed at the next Subcommittee meeting.

**Student Activities Committee – Mr. Hauser**

No report.

**Facilities Committee – Mr. Harbaugh**

Mr. Baker gave the presentation to the board focusing on the Financial and Operational Implications of the Various Options for the Elementary Capital Improvement Program.

Mr. Baker explained that this evening is the third and final of the topical discussions focusing on the financial and operational implications of each of the many options we have. Capacity issues, redistricting and instructional implications have been covered and tonight financial and operational issues will be covered. A week from today administration will post a recommendation. A public hearing has been advertised and will be held on March 10, 2014. Then there is a three (3) month waiting period before the board can take action.

For reference, a summary of options was passed out to the Board and audience, including options that we have seen to date, six (6) from the Stantec study, the administrative alternatives and it was requested by board for two (2) additional recommendations to be created--new option 9a where we renovate Allard and Brooks and close Hyde. Option 9b, where we would close Brooks, renovate Allard and expand Hyde to approximately the same size as Bon Meade.

The following items were also discussed during the presentation:

- Redistricting of the new options and the impact of options on transportation
- Operating costs assumptions for each option
- Summary of operational savings
- Description of bonds issued
- Debt service schedule

**Legislation Committee – Mr. Bussard**

Mr. Bussard reported that on Wednesday, March 12, 2014, the House Education Committee will meet to consider the following bills of interest:

**House Bill 2005** - provides for the sale of unused and unnecessary lands and buildings

**House Bill 2063** - provides for employment history review

**House Bill 2074** - establishes the Governor's Schools of Excellence Act

**Senate Bill 267** that adds educational trips as a valid excuse for school absence and requires all school buildings to have automatic external defibrillators (AEDs).

The **House State Government Committee** will conduct a hearing on **House Bill 1671** that would amend the Sunshine Law to expand the reasons for executive sessions, including to review specific employment matters, and to discuss plans regarding security and emergency preparedness.

On Monday, March 17, the **House Education Committee** will conduct a hearing on **House Bill 1013** that would eliminate the requirement that the home education program documentation required in the School Code be submitted to the superintendent of the school district where the student resides.

**Moon Transportation Authority – Mr. Bussard**

The Moon Transportation Authority met last Monday, March 3. Item of interest was expediting the final design schedule for the Thorn Run Interchange upgrade project in anticipation of state matching funds becoming available to complete the total financing of the project. This will be a green light to complete the environmental permitting process and subsequent right of way acquisitions. MTA hopes to start construction this year.

**Transportation Committee – Mr. Testa**

No report.

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

Mr. Tranter attended a meeting on March 4. If we haven't, we will be receiving the Parkway budget, third year in a row no increase to the districts.

**Solicitor's Report – Mr. Brungo**

Mr. Brungo announced that a written report has been submitted to the Board this evening.

**Audience Recognition (Agenda Items)**

None.

**Policies for Third and Final Reading Approval**

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Schisler, SECONDED by Mr. Tranter, "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 236	Student Assistance Program	Enc. #3 – Policy 236
Policy 238	Release of Students	Enc. #4 – Policy 238
Policy 239	Foreign Exchange Students	Enc. #5 – Policy 239
Policy 240	Contests/Academic Competitions	Enc. #6 – Policy 240
Policy 247	Hazing	Enc. #7 – Policy 247
Policy 251	Homeless Students	Enc. #8 – Policy 251."

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

**2012-2013 Final Budget Transfers**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. LaRue, SECONDED by Mr. Bussard, “that the Board of Education approve the attached final revisions to the General Fund Budget for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, in accordance with Sections 609 and 687 of the School Laws of PA, 1949, as amended.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

**Motion for the Purchase of Electric and Natural Gas**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Harbaugh, SECONDED by Mr. LaRue, “that the Board of Education approve to table the motion at this time.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

**Photography Services Agreement**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Tranter, SECONDED by Mrs. Tatone, “that the Board of Education approve the service agreement for Studio Ten Photography per the attached.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

**Proposed Calendar**

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Schisler, SECONDED by Mr. Bussard, “that the Board of Education approve the proposed calendar for the 2014-2015 school year, as attached.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

**High School Speech and Debate Team Field Trip**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Bussard, SECONDED by Mr. Harbaugh, “that the Board of Education approve the Speech and Debate team to travel to Susquehanna University, Selingsgrove, Pennsylvania, March 27-29, 2014, for the state debate tournament. The anticipated cost to the district will be \$1,500.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

**High School/Middle School Academic Games Field Trip**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Hauser, SECONDED by Mr. Testa, “that the Board of Education approve the High School/Middle School Academic Games to travel to Knoxville, Tennessee, April 25-29, 2014, to participate in the National Academic Games Tournament. The anticipated costs to the district will be \$9,000.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

**Debate Team Field Trip**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Hauser, SECONDED by Mrs. Tatone, “that the Board of Education approve the Debate team to travel to Chicago, Illinois, May 23-26, 2014, to participate in the National Debate Tournament. The anticipated cost to the district will be \$1,800.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

**Approval of Resolution**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Bussard, SECONDED by Mr. Testa, “that the Board of Education endorse the resolution of the March 6, 2014, hearing regarding student #40694.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

**Allegheny County Schools Health Insurance Consortium Nominee**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Tranter, SECONDED by Mr. Hauser, “that the Board of Education vote for Joyce A. Snell (Montour School District) to serve as the School Board Trustee for the Western Region.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

**Personnel**

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

**I. Approval of Mentor**

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

**Mentor**

Natalie Geyer

**Inductee**

Jessica Martinos.”

**II. Approval of After School Remediation Facilitator**

“that the Board of Education approve the following after school remediation facilitator retroactive to February 27, 2014 through the last day of school of the 2013-2014 school year:

Allard Kristy Pindilli.”

**III. Approval of Extra Pay for Extra Duty Position**

“that the Board of Education approve the following extra pay for extra duty position at McCormick Elementary for the second semester of the 2013-2014 school year:

Bus Monitor (pm) 3 days week

Suzanne Durham.”

**IV. Approval of Childbearing/Childrearing Leave of Absence/Extended Sick Days Leave**

“that the Board of Education approve a Childbearing/Childrearing/Extended Sick Days Leave of Absence to Erin Haapala from her position as Spanish teacher at the Middle School starting the first day of school of the 2014-2015 school year and concluding on or about October 27, 2014, or pending release from physician.”

**V. Approval of Childbearing/Extended Sick Days Leave of Absence**

“that the Board of Education approve a Childbearing/Extended Sick Days Leave of Absence to Dana Bauer from her position as Grade 4 teacher at Allard Elementary School beginning on or about May 20, 2014, for approximately six (6) weeks or pending release from physician.”

**VI. Approval of Childbearing/Childrearing Leave of Absence/Extended Sick Days Leave**

“that the Board of Education approve a Childbearing/Childrearing Leave of Absence/Extended Sick Days Leave to Bethany Swisher, from her position as first grade teacher at McCormick Elementary School, beginning March 21, 2014 through the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year.”

**VII. Resignation**

“that the Board of Education accept the retirement resignation from Alan Bennett, from his position as Director of Fiscal and School Services effective May 1, 2014.”

**VIII. Resignation**

“that the Board of Education accept the resignation from Candace Shaffer from the position of 9<sup>th</sup> grade Cheerleading Coach effective March 1, 2014.”

**IX. Resignation**

“that the Board of Education accept the resignation from Kelsey Currie from the position of Head Varsity Cheerleading Coach effective March 1, 2014.”

**X. Resignation**

“that the Board of Education accept the resignation from Daniel Work, from his position as Athletic Custodian, effective March 11, 2014.”

**XI. Approval of Spring Sports Coaches**

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

**Boys Baseball**

Volunteer Assistant  
Volunteer Assistant

Tyler Miller\*  
Bo Bogats\*

\*Pending receipt and review of clearances.”

**XII. Approval of Substitutes**

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

**Cafeteria and Teacher Assistants**

Lynne Coyle  
108 Fernvue Drive  
Coraopolis, PA 15108

(pending receipt & review of clearances)

**School Nurse**

Laura Ham  
320 Scottsdale Drive  
Moon Township, PA 15108.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

**Stadium Turf Replacement**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Testa, SECONDED by Mr. Harbaugh, “that the Board of Education authorize the replacement of the stadium turf, as supplied by AstroTurf, at a cost not to exceed \$572,000 (Capital Projects Fund).”

Mr. Testa commented that our current turf is wearing out and needs replaced. Mr. Heck confirmed that this will be done asap--scope is the entire football field at the stadium at this time, not the track.

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

**Audience Recognition (Non Agenda Items)**

None.

**Board Comments**

Mr. Testa, Mr. Bussard, Mr. LaRue, Mr. Hauser, Mr. Tranter, Mr. Harbaugh and Mr. Olszewski had no comment.

Mrs. Schisler commented that the calendar approved tonight really helps maximize education days early on before weather issues begin. Also, with this new calendar, we will have a whole week for spring break.

Mrs. Tatone reminded the public to come out and see the high school musical this year, Grease, this coming weekend, March 20-23, 2014.



**Adjournment**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Bussard, SECONDED by Mrs. Tatone, that the Board of Education adjourn this meeting, 9:58 p.m.”

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Brown  
Clerk, Board of Education

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Gia R. Tatone  
Secretary, Board of Education