

The November 24, 2014, meeting of the Moon Area Board of Education was held in the High School Board Room 7:00 p.m., for general purposes. The meeting was CALLED TO ORDER by President A. Michael Olszewski. The following directors were present:

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

Mr. LaRue was absent.

Also seated at the Board table: Mr. Baker and Mr. Brungo.

Administrators present: Mrs. Johns, Mr. Addy, Mr. Haslett, Mrs. Prevost, Mr. English, Mr. Caton, Mr. Balaski, and Mrs. Conti Dinello.

There were approximately 17 people in the audience, including administrators.

Receipt of 2013-2014 Financial Audit

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Tatone, SECONDED by Mrs. Schisler, “that the Board of Education accept the 2013-2014 Financial Audit.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Correspondence

Mrs. Tatone read the correspondence that was received from Stars and Stripes Communication at RMU. MASD participated in this fundraiser by providing 425 handwritten letters addressed to the troops from elementary school children.

Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Baker reported that Moon Area High School has been named one of America’s Top High Schools by Newsweek magazine – ranking 364th in the nation. Moon is one of only 42 high schools in Pennsylvania and seven in Allegheny County to earn this distinction in 2014. According to Newsweek - the 2014 listing highlights schools that do the absolute best job of preparing students for college. Newsweek ranks the nation’s top 500 high schools based on proficiency rates on state standardized assessments; college enrollment rate; graduation rate; AP and IB scores; SAT and ACT scores; counselor/student ratio; as well as student enrollment data. Allegheny County schools on the list of top high schools include Upper St. Clair, North Allegheny, South Park, Avonworth, Moon, Pine-Richland and South Fayette.

Classroom Diagnostic Tools (CDT)

Mrs. Prevost and Mrs. Conti Dinello presented a Classroom Diagnostic Tools (CDT) presentation to the Board. A sample CDT data sheet was passed out to the board for review.

Classroom Diagnostic Tools are used for measuring student strengths and learning needs for optimal instructional design and student learning. Below is information about the CDTs:

- Online tools designed to provide diagnostic information about student knowledge and skills
- Question levels adjust based upon an individual student's interaction
- Developed by Data Recognition Corp (DRC)
- Available at no cost
- Helps educators identify students specific academic strengths and area of need in relation to PA Core Standards and Assessment Anchors
- Provides real time results for students and teachers with links to material and records in SAS

Four types of testing:

- Diagnostic assessment
- Common assessments
- Benchmark assessment
- State assessment

Proposed Repurposing of Richard J. Hyde Elementary Presentation

Mr. Baker presented information on the repurposing of Richard J. Hyde Elementary School as follows:

- Four facilities in one building (Fern Hollow Learning Center)
 - Tiger Paw School (Pre-K)
 - Richard J. Hyde Academy – Credit & Keystone Recovery
 - Proto Hall – STEM Makerspace*
 - Moon Area PDF – Professional Development
- Hyde repurposing – first floor and lower level drawings were shown
- Sources of revenue were covered
 - Tiger Paw Academy
 - Parent tuition
 - Head start funding
 - DART funding
 - RMU tuition discount
 - RMU self-funding its instructional room
 - Hyde Academy
 - Redirection of funds previously sent to third party providers
 - Proto Hall
 - Grant funding
 - Industry/community partners
 - MASD Professional Development Facility
 - Kitchen Facility
 - Centralized kitchen serving all four elementary buildings, as well as Fern Hollow, will result in reduced food preparation costs

- Exterior amenities were discussed: enclosed play area and possible swimming pool
- Repurposing the existing walls on first floor and lower floor

*Makerspace is a physical location where people gather to share resources and knowledge, work on projects, network and build.

Audience Recognition (Agenda Items)

None.

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 November Financial Report totaling \$749,608.20, for the period November 11, 2014 to November 21, 2014.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Approval of PrimeroEdge Software

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Schisler, SECONDED by Mr. Tatone, “that the Board of Education approve the subscription/license agreement with PrimeroEdge for the point of sale software. Total cost of the software for 2014-15 will be \$3,875.00, which includes set up. Future costs are expected to be \$6,160 per annum. All costs associated with the software will be paid from the Food Services Fund.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Approval of Computer Lease Agreement

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Tranter, SECONDED by Mr. Hauser, “that the Board of Education approve the computer lease agreement from VAR Resources, Inc. This finalizes the acquisition of laptops for the one-to-one initiative at the High School this year. Absent approval, MASD would need to pay the full cost of the computers in a lump sum as opposed to spreading the cost over four (4) years as was budgeted.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Request for Proposal – Audit Services

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Bussard, SECONDED by Mrs. Schisler, “that the Board of Education direct the Superintendent to commence promptly the request for proposal process to procure audit services for the annual financial audit for the period commencing July 1, 2014. The process to conduct the Request for Proposal shall include the finance committee of the board.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Request for Proposal – Legal Services

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Tranter, SECONDED by Mr. Bussard, “that the Board of Education direct the Superintendent to commence promptly the request for proposal process to procure legal services for the District in the areas of (a) general representation, (b) litigation, (c) taxation matters including collections and reassessments, (d) bond counsel, (e) Special Education, and (f) other legal matters. The request for proposal shall allow firms to propose for some or all of the six categories of service above. The transition shall become effective by March 1, 2015. The process to conduct the Request for Proposal shall include the board as a whole.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Expulsion Agreement

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Tatone, SECONDED by Mr. Bussard, “that the Board of Education approve the Expulsion Agreement regarding student T.D.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Amended Settlement Agreement with MAESPA

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Tranter, SECONDED by Mrs. Schisler, “that the Board of Education approve the amended settlement agreement as presented.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Appointment of Open Records Officer

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Testa, SECONDED by Mrs. Tatone, “that the Board of Education approve Mrs. Tina Vojtko, School/Community Relations and Grants Coordinator, to serve as the Open Records Officer commencing immediately.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Approval of Travel Insurance

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Hauser, SECONDED by Mrs. Schisler, “that the Board of Education approve the optional travel insurance.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Meeting Notices

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Tatone, SECONDED by Mr. Hauser, “that the Board of Education approve the calendar year 2015 schedule for the following meetings reflected in the attached meeting notices: Regular Board Meetings and Board Work Session Meetings.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

High School – American Cultures Club Field Trip

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Bussard, SECONDED by Mr. Hauser, “that the Board of Education approve the High School American Cultures Club to travel to Italy (Grand Tour of Italy – Venice, Assisi, Florence, Rome, Pompeii and Sorrento) June 9, 2016 through June 20, 2016. The educational purpose of this trip is to have Moon Area high school students and club members experience and appreciate ancient Rome/Italian history, diverse Italian culture, amazing Italian cuisine, and grasp the amazing Renaissance and Baroque art and architecture. Overall, this Grand Tour of Italy will help Moon Area students gain a better appreciation of what it means to be a global citizen. There are not anticipated costs to the district.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

High School – Middle School Academic Games Team Field Trip

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Schisler, SECONDED by Mr. Tranter, “that the Board of Education approve the High School/Middle School Academic Games Team to travel to Orlando, Florida, April 23 – April 28, 2015, to participate in the National Academic Games Tournament that students have qualified for in regional tournaments. The cost to the district, as stated in Board Policy #240, will not exceed \$15,000. If more than \$15,000 have been expended by the school system, then the difference between the amount prescribed in Board Policy #240 and the amount actually spent so far shall be refunded to the school district.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Conferences

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

Valerie Valdiserri: 59th ANNUAL PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL COUNSELORS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE at Seven Springs, Pennsylvania on December 3, 2014 thru December 6, 2014; cost to the district is approximately \$417.00; purpose – Professional development in a leadership position as second Vice President of the regional Chapter ACCA. She has been awarded a scholarship to attend.

Neil English: 2014 SAS INSTITUTE THE POWER OF PERFORMANCE: PREPARING STUDENTS FOR POST SECONDARY AND CAREER SUCCESS in Hershey, Pennsylvania on December 7, 2014 thru December 9, 2014; cost to the district is approximately \$457.60; purpose – To gather information and ideas to prepare students for post-secondary and career success.

Staci Post: NCTE ANNUAL CONVENTION: STORY AS THE LANDSCAPE OF KNOWING in Washington, D.C. on November 21, 2014 thru November 23, 2014; cost to the district is approximately \$340.00; purpose – NCTE is a forum for teachers to share ideas and experiences.

Jordan Galino: NCTE ANNUAL CONVENTION: STORY AS THE LANDSCAPE OF KNOWING in Washington, D.C. on November 21, 2014 thru November 23, 2014; cost to the district is approximately \$340.00; purpose – NCTE is a forum for teachers to share ideas and experiences.

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Personnel

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

I. Approval of Building Based Substitute Teacher

“that the Board of Education approve the following building based substitute teacher at the Middle School for the 2014-2015 school year effective November 12, 2014:

MS Building Based Substitute Teacher: Ray Saut.”

II. Approval of Extension of Childrearing Leave of Absence

“that the Board of Education approve an extended Childrearing Leave of Absence to Jill Wilson from her position as a Business, Computer teacher at the High School for the entire second semester of the 2014-2015 school year.”

III. Approval of Long-Term Substitute Teacher

“that the Board of Education approve Amanda Szymoniak, 631 Virginia Avenue, Baden, PA 15005 to the position of long-term substitute Business, Computer teacher at the High School for the second semester of the 2014-2015 school year. The rate of pay will be \$184.14 per day, along with individual health insurance benefits.”

IV. Approval of Medical Leave of Absence

“that the Board of Education approve a Medical Leave of Absence to Bernadette Koter from her position as a Grade 3 teacher at Bon Meade Elementary from November 7, 2014 until December 5, 2014 per directions from her doctor.”

V. Resignation

“that the Board of Education approve the resignation of Devin Miller from the extra pay for extra duty position of Bus Monitor (am) at the Middle School effective November 14, 2014.”

VI. Approval of Extra Pay for Extra Duty Position

“that the Board of Education approve the following extra pay for extra duty position at the Middle School effective November 17, 2014:

Bus Monitor (am) Marianne Slater.”

VII. Resignation

“that the Board of Education approve the resignation of Lauren Kelly from the extra pay for extra duty position of Breakfast Duty at the Middle School on Mondays and Thursdays only, effective November 17, 2014.”

VIII. Resignation

“that the Board of Education approve the resignation of Pam Tripathy from the extra pay for extra duty position of Bus Monitor (am) at the Middle School on Mondays and Thursdays only, effective November 17, 2014.”

IX. Approval of Extra Pay for Extra Duty Position

“that the Board of Education approve the following extra pay for extra duty position at the Middle School on Mondays and Thursdays only, effective November 17, 2014:

Breakfast Duty Pam Tripathy.”

X. Resignation

“that the Board of Education approve the resignation of Kelly Miller from the extra pay for extra duty position of Bus Monitor (pm) at the Middle School effective November 17, 2014.”

XI. Resignation

“that the Board of Education approve the resignation of Janay Lorkovich from the extra pay for extra duty position of Bus Monitor (pm) at the Middle School effective November 17, 2014.”

XII. Resignation

“that the Board of Education approve the resignation of Vanessa Fontana from the extra pay for extra duty position of Bus Monitor (pm) at the Middle School effective November 17, 2014.”

XIII. Resignation

“that the Board of Education approve the resignation of Candace Shaffer from the extra pay for extra duty position of Bus Monitor (pm) at the Middle School on Mondays and Tuesdays only, effective November 17, 2014.”

XIV. Approval of Extra Pay for Extra Duty Position

“that the Board of Education approve the following extra pay for extra duty position at the Middle School effective November 17, 2014:

Bus Monitor (pm) Selena Rowan.”

XV. Approval of Extra Pay for Extra Duty Position

“that the Board of Education approve the following extra pay for extra duty position at the Middle School effective November 17, 2014:

Bus Monitor (pm) Kayla Petrie.”

XVI. Approval of Extra Pay for Extra Duty Position

“that the Board of Education approve the following extra pay for extra duty position at the Middle School effective November 17, 2014:

Bus Monitor (pm) Pam Anderson.”

XVII. Resignation

“that the Board of Education approve the resignation of Kady Sealock from the extra pay for extra duty position of Bus Monitor (pm) at the Middle School effective November 17, 2014.”

XVIII. Approval of Extra Pay for Extra Duty Position

“that the Board of Education approve the following extra pay for extra duty position at the Middle School effective November 19, 2014:

Bus Monitor (pm) Ray Saut.”

XIX. Resignation

“that the Board of Education approve the resignation of Betty Klimkowski from the position of Playground Aide at Allard Elementary School, effective November 26, 2014.”

XX. Resignation

“that the Board of Education approve the resignation of Megan Wensel from the position of Cafeteria Server/Dishwasher at the Middle School, effective December 5, 2014.”

XXI. Approval of Remediation and Middle School Math/ELA Lab Facilitators

“that the Board of Education approve the following Remediation and Middle School Math/ELA Lab Facilitators for the 2014-2015 school year:

Upper House Math Lab Facilitators

Janay Lorkovich—retroactive to 11/10/2014

Upper House ELA Lab Facilitators

Janay Lorkovich –retroactive to 11/10/2014

Lower House ELA Lab Facilitators

Sally Fuller—retroactive to 11/10/2014

Mary Fuentes—retroactive to 11/10/2014

Carolyn Andrews—retroactive to 11/10/2014.”

XXII. Approval of Teacher/Playground Assistant—Hyde Elementary

“that the Board of Education approve Susan Joseph, 315 Elizabeth Street, Sewickley, PA 15143 to the position of Teacher/Playground Assistant at Hyde Elementary School for the 2014-2015 school year.”

XXIII. Approval of Custodian (part-time)—McCormick Elementary School

“that the Board of Education approve Robert DeFazio, 1354 Old Ridge Road, Coraopolis, PA 15108 to the position of Custodian (part-time) at McCormick Elementary School for the 2014-2015 school year.”

XXIV. Approval of Childbearing Leave of Absence

“that the Board of Education approve a Childbearing Leave of Absence to Kelsey Currie from her position as a Kindergarten teacher at Brooks Elementary School beginning approximately February 16, 2015, to return to work pending release from a physician approximately six to eight weeks following.”

XXV. Approval of Intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence

“that the Board of Education approve an Intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence to Karen Bell from her position as Grade 3 teacher at Bon Meade Elementary School to be used as needed throughout the 2014-2015 school year.”

XXVI. Approval of Safety Care Trainers

“that the Board of Education approve the following to be Safety Care Trainers for the 2014-2015 school year:

Natalie Geyer
Christine Engle
Kelsey Halackna.”

XXVII. Approval of Substitutes

“that the Board of Education approve the following substitutes for the 2014-2015 school year:

Teacher

Michelle Hampton
3404 Ventana Drive
Coraopolis, PA 15108

Cafeteria

Jennifer Pulford
434 Meade Drive
Moon Township, PA 15108

pending receipt and review of clearances

Judith McFadden
112 McClafferty Lane
Coraopolis, PA 15108

Rachael Johnson
205 Scottsdale Drive
Moon Township, PA 15108

pending receipt and review of clearances

Maintenance

Judith McFadden
112 McClafferty Lane
Coraopolis, PA 15108

Clerical

Jennifer Pulford
434 Meade Drive
Moon Township, PA 15108.”

pending receipt and review of clearances

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Schisler, SECONDED by Mr. Bussard that the Board of Education adjourn this meeting, 9:20 pm.”

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Brown
Clerk, Board of Education

Gia R. Tatone
Secretary, Board of Education