

The February 9, 2015, meeting of the Moon Area Board of Education was held in the High School Board Room 7:15 p.m., for general purposes. The meeting was CALLED TO ORDER by President A. Michael Olszewski. The following directors were present:

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

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

Administrators present: Mrs. Johns, Mrs. Lindsey, Mr. Haslett, Mrs. Prevost, Mr. English, Mr. Caton, Mr. Balaski and Mr. Furlow

There were approximately 25 people in the audience during the evening, including administrators.

Prior to board comments, Mr. Olszewski made the following statement: In the past few weeks the school board has become increasingly aware that there has been a considerable amount of increase in discussion within the community of the concerns of the community about the potential renaming of Hyde Elementary School. As board president, I am appointing Jeff Bussard, a Hyde community resident, to chair a committee to resolve this. The committee will be comprised of up to six (6) Hyde community members who will deliver up to three (3) options regarding determining what they think the most appropriate action or manner should be to honor the memory of Richard J. Hyde. Any Hyde community resident or any other interested individual please submit your name and address and contact information to Lisa Brown, at lbrown@moonarea.net. Thank you for your time and efforts in advance.

Board Comments

Mr. Bussard had no comment at this time.

Mr. Hauser commented on the statement Mr. Olszewski read. He has given a lot of thought to the renaming of Hyde Elementary School to Fern Hollow. He is glad to hear that Mr. Olszewski is being responsible and rethinking of the re-naming of Hyde issue. He feels very strongly about not moving away from this appropriate memorial for Mr. Hyde and how it connects so many people with that building. There is a deep connection with the entire community of Moon.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Hauser, SECONDED by Mr. Testa, “that the Board of Education retain the name Richard J. Hyde Elementary School as opposed to having the committee.”

All directors voted in disfavor on a roll call vote, with the exception of Mr. Hauser, Mr. Testa, Mr. Bussard and Mr. LaRue who voted in favor. Motion fails.

Mr. Tranter has been a lifelong resident of Moon (Crescent). He does feel, and thinks it’s the proper thing to do, to have the community and board members involved to look at this. It is important to see how we can honor Mr. Hyde’s memory, not just rename the school.

Mr. Testa commented that he does not understand the need for the committee. The decision was made years ago to honor Mr. Hyde. Mr. Hyde was great educator who always put the kids first. Why would we want to erase the history of Mr. Hyde? He does not know why we would even consider renaming the school and believes it is not our right or our place to change the name.

He also commented that we recently had 15 of our student athletes sign letters of intent to continue their academic and athletic careers. He recognized two students Aleksandar and Nikola Yaramus that have received academic and athletic scholarships to the United States Naval Academy.

Mr. LaRue had no comment.

Mrs. Schisler commented that she did have problems deciding on how to vote on this. She totally appreciates the name at Richard J. Hyde Elementary School and understands the history. Her experience with being on the board with committees, it can take a wrong turn or a right turn. She commented that she said no, because she feels that retaining the name of the school is one thing and she has no problem with that. She feels we would be shorting this man's memory by not having the committee--that is her concern. His memory must live on in that school. Her vote no has nothing to do with not retaining the name.

Mrs. Tatone has done in-depth research about what happened in this community years ago. She announced that she was drafting a letter to send to residents in response to their emails concerning the history of Richard J. Hyde, and read the letter this evening as follows:

‘At times the past seems more stable than the present because it is familiar to us and we experience it in a familiar way through the haze of nostalgic memory. While we remember our past, we are deeply thankful to the many community members who are willing to envision and dream of what might be for our community in the future, construct what will be, as well as focus on fresh perceptions and the acquisitions of new programs and design. As a result of many inquiries regarding Mr. Hyde's legacy and his memorial being lost, I would like to take this opportunity to assure the public that the board fully recognizes the memorial aspects and value of preserving the past while building the future. We fully recognize that Richard J. Hyde was an honorable man and a servant of the community who was well loved, missed and was a shining example to our youth. The board fully intends to memorialize Richard J. Hyde and fully plans to do so in an honorable and memorable capacity. We envision that Mr. Hyde as an educator, as an active community member, and as an individual who was known to welcome others into his home, would not just want to see the area viewed solely as a memorial site, but as a thriving, growing, living place for all of Moon residents, neighbors and friends to enjoy.’

Regarding the vote, Mrs. Tatone stated, “I believe the board would like to share this direction with the community and work together as one community to embrace the past while working together to build the future during this time of change. That is my reasoning for voting to have a committee of community members.”

Mrs. Tatone concluded stating, “Regarding Curt Baker, he and I have had several conversations since last summer regarding this history and the importance of maintaining honor and respect for the memory and memorial of Richard J. Hyde. Over the course of several conversations, Mr. Baker has continually communicated sincere intent to preserve this part of Moon’s history.”

Mr. Harbaugh commented that his initial thought was that a committee wasn’t needed. But then, thought, who better than the public to memorialize Mr. Hyde. It’s not about taking his history away and he thinks the committee is a good way to do it.

Mr. Olszewski commented on an article that was in the *Tribune Review* on super bowl Sunday about the Pennsylvania pension crisis. He urges the public to read it if they have a chance. It will enlighten you and give you some insight on the challenges that MASD, and other school districts throughout the state, are facing with regards to the supremely underfunded pension program. It will show you what we have to deal with on the state level. Also, a final copy of the strategic plan is available and you can pick up one at the administration offices.

Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Baker reported that there were no recognitions this evening. He thanked the board for going to the gym this evening prior to the start of the meeting to honor the girls’ basketball team for senior night tonight.

Informational point - we are going to be doing fairly significant work at Allard and Brooks over spring break and letters have gone out to faculty and families. We’ll be meeting with the faculties this week to explain everything that is taking place.

Approval of Reports

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Schisler, SECONDED by Mr. Harbaugh, “that the Board of Education approve the following reports as reflected in the February financial reports:

- Treasurer’s Report
- Investment Report
- Board Summary Report – General Fund
- Condensed Board Summary Report – General Fund
- 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 Mr. LaRue, “that the Board of Education approve the bills for payment as listed in the February Financial Reports:

General Fund	\$ 461,169.13
Activities Fund	\$ 17,423.39
Food Service	<u>\$ 62,288.14</u>
Total	\$ 540,880.66.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Correspondence

None.

Committee Reports

Education Information Update

Mrs. Tatone reported the following for the education information update:

- Students in the elementary and middle school buildings are in the process of completing the Study Island benchmark tests. These tests provide predictive feedback on how students are expected to perform on the PSSAs. Central office and building administration will be meeting this week to analyze the data at both a building level and district level. Based on this analysis, instructional decisions will be made to help students meet with success on the exams.
- Central office and building level administration are in the process of reviewing software programs for next year’s implementation of Act 82 Educator Effectiveness. This is the new law that governs the teacher evaluation process. A recommendation will be forthcoming within the next month.
- A team of central office administration and teachers attended the Math & Science Collaborative Network Connections conference at the Carnegie Science Center. Attendance at this conference is part of an on-going body of work looking at the district’s STEM instructional practices.
- The district will host an in-service day next Monday, February 16th. Teachers had the option to flex out of this day by attending another professional development activity outside of the regularly scheduled work day. For teachers who chose not to use the flex option, the district will be providing the following sessions:
 - Preparing Students for Text Dependent Analysis (TDA)
 - Child and Adolescent Mental Health
 - Understanding PVAAS Teacher Reporting
 - Analysis of Mid-Year Assessment Data

The educational paraprofessionals will also be attending the Child and Adolescent Mental Health presentation.

- The district has developed the spring PSSA schedule. Dates are as follows:

Elementary English Language Arts:	April 13 th -17 th
Elementary Math:	April 21 st -April 23 rd
Elementary Science (4 th grade only):	April 28 th & 29 th
Middle School ELA	April 14 th -17 th

Regular Meeting, February 9, 2015

Middle School Math
Science (8th grade only)

April 22-24th
April 30th & May 1st

These dates are also available on the district website.

- This Wednesday, Feb. 11th there will be a seminar for parents of juniors entitled “Preparing for the Next Step”. The seminar will begin at 6:30 in the Moon Area High School’s LGI room.

Topics covered include the following:

- What choices do students have for “Life after High School”
- Student and school assessments
- Time line for selection process
- Naviance
- School and scholarship searches
- College visits and interviews
- Using the summer wisely

The event is sponsored by the Moon Area High School Counseling Center and all parents are welcome. For more information, please contact the high school counseling department.

Moon Transportation Authority

Mr. Bussard reported that the Moon Transportation Authority met on Monday, February 2, 2015, He was not able to attend that meeting. No report this evening.

Parkway West Career and Technical Center

Mr. Tranter reported that Parkway West met on February 3, 2015. Approved the budget – coming to all districts. Pleased to report that cost for students is a little over \$6,000 – has not been that low for several years, a very positive thing. The Middle School PTO met at Parkway this morning for a meeting and a tour of the facility for parents to better understand what Parkway is about.

Solicitor’s Report

No report this evening.

Audience Recognition (Agenda Items only)

Anne Willette, 403 Meade Drive, Moon Township, regarding the asbestos abatement for Allard and Brooks, she asks the board to please ensure that you are allowing proper time for the staff to prepare, for the families to be informed and to ensure the safety of students and staff prior to their return.

Rob Schwartz, 5062 Stags Leap Lane, Moon Township, concerning the asbestos removal at Allard and Brooks. The timeframe is during the spring break and he wonders why the district is not waiting until the summer when the buildings are not occupied to remove the asbestos. Please consider a more realistic plan that gives the children's health the priority it deserves.

James Bogatay, 109 Shafer Road, Moon Township, received the letter regarding the asbestos abatement plan. What plans if any exist for the removal and cleanup procedure and where can they be found? A week sounds like a short turnaround time. No details were provided with the exception of who will take part in clean up and who will oversee and a third party to check on the situation. He wants to know if there any assurances, contingency plans details of clean up can be found. What margins are, what amount of particulates are allowed in air to breath, to maintain our construction schedule to maintain, contingency plans third party to evaluate that the cleanup has been done thoroughly. Would like more information – health and safety of the kids is at stake. Urges board to take further action for this to be done safely and not just to stay on a timetable to make us #1.

Chanda Wyatt, 2118 Montour Street, Moon Township, against the recommendation of asbestos abatement removal from Allard and Brooks over 2015 spring break for two reasons. The first reason is for financial concerns; and the second reason is for health and safety concerns. This project is not supported by secure funds. PlanCon A, B, C, and D have recently been submitted but not approved. Receiving approval from the state is a lengthy process. You are attempting to move forward with the abatement without knowing if you are approved or not by the state for this project. The reason for submitting PlanCon A, B, C and D is to obtain approval prior to beginning a construction project in which to guarantee the funds are available for reimbursement. Finally and most importantly, completing a correct and thorough abatement over the Easter break that does not put the health of those individuals in those buildings in jeopardy and puts the education of students first. Stuffing the asbestos abatement into a scheduled short holiday break, does not allow for errors. There is no guarantee this will be completed in the suggested time. There is no way to buy time if air quality is unacceptable. In the event more time is needed, the children would not be able to return to school at the same time as the rest of the MASD student population. An alternative location is not available to house them. Too many factors that are out of your control, except planning this abatement during the summer months when the buildings are vacant and after PlanCons A, B, C and D have been approved. She asks the board to vote against agenda items: 10.03, 10.06 and 10.11.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Testa, SECONDED by Mr. Hauser, “to amend the agenda to include that no asbestos abatement work will be done during spring break, but will be completed after the children are out of school this summer.”

All directors voted in disfavor on a roll call vote, with the exception of Mr. Testa and Mr. Hauser. Motion fails.

Preliminary Budget Approval

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. LaRue, SECONDED by Mr. Bussard, “that the Board of Education approve the preliminary 2015-2016 General Fund Budget in accordance with the attached form PDE-2028 and the requirements of Special Session Act 1 of 2006. The formulation and

recommendation for approval of the preliminary budget is being done for the sole purpose of satisfying the requirements of Act 1 by preserving the school board's ability to qualify for Act 1 index exceptions. This preliminary budget should not be viewed as an estimate of the actual budget that will be formulated at a later date. The following is a summary of the budget:

PRELIMINARY BUDGET SUMMARY
Fiscal Year 2015-16

Estimated Fund Balance 07/01/15	\$6,914,754
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ESTIMATED REVENUE

6000 - Local Sources	51,092,191
7000 - State Sources	13,506,577
8000 - Federal Sources	1,433,566
9000 - Other Sources	0
Total Funds Available	\$66,032,334

APPROPRIATIONS

1100 - Regular Instruction	\$27,194,714
1200 - Special Instruction	8,271,272
1300 - Vocational Instruction	1,782,297
1400 - Other Instruction	535,289
1500 - Nonpublic School Programs	6,810
2100 - Pupil Personnel Services	1,628,069
2200 - Instructional Staff Services	2,180,875
2300 - Administrative Services	4,013,016
2400 - Pupil Health Services	759,430
2500 - Business Services	802,026
2600 - Operation/Maintenance of Plant	5,765,264
2700 - Student Transportation Services	2,797,217
2800 - Central Services	272,841
2900 - Other Support Services	70,000
3200 - Student Activities	1,304,271
3300 - Community Services	373,216
5100 - Debt Services	650,604
5200 - Fund Transfers	9,767,245
5900 - Budgetary Reserve	400,000
Total Appropriations	\$68,574,456

Budgetary Fund Balance 6/30/16	\$4,372,632
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Mr. Baker commented that this is procedural only. An article was passed out to board members and the public regarding, "School districts budgeting as though Corbett were still in office." It appeared in *The Morning Call*, Lehigh Valley out of Allentown. Describes the current state of

budgeting throughout the Commonwealth. Gov. Wolf will make his budget presentation on March 3 and that will give us our first indication of state funding and that is really the start of the budget season.

Mr. Testa commented that this is nothing new, we face this every year. We do not know what the state will give us each year. He is concerned about the fund balance---expenses exceed revenue. Fund balance was over \$10 million dollars last year. Pension payments will be rising next year, debt service for new bond issue, etc. Looking at about a year and half after this budget, we risk being out of money. Need to control rampant spending. Fund balance is savings account – does not know where we will get money from. Need to reign in out of control spending over the past year.

Mr. LaRue asked Mr. Baker if this reflected expenses only to this point or is it revenue and expenses to this point or is this budget a placeholder. Mr. Baker replied that what this is a taking the current year's budget into next years and increasing it to an amount to qualify for exceptions.

Mr. Bussard commented that this budget reflects the worse that can happen, opens up and keeps all options open as we travel through the budget process. It is never final until we vote on it in June. More complicated this year, is we have a new governor. The new governor needs to set his direction and his motion has and work with budget at the state level before we know what we are budgeting here at the district level. The budget that we propose at this point will leave all of our options open. Fund balance is the district's savings account. High fund balances are not a good idea.

Mr. Hauser commented that every year school districts across the state have to go through this dance and not know what kind of funding they will receive from the state. Makes sure that the district recognizes that the government recommends that school districts retains a certain percentage of money in fund balance and we are looking at that those recommendation and doing what we can to meet them. There are a lot of components to the budget each year. Program of Studies is to be voted on later in the meeting. Hopes we are not faced with need to cut any programs due to a strained budget.

Mr. Tranter commented that we go through this every year. This is mainly a placement holder at this time. Really getting tired of hearing the sky is falling. We need to hear positive and not negative all the time.

Mr. Harbaugh commented that this is a placeholder budget, nothing more, nothing less, it is done every year. The final budget will look nothing like this.

Mr. Olszewski agrees procedural. Bottom line fund balance is at 7% - state recommends we hold about 5% escrow balance. Draw down fund balance to hold taxes in line, etc.

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

Notice of Intent to File for Act 1 Index Exceptions

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. LaRue, SECONDED by Mr. Bussard, “that the Board of Education authorize the administration to advertise and post on the school district’s website the school district’s intent to file for exceptions to Act 1 tax millage rate increase limitations with the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Authorization to actually file for the Act 1 exceptions will be considered by the Board of Education at a later date.”

Mr. Testa asked what the millage rate is associated with the exceptions. Mrs. Lindsay commented that from last year’s budget 18.8461 with the full exception as allowed. Mills in excess of index—for both exceptions .2934.

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

Brief Overview of PlanCon Agenda Items

Mr. Baker introduced Mr. Donald Main, Marotta/Main Architects to give a brief overview of the agenda items that will be voted on tonight.

Mr. Main commented that regarding the project update, the project is tracking on time in terms of completion and preparing initial contractor pricing. As you are voting on the PlanCon F this evening Phased Bidding, is allowing for bidding documents to be distributed for pricing to contractors for long lead items such as environmental abatement – primarily floor tiles in both schools not throughout the entire building, exterior window and doors systems, and elevator equipment. PlanCon F is another step in the application process to the state. Submission of construction documents to the state and Jim Vogel of PDE reviews documents and makes sure they comply with Pennsylvania law and PDE requirements.

Drawings have been submitted to Moon Township for site work at Brooks and Allard sites, planning commission will review drawings at the February meeting and will then go to supervisors for review and action at their first meeting in March.

On the agenda this evening is the ESCO RFQ. It is a performance contracting method for the HVAC prime contract used for guaranteed energy savings to the district to complete those systems and have in good working order. Opportunity to have control what products go into your buildings and what control systems so they align with other control systems. Tight summer schedule ensures that you have materials on sight on time and a number of laborers to make sure it is done on time. Three proposals received –McClure Co., Reynolds and Siemans. McClure confirmed that they have the in-house capability to self-perform the work and will not subcontract the work. The company that is part of their group is McCarl’s out of Cranberry Twp., utilizing Pittsburgh laborers for mechanical systems in the buildings.

Mr. Testa asked Mr. Main when we can expect approval/receipt of PlanCons A, B, C and D from the state.

Mr. Main commented that A & B have been reviewed have had phone conference with PDE. That approval should be coming in the next week or two. C and D are at the state – internal review. The submissions go into state, alignment is focused on board action dates as to where we are in the process. We are tracking on schedule, no issues from PDE.

Mr. Testa also commented that PlanCon F gives you the ability to execute contracts and proceed with work. Should PlanCon F be rejected by the state, you've risked your reimbursement. Mr. Main replied that you cannot sign the contract, you can issue a letter of intent to the contractor.

Mr. Testa asked Mr. Main a question regarding the kitchen at Hyde, which is part of the Elementary Capital Improvement Program. Based on the contract with you now, which pays you 6% of the estimate based on PlanCon D, but for kitchen work you were awarded separate work order to design for \$53,000. He's curious as to why it wouldn't fall under the 6% since it falls under the ECIP contract. Mr. Main commented that the \$250,000 is associated with the kitchen equipment and also renovation needed to be done to reconfigure the walls to allow for the equipment to go in. The proposal includes architectural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing and engineering to coordinate work as well as kitchen design by a kitchen designer, and is a T&M submittal. They submitted a not to exceed estimate and will only invoice for hours as incurred.

Mr. Testa also asked the question on asbestos abatement work, if his firm can offer a guarantee that in the timeframe of one week, there will be no problem with airborne asbestos when students and staff go back into building.

Mr. Main replied that their office does not specify the asbestos abatement work. They work with Doug Finkey, of PSI, who is the district's environmental firm from Pittsburgh. Environmental specs we have coordinated the renovation work with them and they feel it is possible to get that work done in one week time. They will get in there and clear spaces, work methodically through the building. They feel it is feasible based on their experience. PSI is responsible for managing the contractors in the building doing the abatement work and they deal with this on a daily basis.

Mr. Testa asked Mr. Main if he is confident enough there will be no issues with the asbestos abatement to put money into an escrow account for any future claims or health issues that may happen to students or staff.

Mr. Main commented that we cannot get back into the spaces until Allegheny County has inspected the areas and deems the areas are safe to return to.

Mr. Hauser would rather hear from PSI to give us assurances that the work can be done safely and non-problematic. We should be hearing from the County on this. They (PSI) have spoken to the board before to answer questions. He would like to have the experts speak to the board about whether this work can be done and be done safely in one week.

Mr. Bussard commented that this is the same process that was done in the past.

If the students cannot return to school, what is the plan? Mr. Baker commented that it depends on how the readings are off. If it's isolated to a single classroom, no need for a relocation. Will have to wait until it is cleared. Move classroom by classroom.

Approval of PlanCon F – Phased Bidding – Allard – Asbestos Abatement

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Schisler, SECONDED by Mr. Bussard “that the Board of Education approve PlanCon F submission – Phased Bidding – Allard – Asbestos Abatement from Marrotta/Main Architects, as attached.”

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Testa, SECONDED by Mr. Hauser, “that the Board of Education table motion, PlanCon F submission – Phased Bidding – Allard – Asbestos Abatement from Marrotta/Main Architects, until experts can be brought in from Allegheny County and PSI.”

All directors voted in disfavor on a roll call vote, with the exception of Mr. Testa and Mr. Hauser who voted in favor. Motion fails.

Original motion. All directors voted in favor on a voice vote, with the exception of Mr. Testa and Mr. Hauser who voted in disfavor.

Approval of PlanCon F – Phased Bidding – Allard – Exterior Window Systems

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Bussard, SECONDED by Mrs. Tatone “that the Board of Education approve PlanCon F submission – Phased Bidding – Allard – Exterior Window Replacement from Marrotta/Main Architects, as attached.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Approval of PlanCon F – Phased Bidding – Allard – Elevator Equipment

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Bussard, SECONDED by Mr. LaRue “that the Board of Education approve PlanCon F submission – Phased Bidding – Allard – Elevator Equipment from Marrotta/Main Architects, as attached.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Approval of PlanCon F – Phased Bidding – Brooks – Asbestos Abatement

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Bussard, SECONDED by Mr. LaRue, “that the Board of Education approve PlanCon F submission – Phased Bidding – Brooks – Asbestos Abatement from Marrotta/Main Architects, as attached.”

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Testa, SECONDED by Mr. Hauser, “that the Board of Education table this motion, PlanCon F submission – Phased Bidding – Brooks – Asbestos Abatement from Marrotta/Main Architects, until experts can be brought in from Allegheny County and PSI.”

All directors voted in disfavor on a roll call vote, with the exception of Mr. Testa and Mr. Hauser who voted in favor. Motion fails.

Original motion. All directors voted in favor on a voice vote, with the exception of Mr. Testa and Mr. Hauser who voted in disfavor.

Approval of PlanCon F – Phased Bidding – Brooks – Exterior Window Systems

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Tatone, SECONDED by Mr. LaRue, “that the Board of Education approve PlanCon F submission – Phased Bidding – Brooks – Exterior Window Replacement from Marrotta/Main Architects, as attached.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Approval of PlanCon F – Phased Bidding – Brooks – Elevator Equipment

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Tranter, SECONDED by Mr. Bussard, “that the Board of Education approve PlanCon F submission – Phased Bidding – Brooks – Elevator Equipment from Marrotta/Main Architects, as attached.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

ESCO Contract for HVAC Prime Contract

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Bussard, SECONDED by Mrs. Tatone, “that the Board of Education elect to enter into an ESCO contract for HVAC prime contract and that McClure Company utilizing McCarl’s, Inc., be selected to prepare an ESCO agreement as determined from the RFQ.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Approval of Audit Firm

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. LaRue, SECONDED by Mrs. Schisler, “that the Board of Education approve Maher/Duessel Certified Public Accountants for the June 30, 2015 financial audit as proposed in the attached document.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Approval of Abatement Analysis at Hyde Elementary School

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Bussard, SECONDED by Mrs. Tatone, “that the Board of Education authorize Professional Service Industries, Inc. (PSI), to perform an asbestos and hazardous materials survey in order to develop a scope of work for the proper abatement, handling, and disposal of asbestos-containing materials (ACM) and hazardous materials required to be abated/remediated during the kitchen renovation and expansion at Hyde Elementary School.”

Mr. Testa asked what the timeframe is that this asbestos abatement is to be done. Mr. Main commented that this work will be done over the summer when the students are on summer vacation.

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Presentation and Approval of High School Program of Studies

Mr. Caton and Mr. Balaski did a brief presentation on the High School Program of Studies for the 2015-2016 school year.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Bussard, SECONDED by Mrs. Tatone “that the Board of Education approve the High School Program of Studies, as presented.”

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Tatone, SECONDED by Mr. Hauser, “that the Board of Education amend the current motion to read as follows: “that the Board of Education approve the High School Program of Studies, as presented, with the exception to include and not remove the child development class at this time.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Memorandum of Understanding between Moon Area School District and Robert Morris University

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Tatone, SECONDED by Mr. Tranter “that the Board of Education approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Moon Area School District and Robert Morris University to develop and implement a professional development school partnership with RMU’s Department of Education and School of Education and Social Sciences, as attached.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Contractual Agreement with Holy Family Institute

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Tranter, SECONDED by Mr. LaRue “that the Board of Education approve the contractual agreement between Holy Family Institute and Moon Area School District to open mental health offices within Moon Area School District, as attached.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Walgreens Experiential Learning Program Agreement

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Tranter, SECONDED by Mr. Bussard “that the Board of Education approve the Experiential Learning Program Agreement between Walgreen Company and Moon High School, as attached.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

High School Band and Orchestra Field Trip

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Hauser, SECONDED by Mrs. Tatone, “that the Board of Education approve the High School Band and Orchestra to travel to Cedar Point Amusement Park, Sandusky, Ohio, June 9, 2015. This voluntary fun trip is planned as a social gathering to

celebrate the hard work that each instrumental music member put forth throughout the school year. There are no anticipated costs to the district.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

High School Marching Band Field Trip

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Bussard, SECONDED by Mr. Hauser, “that the Board of Education approve the High School Marching Band to travel to Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pennsylvania, August 2-7, 2015 for band camp to prepare for the upcoming fall season. The anticipated cost to the district is the use of the buses.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Conferences

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

Barry Balaski: UNITED STATES MARINE CORP EDUCATION WORKSHOP in Parris Island, South Carolina, on March 9, 2015 thru March 13, 2015; cost to the district is approximately \$0.00; purpose – Teachers, coaches, counselors and principals from across the eastern United States are brought to the Parris Island training facility to see firsthand how high school students are transformed into United States Marines.

Sarah Durham: UNITED STATES MARINE CORP EDUCATION WORKSHOP in Parris Island, South Carolina, on March 9, 2015 thru March 13, 2015; cost to the district is approximately \$0.00; purpose – Teachers, coaches, counselors and principals from across the eastern United States are brought to the Parris Island training facility to see firsthand how high school students are transformed into United States Marines.

Christine Engle: UNITED STATES MARINE CORP EDUCATION WORKSHOP in Parris Island, South Carolina, on March 9, 2015 thru March 13, 2015; cost to the district is approximately \$0.00; purpose – Teachers, coaches, counselors and principals from across the eastern United States are brought to the Parris Island training facility to see firsthand how high school students are transformed into United States Marines.

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eastern United States are brought to the Parris Island training facility to see firsthand how high school students are transformed into United States Marines.

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Personnel

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

I. Approval of Medical Leave of Absence

“that the Board of Education approve a Medical Leave of Absence to Ronald Gareis from his position of Maintenance Technician for four weeks beginning February 18, 2015, to return approximately March 18, 2015, pending release from his doctor.”

II. Approval of Child Bearing Leave of Absence

“that the Board of Education approve a Child Bearing Leave of Absence to Erica Nagy from her position as a Special Education teacher at the High School beginning approximately the third week of April and extending through the end of the 2014-2015 school year.”

III. Approval of Resignation from Extra Pay for Extra Duty Position

“that the Board of Education approve the resignation of Amy Knox from the extra pay for extra duty position of Bus Monitor (am) at Hyde Elementary School effective January 19, 2015.”

IV. Approval of Resignation from Extra Pay for Extra Duty Position

“that the Board of Education approve the resignation of Angela Marino from the extra pay for extra duty position of Bus Monitor (pm) at the Middle School effective February 5, 2015.”

V. Approval of Building Based Substitute

“that the Board of Education approve Megan Farrelly, 1409 Market St, Beaver PA 15009, to the position of Building Based Substitute at the High School for the 2014-2015 school year, effective February 2, 2015.

VI. Approval of Retirement

“that the Board of Education approve the retirement of Lana Groer from her position as a Science Teacher at the High School, effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year.”

VII. Approval of Substitutes

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

Teacher

Shannon Neugebauer
639 Madison Place
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Cafeteria

Holly Foster
139 Pear Orchard Road
Moon Township, PA 15108

Amy Lowry
1480 Spring Run Road Ext.
Coraopolis PA 15108

Special Education Assistant

Holly Foster
139 Pear Orchard Road
Moon Township, PA 15108.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Audience Recognition (Non-Agenda Items)

None.

Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Bussard, SECONDED by Mr. Hauser, that the Board of Education adjourn this meeting, 10:15 pm.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Brown
Clerk, Board of Education

Regular Meeting, February 9, 2015

Gia R. Tatone
Secretary, Board of Education