

The February 8, 2016, meeting of the Moon Area Board of Education was held in the High School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m., for general purposes. The meeting was CALLED TO ORDER by President Jerry Testa. The following directors were present:

Mr. Testa	Mr. Hauser	Mr. LaRue	Mr. Scappe
Mrs. Wolowicz	Mrs. Zieger	Mr. Bogatay	Mr. Harper
Mr. Bussard			

Also seated at the Board table: Dr. Milanovich, Mrs. Johns, Mr. Haslett, Mr. Addy, Mr. Bielby and Mr. Cambest, Solicitor.

Administrators present: Mr. Caton, Mr. Balaski, Mrs. Heasley, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Gallup, Mrs. Beeson, Mrs. Conti Dinello, Ms. Kazmierczak, Mr. Furlow, and Mr. Johnson

There were approximately 70 people in the audience during the evening, including administrators.

Dr. Milanovich and Mr. Testa thanked the Webelos Cub Scouts for leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance this evening.

Mr. Testa announced that prior to this evening's meeting, the board met in executive session to discuss personnel and possible litigation matters.

Superintendent's Report

RMU Grant – Dr. Mishra and Dr. Cellante

Robert Morris University professors, Dr. Sushma Mishra and Dr. Donna Cellante presented information regarding a potential partnership with the Moon Area School District to enhance STEM learning at the middle school level. The initiative is contingent upon grant funding.

Elementary Configuration Presentations

Dr. Donna Milanovich, along with a team of administrators and teachers, presented information regarding the following:

Elementary Configuration

- gave brief history of the elementary configuration
- 8 Reasons to Move to a K-2/3-4 Model
- MTSS Model
- Perception/Reality
- Current Implementation
- 8 Promises to Elementary Staff
- Conclusions
- Future Considerations

Transportation for New Grade Configuration

- Current transportation plan
- Transportation issues
- Conclusions
- Future considerations

Food Services (Hyde Production Kitchen – HPK)

- Plan
- Costs
- Issues Encountered
- Food Sales
- Today's Operation
- Conclusions
- Future considerations

Moon Academy Cost Analysis – Repurposing of Richard J. Hyde Elementary

- Five facilities in one building
- Hyde repurposing configurations of classroom and spaces
- Construction costs due to Hyde repurposing configuration
- Expense comparisons from what was proposed June 22, 2015 and actual as of January 2016
- Revenue comparisons from June 22, 2015 and actual as of January 2016
- Financial results
- Recommendation for Hyde Academy

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Scappe, SECONDED by Mrs. Zieger, “that the Board of Education recess for 5 - 10 minutes at 10:05 pm.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll voice vote.

Meeting reconvened at 10:15 pm. All directors present on roll call.

Audience Recognition (Agenda Items Only)

None.

Correspondence – Mrs. Wolowicz

No correspondence this evening.

Solicitor's Report – DODARO, MATTA & CAMBEST

No report.

Approval of Reports

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. LaRue, SECONDED by Mr. Hauser, “that the Board of Education approve the following reports as reflected in the February financial report:

- Treasurer’s Report
- Investment Report
- Board Summary Report
- High School/Middle School Activities Report.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Payment of Bills

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Wolowicz, SECONDED by Mr. Scappe, “that the Board of Education approve the bills for payment as listed in the February Financial Reports:

General Fund	\$535,298.44
Activity Fund	13,924.66
Food Service	<u>31,592.95</u>
Total	\$580,816.05.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Approval of PlanCon Part K: Project Refinancing

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Hauser, SECONDED by Mr. Bogatay, “that the Board of Education approve PlanCon Part K: Project Refinancing – General Obligation Bonds Series A of 2015, as attached.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Proposal from Maher Duessel – Annual Audit of the District’s Real Estate Tax Collectors

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Wolowicz, SECONDED by Mr. Hauser, “that the Board of Education accept the proposal from Maher Duessel Certified Public Accountants for the annual audit of the District’s Real Estate Tax Collectors for Moon Township and Crescent Township for the tax years ending January 15, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019, as proposed in the attached document.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Release of Performance Security

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Scappe, SECONDED by Mr. Bussard, “that the Board of Education authorize the Administration to request the release of the performance security, held as escrow by Moon Township, for the completion of the exterior improvements in the amount of \$950,000 for the J.A. Allard Intermediate School and \$750,000 for the J.H. Brooks Elementary School.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Donation

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Hauser, SECONDED by Mrs. Wolowicz, “that the Board of Education accept a donation of up to 100 used desk chairs from Beaver Cable Company. The District’s facilities’ staff will be used to pick up and transport the chairs to the District.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Conferences

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

Keith Bielby: PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BUSINESS OFFICIALS (PASBO) ANNUAL CONFERENCE in Hershey, Pennsylvania on March 9, 2016 thru March 11, 2016; cost to the district is \$974.50; purpose – This is a professional development and networking conference.

William Addy: PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATORS in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on February 24, 2016 thru February 25, 2016; approximate cost to the district is \$1,119.50; purpose – This is a professional development and networking conference.

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Personnel

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Scappe, SECONDED by Mr. Bogatay, “that the Board of Education approve the items listed, including the supplemental agenda that was presented this evening:

I. Approval of Teaching a 6th Class

“that the Board of Education approve Devin Miller for teaching a 6th class at the Middle School for the second semester of the 2015/2016 school year, retroactive to January 15, 2016.”

II. Approval of Extension of Leave

“that the Board of Education approve an Extension to Kattreena Amodeo’s previously approved Maternity Leave of Absence to return on February 15, 2016 to a return date of March 31, 2016.”

III. Acceptance of Resignation

“that the Board of Education accept the Resignation of Lisa Lampo from her position as a Building Assistant at Allard Elementary School effective as of February 16, 2016.”

IV. Approval of Unpaid Leave

“that the Board of Education approve an Unpaid Leave of Absence to Jackie Jampetro from her position as a Special Education Assistant at the High School for approximately 3 weeks with a start date to be determined.”

V. Approval of Medical Leave

“that the Board of Education approve a Medical Leave of Absence to Barb Inskipt from her position as an Art Teacher at the High School beginning February 12, 2016 and lasting for approximately 3 weeks utilizing sick days.”

VI. Approval of Full-time ESL Teacher

“that the Board of Education approve Deborah Kailer, 665 Olive Street Pittsburgh, PA 15237, to the position of Full Time ESL Teacher for the Moon Area School District, pending receipt and review of clearances, with a start date to be determined. The salary for this position will be Masters+30 Step 3, \$50,773.”

VII. Approval of Substitutes

“that the Board of Education approve the following as substitutes for the Moon Area School District for the 2015/2016 school year, pending the receipt and review of clearances:

Teacher

Daniella Plumb
830 Library Avenue Apt 4B
Carnegie, PA 15106

Dana Maule
431 Scottsdale Drive
Coraopolis, PA 15108

Matthew Diehl
4039 Turnwood Lane
Moon Township, PA 15108

Melissa Johnston
611 Golden Ridge Court
Cranberry Township, PA 16066

Ian Cooney
405 Rhodes Avenue
West Mifflin, PA 15122

Amy Barron
2016 Montour Street Ext.
Coraopolis, PA 15108

Lynsey Norman
318 College Park Drive
Coraopolis, PA 15108

Heather Walsh
21 Mason Drive
Coraopolis, PA 15108

Jody Gaber
59 Beaver Grade Road
McKees Rocks, PA 15136.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Audience Recognition (Non-Agenda Items)

None.

Board Comments

Mr. LaRue and Mr. Bussard had no comments this evening.

Mr. Harper commented that he thought it was a great forum at this evening’s meeting and thanked the administration and teaching staff for their presentations this evening. He also commented that the teachers did a tremendous job this year adapting to the changes and situations throughout the year.

Mrs. Wolowicz thanked Dr. Milanovich for organizing the committee and all of their efforts and she also thanked the staff and the community for all of the information. It is a vast amount of information for the board to ponder and make their decision. The presentations will really help the board make its decision.

Mrs. Zieger echoed Mrs. Wolowicz and Mr. Harper’s comments thanking the administration and teachers for their presentations and speaking this evening. There were a lot of issues that everyone had to contend with at the start of the school year. She thanked the food services personnel for the amount of juggling they did, our janitorial staff for acting as movers and everything else in between, and the entire staff. The presentation this evening really brought it back to the forefront what’s been going on behind the scenes. She thanked Dr. Milanovich for

putting all of this together this evening and said that the information presented this evening will help the board in their decision making process.

Mr. Bogatay also thanked the teachers and administrators for their presentations this evening and thanked the residents for coming to this evening's meeting and being part of this process. He commented that every time you hear someone list a con or a challenge associated with the current configuration, bussing schedule, etc. that equates to hours of headaches in their world and challenges to overcome. He thanked parents, administrators, teachers and staff for taking on those challenges and overcoming them in the best interest of the kids.

Mr. Scappe thanked the administration and teachers for the presentations this evening. He commented that one thing missing from the presentations, but an ongoing issue that he has heard from residents, is that if we look at converting back to a K-4 scenario that there will be additional construction costs to the buildings to get us back to where we were for K-4. In a facilities committee meeting, architects were brought in and asked during their presentations, if we would convert back to five (5) building, K-4, how much that would cost. We received a letter from Canon Designs this month and they said that Hyde could be converted back to a K-4 facility and no construction would be necessary. He commented that there was a misconception that the public may have had that we have to spend thousands or millions of dollars to move back to the K-4 scenario.

Mr. Hauser expressed his thanks to the administrators and teachers for the presentations this evening. He commented that the board will continue to be open and transparent and will continue to discuss the possibility of going back to a K-4 model. He reminded residents that the community meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, February 16 and Wednesday, February 17 at 7 pm both nights and urges the public to come and speak on either evening. The goal is to provide the best possible education to the students in the school district.

Mr. Testa thanked the teachers and administration for doing a great job this evening on the presentations and also thanked the residents for coming to the meeting this evening. Teachers from all grade levels in elementary came together on this committee so their voices were heard. We need to hear their voices as they are the experts and they know what works and doesn't work with the students each day. He also congratulated Mrs. Wolowicz on becoming a grandmother to a healthy grandson, Christian.

Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Wolowicz, SECONDED by Mr. Hauser, "that the Board of Education adjourn this meeting, 10:35 pm."

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

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Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Brown
Clerk, Board of Education

Lisa A. Wolowicz
Secretary, Board of Education