

The January 25, 2016, 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 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. English, Mr. Lanna, Mr. Balaski, Dr. Moore, and Mr. Johnson

There were approximately 50 people in the audience during the evening, including administrators.

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

Mrs. Zieger recognized Dr. Julie Moore, McCormick Intermediate principal, for completing her doctorate degree and successfully leading the school through the National Blue Ribbon Schools process.

Officials from Keares Electrical Contracting, Inc. delivered a presentation regarding a Solar Energy Power Purchase Agreement that would result in an energy savings to the district.

Mrs. Johns shared information regarding the Ambridge Performing Arts Academy, which provides opportunities for high school students in the performing arts. School board members voiced their support for continuing to offer this opportunity to students.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. LaRue, SECONDED by Mr. Bogatay, "that the Board of Education approve to suspend a portion of the public comment policy in order to allow public comment on non-agenda items at the end of workshop meetings."

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Audience Recognition (Agenda Items Only)

Resident, Charlton Heights, Moon Township, regarding the budget presentation, was there an estimate in the budget for the solar panels? Mr. Testa commented that there is not estimate in the budget for the solar panels.

Correspondence – Mrs. Wolowicz

No correspondence this evening.

Payment of Bills

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Scappe, SECONDED by Mr. Hauser, “that the Board of Education approve the bills for payment as listed below in the amounts totaling \$1,454,586.10 for the period January 10, 2016, to January 21, 2016, as attached:

General Fund	\$ 744,047.68
Activity Fund	\$ 12,231.58
Food Service Fund	\$ 32,427.70
Capital Projects Fund	\$ <u>665,879.14</u>
Total	\$1,454,586.10.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote with the exception of Mr. LaRue and Mr. Bussard who voted in disfavor of Check No. 58555 to Wilke & Associates, LLP, and voted in favor of remaining items.

Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note (TRAN)

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Wolowicz, SECONDED by Mr. Hauser, “that the Board of Education authorize the administration to solicit proposals for the issuance of a Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note (TRAN) for fiscal year 2016.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

E-Rate Proposal

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Hauser, SECONDED by Mrs. Zieger, “that the Board of Education approve the attached E-Rate proposal from Questeq, Inc., 420 Rouser Road, Suite LL1, Coraopolis, PA 15108, in the amount of \$9,900, for the E-Rate preparation and filing of Category 1 and 2 services for the 2016-2017 school year.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call.

Approval of Residency Adjudication

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Scappe, SECONDED by Mr. Hauser, “that the Board of Education approve the Residency Determination Adjudication as attached.”

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

Proposed Calendar for 2016-2017 School Year

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Scappe, SECONDED by Mr. Bogatay, “that the Board of Education approve the proposed school calendar for the 2016-2017 school year, as attached.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

School Bus Routes and Stops

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Wolowicz, SECONDED by Mrs. Zieger, “that the Board of Education approve the 2015-2016 bus routes and stops on file in the transportation office retro to August 24, 2015.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

School Bus Drivers

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Wolowicz, SECONDED by Mrs. Zieger, “that the Board of Education approve attached listing of school bus and van drivers employed by STA of Pennsylvania and W. Roenigk, Inc., for the 2015-2016 school year as submitted by the bus contractors, retro to August 24, 2015. All required driver certifications are on file in the transportation office.”

Mr. Scappe commented that the public will notice a lot of the motions are retro the beginning of the school year because the prior board didn't approve items as they should be have been approved. Board is cleaning house to make sure things that should have been done are being done.

Mr. Bogatay asked if the revised bus routes are filed in the transportation office. Dr. Milanovich replied that yes, the revised bus routes are on file in the transportation office. Right now, we are involved gathering information for the state auditor general and we noticed these items were not approved, so we gathered this information to have approved today. Mr. Bogatay commented that he will be voting in favor of the bus routes, however, he stood opposed to the nature of the busing at the start of the school year due to extended bus routes and students' times on the buses. Voting yes but not how it was conceptualized, however in the interest of not triggering a finding or costing the district more money.

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

High School Orchestra Field Trip

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Hauser, SECONDED by Mrs. Wolowicz, “that the Board of Education approve the field trip request for three (3) sophomore students and high school orchestra director to travel to State College, PA, February 25 – 27, 2016, to attend the Pennsylvania Music Education Association (PMEA) Western Region Sr. High Orchestra Festival, as attached. There are no anticipated costs to the district.”

Mr. Testa congratulated the three (3) students that qualified.

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Conferences

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

Neil English: PA Title I Improving School Performance Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on February 7, 2016 thru February 10, 2016; the cost is approximately \$400.00 and the conference is paid through Title I federal programming funds, specifically the Professional Development line item; purpose – to learn about ways to allocate Title I and Title II funds that result in greater school performance and to receive a Title I award on behalf of Hyde for SPP performance for a Title I school last year.

Jessica Huzzard: 43rd Annual “Extending Our Reach” Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania on May 12, 2016 thru May 14, 2016; cost to the district is approximately \$769.00; purpose – I was selected as one of 23 librarians in the state to be a part of the Emerging Leaders Academy 2015-2016. As an emerging leader in the Library profession, I am expected to attend the annual PSLA conference to present with my group on our collaborative project siting the value of the Library program within school districts. I will also get to see presentations about technology, research and much more.

Julie Moore: PA Educational Leadership Summit in State College, Pennsylvania on July 24, 2016 thru July 26, 2016; cost to the district is approximately \$961.50; purpose – I need to acquire PILS Act 45 credits for certification and this conference offers 50 credits for required sessions of attendance.

Mr. Scappe commented that in the attachments, there are individuals names associated with the conferences. Asked if an amendment can be made to remove the names? Not the approval of the conference, just the names and then the administration can choose who will go to those conferences.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Scappe, SECONDED by Mrs. Wolowicz, “that the Board of Education amend the motion to remove the names of individuals attending conferences. The administration will determine which staff member(s) will attend on behalf of the district.”

Mr. Bogatay commented that previously he objected to certain board members attending conferences at the end of their term serving no purpose to the district. He agrees that sending educators to conferences will have a valuable impact on the district.

Mr. LaRue would like to have the names left in so we know who is going to which conference and who will provide information to the board.

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

Original motion with amendment:

“that the Board of Education approve conferences costing over \$500 or requiring an overnight’s stay. Names of the individuals will be removed attending conferences. The administration will determine which staff member(s) will attend on behalf of the district:

Staff Member: PA Title I Improving School Performance Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on February 7, 2016 thru February 10, 2016; the cost is approximately \$400.00 and the conference is paid through Title I federal programming funds, specifically the Professional Development line item; purpose – to learn about ways to allocate Title I and Title II funds that result in greater school performance and to receive a Title I award on behalf of Hyde for SPP performance for a Title I school last year.

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All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Personnel

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Wolowicz, SECONDED by Mrs. Zieger, “that the Board of Education approve the items listed:

I. Approval of Childrearing/FMLA Leave of Absence Extension

“that the Board of Education approve an extension to the already approved Childrearing/FMLA Leave of Absence for Lauren Quallich from her position as a K-2 Reading Specialist at Brooks Elementary School from the previously approved return on March 1, 2016 to a return on April 1, 2016 pending release from her physician.”

II. Approval of Medical Leave of Absence

“that the Board of Education approve a Medical Leave of Absence to Lou Parees from his position as Librarian at the Middle School beginning on or around February 9, 2016 until approximately May 9, 2016, utilizing sick days, pending release from his physician.”

III. Approval of Unpaid Leave of Absence

“that the Board of Education approve an Unpaid Leave of Absence for medical reasons to Carole Coulter from her position as a Library Assistant at Bon Meade Elementary School retroactive to January 13, 2016 and extended through February 15, 2016, pending the release of her physician.”

IV. Approval of Long Term Substitute

“that the Board of Education approve Brenda Hall, 205 Westminster Drive Moon Township, PA 15108, to the position of Long Term Substitute Grade 2 at Brooks Elementary School, retroactive to August 19, 2015. The wage will be 75% of Bachelors Step 1 and individual health care benefits.”

V. Approval of Safety Care Trainers

“that the Board of Education approve the following as Safety Care Trainers for the 2015-2016 school year, retroactive to August 19, 2015, with the recommendation of the Director of Special Education:

Natalie Geyer
Kelsey Halackna
Christine Scappe.”

VI. Approval of Childbearing/Childrearing Leave of Absence

“that the Board of Education approve a Childbearing/Childrearing leave of absence to Carrie Ebner from her position as a Dishwasher/Server at the Middle School retroactive to January 15, 2016 and extending through the end of the 2015/2016 school year, pending the release of her physician.”

VII. Approval of Childbearing Leave of Absence

“that the Board of Education approve a Childbearing Leave of Absence to Amy Knox from her position as a Grade 4 Teacher at McCormick Elementary School beginning on or about April 5, 2016, utilizing sick and personal days, to extend to the end of the 2015/2016 school year, pending the release of her physician.”

VIII. Approval of Revised Leave of Absence

"that the Board of Education approve the revision of Dana Bauer's previously approved Childbearing Leave of Absence followed by an Extended Sick Leave from December 16, 2015 until March 16, 2016 to a Childbearing Leave of Absence effective December 11, 2015 followed by a Medical Leave of Absence utilizing the Extended Sick Leave language from the Collective Bargaining Agreement, returning on March 11, 2016."

IX. Approval of High School Club Sponsors

“that the Board of Education approve the following High School Club Sponsors with after school activities for the 2015/2016 school year with a stipend of \$531.00 per club, retroactive to 8/24/15:

Drama Club Robert Michael.”

X. Approval to Eliminate of Positions

That the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to eliminate the following positions effective February 29, 2016:

Director of Guidance, School Counseling, and Gifted Education
School/Community Relations and Grants Coordinator.”

XI. Approval to Create and Post New Position

“that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to create and post the following new position:

School/Community Relations Coordinator.”

XII. Administrator Appointment

“that the Board of Education approve the appointment of Keith Bielby, 103 Cedar Ridge Drive Monaca , PA 15061, to the position of Accounting Supervisor effective January 1, 2016 at a salary of \$70,000.”

XIII. Extra Pay for Extra Duty

“that the Board of Education approve a one-time additional stipend of \$2,000 each to the Odyssey of the Mind coordinators to coordinate the district’s hosting of the Pennsylvania Odyssey of the Mind competition in April 2016:

Jennifer Wilhelm
Tracey Spinelli
Heidi Gariti.”

XIV. Administrator/Other Central Office Staff Salary Increases for School Year 2015-16

“that the Board of Education approve the Administrator/Other Central Office Staff salary increases for School Year 2015-16 as attached retroactive to July 1, 2015.”

XV. Approval of Building Based Substitute

“that the Board of Education approve Katelynn Danko, 151 Greenlea Drive Moon Township, PA 15108, to the position of Building Based Substitute at the Middle School effective January 25, 2016 through the end of the 2015/2016 school year at a rate of \$110 per day.”

XVI. Approval of Reassignment

“that the Board of Education approve the reassignment of Karen Chodikov, 140 N Jamestown Road Moon Township, PA 15108, from Building Based Substitute at the High School to Senior Project Coordinator at the High School for the 2015/2016 school year, effective January 26, 2016 at a rate of \$110 per day.”

XVII. Approval of Substitutes

“that the Board of Education approve the following substitutes for the Moon Area School District for the 2015/2016 school year:

Teacher
Darla Cowburn
105 Pleasant Drive
McDonald, PA 15057.”

Mr. LaRue asked for an explanation of what #V – Safety Care Trainers is for. Dr. Milanovich commented that these are individuals that deal with our special education teams. Mr. Haslett commented that this is crisis intervention and for students that may need restraining. We have had those three (3) individuals trained as trainers and they train our special education folks and key staff in each one of the buildings. Periodically they need to be retrained and board approved.

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote with the exception of Mr. Scappe who abstained from voting on Item V due to a conflict of interest. Mr. LaRue voted in favor of all items but voted in disfavor to Item #X. His main reason was that this was supposed to go through the personnel committee before a decision was made. Mr. Bussard voted in favor of all items but voted in disfavor to Items X and XI.

Audience Recognition (non-agenda items)

Bob Price, 209 Shafer Road, Moon Township, spoke about the presentation regarding the solar panels. Believes the cost is ridiculous and the solar array in the middle school part lot will look terrible. He is not against solar energy, but thinks it is a big mistake to go with this.

Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Scappe SECONDED by Mr. Hauser, “that the Board of Education adjourn this meeting, 8:30 pm.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Brown
Clerk, Board of Education

Lisa A. Wolowicz
Secretary, Board of Education