

The March 25, 2019, meeting of the Moon Area Board of Education was held in the High School Board Meeting Room 6:00 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. Scappe	Mrs. Zieger
Mr. Bogatay	Mrs. Wolowicz	Mrs. Blair	Mr. Dugan
Mr. Harper			

Also seated at the Board table: Dr. Ungarean, Mr. Haslett, Ms. Regan, and Mr. Cambest, Solicitor.

There were approximately 16 audience members. Administrators present: Dr. Caton, Dr. Prevost, Mr. Daniels, Mr. Schultz, Mrs. Finnegan and Mrs. Pompeani.

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Blair, SECONDED by Mr. Bogatay, “that the Board of Education take a brief recess at 6:02 pm.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

After a brief recess, the Board reconvened at 6:34 pm. Roll call was taken. All directors were present.

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Ungarean read the following statement to the public regarding the reading specialist positions:

The Board of Education has been working diligently with administration over the last two years to reduce District deficit spending while maintaining as many programs as possible. In order to best manage the financial situation of the District, we will reallocate the use of our resources so that Reading Specialists can still deliver excellent instruction to students who need their support. We have been able to do this without furloughing staff members.

The Reading Specialist program will continue next year. We currently have nine Reading Specialists and we will reduce that number to either four or five District-wide to continue their work with students in grades K-2.

Mr. Testa reiterated that no teachers will be losing their jobs. There will be reassignments to fill positions through attrition. The Board and the Administration are working to be financially responsible. It is important that we keep several reading specialist positions to service our kids. Again, we are not doing away with the reading specialist positions. Mr. Testa asked if Mrs. Pompeani would put the statement that Dr. Ungarean had just read on the website site and possibly in the newsletter.

Dr. Ungarean recognized Moon Area High School junior, Liam Pritchard, who was named the Parkway West CTC January PM Student of the Month. Liam was also named to the second quarter dean's list at Parkway West. Liam is a member of the Electrical Systems Technology Program at Parkway West. He is a member of the rugby team, works at Premier Landscaping and competes in SkillsUSA. Liam plans to continue his studies at Community College of Allegheny County after graduation.

Also recognized this evening was Shay Freund, a sophomore at Moon Area High School and a member of Troop 198 in Moon Township for achieving the highest award in Boy Scouting – the Eagle Scout Award. Shay's project involved organizing a fundraising walk to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and for his younger brother, Brayden. The event was held on campus and Shay raised \$5,725 for the foundation and over 200 people attend the walk.

Audience Recognition (Agenda Items Only)

None.

Payment of Bills

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Wolowicz, SECONDED by Mr. Hauser, "that the Board of Education approve the bills for payment as listed below in the amounts totaling \$5,741,440.52 for the period March 8, 2019 to March 22, 2019:

General Fund	\$ 847,547.98
Activity Fund	14,476.61
Food Service Fund	27,161.26
General Fund	<u>4,852,254.67</u>
Total	\$ 5,741,440.52."

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Donation from Moon Area Education Foundation

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Hauser, SECONDED by Mr. Bogatay, "that the Board of Education accept a donation from the Moon Area Education Foundation (MAEF) in the amount of \$4,518.50 for teacher classroom grants."

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

2019-2020 Revised School Calendar

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Dugan, SECONDED by Mr. Scappe, "that the Board of Education approve the revised 2019-2020 school calendar as attached."

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

NaviGate Prepared Proposal

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Wolowicz, SECONDED by Mr. Dugan, “that the Board of Education approve the attached proposal from NaviGate Prepared to set up, install, and maintain software for student and staff safety and security for the 2019-2020 school year, at a cost of \$21,500.”

Mr. Harper asked if this was a new expense for us and if has this been vetted by the police department? Dr. Ungarean commented that yes, it is a new expense and yes it has been vetted by a few police departments. Mr. Harper also asked if this was the only proposal we received. Dr. Ungarean commented that yes, this is the only one and the proposal that we have is used in other local districts.

Ms. Regan commented that this expense is written into the safety grant and we are hoping to pay for it with the grant funds. We should know by May if we are getting the grant and how much we are getting.

Mr. Testa asked if we could wait until May to approve this item and would we be able to get this installed and ready to go for the upcoming school year? Dr. Ungarean commented that no, it would not be possible due to the timeframe needed.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Scappe, SECONDED by Mr. Dugan, “that the Board of Education table this motion at this time for further discussion on this topic.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote to table the motion at this time.

High School Music Department Field Trip

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Hauser, SECONDED by Mrs. Zieger, “that the Board of Education approve students from the high school music department that have qualified for the PMEA All-State Band/Orchestra/Choir Festival to travel to the Pittsburgh metro area, April 3 – 6, 2019, to participate in the PMEA All State Festival. The anticipated cost to the district will be \$860 (\$385 x 2 = student fees - \$770; 1-day substitute = \$90).”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Speech and Debate Team Field Trip

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Hauser, SECONDED by Mrs. Zieger, “that the Board of Education approve the Speech and Debate team to travel to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, May 24-26, 2019, to participate in the National Debate Tournament, per the attached amended field trip request form, for the mode of transportation. The anticipated cost to the district will be approximately \$1,200 to cover the cost of lodging, meals and transportation for the coach.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Boys Volleyball and Girls Golf Booster Clubs Approval

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Wolowicz, SECONDED by Mr. Hauser, “that the Board of Education approve the Boys Volleyball and Girls Golf Booster Clubs for the 2018-2019 school year as attached.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Varsity Boys Basketball State Championship Travel Request

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Hauser, SECONDED by Mrs. Zieger, “that the Board of Education approve the Varsity Boys’ Basketball team to travel to Hershey, Pennsylvania, retroactive to March 22–23, 2019, to participate in the boys’ basketball state championship game. The estimated cost to the district is approximately \$4,170 to cover to the cost of lodging and meals for athletes, coaches, security personnel and bus driver.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Boys Rugby Club Field Trip

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Hauser, SECONDED by Mrs. Zieger, “that the Board of Education approve the Boys Rugby Club to travel to Chaney High School in Ohio, March 25, 2019, to participate in a varsity rugby match. There is no cost to the district.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Personnel

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

I. Approval of Childbearing/Childrearing/Family Medical Leave of Absence

“that the Board of Education approve a Childbearing/Childrearing/Family Medical Leave of Absence to Amanda Mullen, from her position as Family and Consumer Science teacher at the Middle School and High School, beginning on or about August 27, 2019 and returning at the beginning of the second semester, or pending release from physician.”

II. Approval of an Intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence

“that the Board of Education approve an Intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence to Lisa Sarver, from her position as Special Education Assistant at the High School beginning March 3, 2019 through the end of the 2018-2019 school year.”

III. Approval of Spring Coach

“that the Board of Education approve the following coach for the spring 2019 season:

Girls Soccer

MS Girls Coach (A-3) Angela Marino (teacher, clearances on file).”

IV. Approval of STA Drivers/Monitors

“that the Board of Education approve the following individuals employed by STA as bus, van drivers and/or monitors for the Moon Area School District for the 2018-2019 school year, pending receipt and review of clearances. Clearances will be kept on file in the transportation office and at STA:

Samantha Miller
996 Moxon Street
Crescent, PA 15046.”

V. Approval of Pre-Student Teachers, Student Teachers, Interns, Nursing Students and Field Placements

“that the Board of Education approve the following list of pre-student teachers, student teachers, interns, nursing students and field placements for the 2019-2020 school year, pending receipt and review of clearances and confidentiality and computer usage agreements:

Jordan Miles	Clarion University	Student Teaching
Danielle Brunner	Robert Morris University	Student Teaching.”

VI. Approval of Salary Increase

“that the Board of Education approve the following salary increase beginning in the 2019-2020 school year as follows:

Amy Finnegan \$82,400.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Scappe, SECONDED by Mr. Hauser, “that the Board of Education take a brief recess at 7:00 pm.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

After a brief recess, the Board reconvened at 7:52 pm. Roll call was taken. All directors were present.

Recall Motion - NaviGate Prepared Proposal

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Hauser, SECONDED by Mr. Bogatay, “that the Board of Education recall the following motion to the table to be voted on: “that the Board of Education approve the attached proposal from NaviGate Prepared to set up, install, and maintain software for student and staff safety and security for the 2019-2020 school year, at a cost of \$21,500.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

NaviGate Prepared Proposal

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Wolowicz, SECONDED by Mr. Bogatay, “that the Board of Education approve the attached proposal from NaviGate Prepared to set up, install, and maintain software for student and staff safety and security for the 2019-2020 school year, at a cost of \$21,500.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Audience Recognition (Non-Agenda Items)

None

Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Scappe, SECONDED by Mr. Hauser, “that the Board of Education adjourn this meeting, 7:55 pm.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Brown
Clerk, Board of Education

Lisa A. Wolowicz
Secretary, Board of Education