

The December 2, 2019, meeting of the Moon Area Board of Education was held in the High School Board Meeting Room 7:30 p.m., for general purposes. The meeting was CALLED TO ORDER by President, Danielle Zieger. The following directors were present:

Mrs. Zieger	Mr. Testa	Mr. Hauser	Mrs. Blair	Mr. Dugan
Mr. Bogatay	Mr. Harper	Mr. Scappe	Mrs. Partica	

Also seated at the Board table: Mr. Balaski, Ms. Regan and Mr. Cambest, Solicitor.

There were approximately 15 audience members.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Balaski presented a certificate to Mr. Mark Scappe from the PSBA for 16 years of service as a school board director.

Audience Recognition (Agenda Items only)

None.

Parkway West Career and Technology Center

Mr. Hauser commented that he has no report this evening. Parkway West Career and Technology Center did not meet yet this month.

Moon Transportation Authority

Mr. Scappe reported that the Moon Transportation Authority met the first week of November. They are moving forward on the Thorn Run Project. About three or four months ago the contractor thought he was going to have the north side of the construction signalized and ready for operation; however, that is not going to be the case. They did open up the new ramp and there are signs to let the residents and the public know where the ramp is. There will be some additional signs coming. (about 10-14 business days to get installed). The project will keep moving forward. Hopefully in the spring or by June, the signalization will all be in place. The MTA is still working on the Stevenson Mill and Portvue projects. In the middle of preliminary design for that road right now. This road parallels route 376, as well as the marketplace. The MTA is looking at opportunities and options to help the township with a major roadway for all of the development that is planning to be over there towards the old Super K and the Outback Steakhouse (towards the Moon Golf Club). MTA will not have a December meeting and will reconvene in January.

Student Activities Committee

Mr. Scappe reported that the Student Activities Committee did not meet this month; however, the high school has a lot of activities going on, i.e., concerts and the Keystone retake test is scheduled for December 10, 11 and 12, 2020. A lot of concerts are going on at the middle school

and high school and he advises the public to go on our website to see the dates and times of the events we have going on.

Solicitor’s Report

No report.

Approval of Reports

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Scappe, SECONDED by Mr. Testa, “that the Board of Education approve the following reports as reflected in the December Financial Reports:

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

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Payment of Bills

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Testa, SECONDED by Mr. Bogatay “that the Board of Education approve the bills listed for payment in the December Financial Reports below, in the amounts totaling \$3,038,146.11, for the period November 15, 2019 to November 27, 2019:

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Scappe, SECONDED by Mr. Bogatay, “that the Board of Education amend the motion as follows, “...and authorize administration to pay the December bills through end of month.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Testa, SECONDED by Mr. Bogatay “that the Board of Education approve the bills listed for payment in the December Financial Reports below, in the amounts totaling \$3,038,146.11, for the period November 15, 2019 to November 27, 2019, and authorize administration to pay the December bills through the end of the month:

General Fund	\$ 813,876.10
Activity Fund	44,669.27
Food Service	32,063.36
Capital Reserve	136,676.47
General Fund	<u>2,010,860.91</u>
Total	\$ 3,038,146.11.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

AIU Joint Purchasing Program

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Hauser, SECONDED by Mr. Dugan, “that the Board of Education approve the resolution authorizing participation in the joint purchasing cooperation between the Allegheny Intermediate Unit and Moon Area School District as attached.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Placement Agreement

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Scappe, SECONDED by Mrs. Blair, “that the Board of Education approve the attached placement agreement between Moon Area School District and Student ID #43089.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Services Agreement with PA Connecting Communities

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Blair, SECONDED by Mr. Dugan, “that the Board of Education approve the Services Agreement with PA Connecting Communities to provide specialized transition services for Student ID #41590 as attached.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Request for Exception to Policy No. 202 – Non-Resident Enrollment

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Bogatay, SECONDED by Mr. Dugan, “that the Board of Education approve the request for exception to Policy No. 202, Eligibility of Nonresident Students as attached.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Middle School Club Approval

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Hauser, SECONDED by Mr. Bogatay, “that the Board of Education approve the request to operate for the Best Buddies Club at the Middle School as attached.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Daily Field Trips

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Bogatay, SECONDED by Mrs. Blair, “that the Board of Education approve the attached list of daily field trips for the 2019-2020 school year.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Varsity Gymnastics Team Field Trip

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Bogatay, SECONDED by Mrs. Blair, “that the Board of Education approve the Varsity Gymnastics team to travel to St. Mary’s High School, January 3 and 4, 2020, to participate in a varsity gymnastics competition. The anticipated cost to the school district will be the use of school vans.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Varsity Wrestling Field Trip

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Bogatay, SECONDED by Mrs. Blair, “that the Board of Education approve the Varsity Wrestling team to travel to Grove City High School, January 24 and 25, 2020, to participate in a wrestling tournament. The anticipated costs to the district will be a substitute for one day, the entry fee, and the cost of gas for the vans.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Dance Team Field Trip

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Bogatay, SECONDED by Mrs. Blair, “that the Board of Education the Dance Team to travel to Hershey, Pennsylvania, April 17-19, 2020, to participate in the School National Dance Competition (dancing for scholarships). There are no anticipated costs to the District.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Policies for Second Reading Approval

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Dugan, SECONDED by Mrs. Blair, “that the Board of Education approve the second reading of the following policies that have been revised for adoption, as amended below:

- Policy No. 104 – Nondiscrimination/Discriminatory Harassment – Employment Practices
- Policy No. 209 – Health Examinations/Screening
- Policy No. 911 – News and Media Relations.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Policy for Third and Final Reading Approval

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Bogatay, SECONDED by Mrs. Blair, “that the Board of Education approve the third and final reading the following policy and attachment that have been revised for adoption, as amended below:

- Policy No. 808 – Food Services
- 808 – Attachment.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Conferences

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

Megan Kirchner – January 21-24, 2020, a Marine Educator’s Workshop, United States Military, Parris Island, SC. To have educators experience and learn about the choice of a military career. There is no cost to the district.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Personnel

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

I. Approval to Hire and Fill Positions

“that the Board of Education authorize the Assistant to the Superintendent to hire and fill vacant positions prior to the board meeting scheduled for January 13, 2020.”

II. Approval of a Childbearing/Childrearing/Family Medical Leave of Absence

“that the Board of Education approve a Childbearing/Childrearing/Family Medical Leave of Absence to Haley Martin from her position as Special Education teacher at the High School beginning on or about March 15, 2020 through the end of the 2019-2020 school year.”

III. Approval of a Childbearing/Childrearing/Family Medical Leave of Absence

“that the Board of Education approve a Childbearing/Childrearing/Family Medical Leave of Absence to Ashley Kulasa from her position as Third Grade teacher at McCormick Elementary School beginning on or about February 4, 2020 and returning on or about May 22, 2020.”

IV. Approval of a Childbearing/Childrearing/Family Medical Leave of Absence

“that the Board of Education approve a Childbearing/Childrearing/Family Medical Leave of Absence to Elizabeth Peglow Seiler from her position as Kindergarten teacher at Hyde Elementary School beginning on or about March 26, 2020 through the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.”

Volunteer Jason Bennett

Boys Volleyball

Head Coach Steve Nicola (already approved)
Asst. Coach (A-2) David Snell

Boys Tennis

Head Coach Mike Lucente (already approved)
Asst. Coach (A-3) TBD

Swimming

MS Coach (A-3) Jeff Berghoff

Boys Lacrosse

Head Coach (volunteer) Mark Ringeling (already approved)
Asst. Coach (volunteer) Richard Shenk
Asst. Coach (volunteer) Bennett Metzger

Girls Lacrosse

Head Coach (volunteer) Taylor Hopkins (already approved)
Asst. Coach (volunteer) Emily D'Amico (pending clearances)

Girls Rugby

Head Coach (volunteer) Rocky Nurss (already approved)
Asst. Coach (volunteer) Jillian Deitrick
Asst. Coach (volunteer) Desiree Markovich
Asst. Coach (volunteer) Neha Kumar

Boys Rugby

Head Coach (volunteer) Cody Fulton (already approved)
Asst. Coach (volunteer) Jim Barone
Asst. Coach (volunteer) Shawn Crago
Asst. Coach (volunteer) Todd Fabec

X. Approval of Winter Event Workers

“that the Board of Education approve the following Winter Event Workers for the 2019-2020 school year, pending receipt and review of clearances, per the recommendation of Mr. Ron Ledbetter:

Boys Basketball

Varsity

Ticket Sellers Karen Neptune
Ticket Collector Melissa Bonura
Ticket Collector Mike Neptune
Ticket Collector Lynette Marchionda

Scoreboard Operator	Chuck Herbert
Clock Operator	Skip Tatala
Event Managers	Todd Goble/Tom Gaona
Crowd Supervision	Ryan McCutcheon
Crowd Supervision	Maureen Spezialetti
Crowd Supervision	Denise Blodis
Videographer	Carmen Marchionda
Statistician	John Torhan
Announcers	Eric D'Antonio, Derek Heid, Chuck Biancucci

9th Grade

Scoreboard Operator	Skip Tatala
Event Manager	Kevin Gallagher

Boys and Girls Basketball

7/8th Grade – Boys

Event Manager	Shannon Yanek
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7/8th Grade – Girls

Event Manager	Karen Neptune
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Girls Basketball

Varsity

Clock Operator	Skip Tatala
Scoreboard Operator	Chuck Herbert
Event Manager	Karen Neptune
Statistician	Willie Corso
Announcers	Eric D'Antonio or Chuck Biancucci, Derek Heid
Crowd Supervision	Maureen Spezialetti
Crowd Supervision	Becki Kuklish
Videographer	Mia Manna

Wrestling

Varsity

Scoreboard Operator	Ben Ledbetter
Event Manager	Jeff Osegueda

Middle School

Scoreboard Operator	Ben Ledbetter
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Swimming

Deck Supervision	Bernie Vogler
Crowd Supervision	Denise Blodis

Substitute Workers

Mike Neptune
Diamond Linn

Judy McCutcheon
Tracey Spinelli
Ryan Linn
Dan Bingham
Maureen Spezialetti
Mike Spezialetti
Becki Kuklish
Katelynn Danko
Heidi Gariti
Shawn Besong
Tyler Krokoko
Lynette Marchionda
Rosalind Taylor
Shannon Yanek
Bill Bacu
Jake Spinelli
Bill Spinelli
Sheila Tierney
Denise Blodis
Jerry McFarland
Ben Ledbetter
Jeff Osegueda
Barb Rocca
John Colaiacovo
Brock Witkowski
Tammy Yurkovich
Leighann Migliozi
Colette Decker
Lisa Ellis.”

XI. Approval of STA Drivers and Monitors

“that the Board of Education approve the following individuals employed by STA as drivers and/or monitors for the Moon Area School District for the 2019-2020 school year, pending receipt and review of clearances. Clearances will be kept on file in the transportation office and at STA:

Sabrina Toumi Monitor
820 Capital Drive
Apt. 13
Carnegie, PA 15706

Charles Quinn Van Driver
631 Forest Green Drive
Coraopolis, PA 15108.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Audience Recognition (Non-Agenda Items)

Carol Kyler – Bonnie Brae Drive, Moon Township asked how she can view the attachments on the board agenda. She can view board documents on website.

Board Comments

Mr. Testa congratulated Mrs. Zieger for her appointment as Board President. He also welcomed Mrs. Partica to the board. He recognized all of our fall sports teams for having an outstanding season. The football team won the conference for the first time in 16 years and won a first-round playoff game. All of our fall sports teams, except for one, made the playoffs this year. The only team that didn't make the playoffs was the Girls Golf team and they set a record for most victories this year and finished third. We are looking forward to the winter sports matching that. Mr. Testa wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Hauser offered his sincere congratulations to Mrs. Zieger for being nominated as Board President. He commented that this role is no small task and that she has his full support. Mr. Hauser also congratulated Jen Partica on being elected to the board. He also congratulated the newly elected officers. He's hopeful this is going to be another good and productive four (4) years and hopes the board continues to be a positive influence on the staff and community. He also wished everyone a very happy holiday!

Mr. Scappe congratulated Mrs. Zieger on being appointed Board President. He offered to help in any way if she has any questions or concerns, as he held this position before. Mr. Scappe also congratulated all of his fellow board members that won election this past November. He extended his gratitude to the public for selecting him for another term. This will be his fifth term as a director on the Board. Commenting that we have accomplished a lot in the past 16 years that he's been on the board and hopefully the next 4 years we will accomplish just as much. He also wished everyone a happy holiday!

Mrs. Blair welcomed Jen Partica to the board. She also congratulated Mrs. Zieger as President of the Board. She congratulated Rob Harper as Vice President, James Bogatay as Secretary and Matt Dugan as Treasurer. She also congratulated Mark Scappe on his achievement for serving on the school board for 16 years. She, too, wished everyone happy holidays! t

Mr. Bogatay congratulated Mrs Zieger on being appointed Board President and knows she will do a fantastic job. He also congratulated Mr. Scappe on his award for his longevity on serving on the Board. Mr. Bogatay also recognized and thanked Lisa Wolowicz, who isn't here this evening, on her may years of great service to this community. He commented that she will be missed on the board. It was an honor to serve with her and he wishes her the best in her future endeavors. Mr. Bogatay also congratulated Mrs. Partica for being elected.

Mr. Harper congratulated Mrs. Zieger as Board President. He also welcomed Jen Partica to the board. Echoing what Mr. Bogatay said, Lisa Wolowicz did not get to say a formal good bye to us, and she had been on the board for 12 years. She did a great job while she was on the board for 12 years.

Mr. Dugan congratulated Mrs. Zieger and Mr. Harper for their appointments as Board President and Board Vice President. Mr. Testa did a very good job running those meetings, it's not easy. Good job Mr. Testa and Mr. Hauser serving as President and Vice President. He also welcomed Jen Partica to the board.

Mrs. Partica thanked everyone who came out this evening and thanked the new officers who have been very welcoming to her as she joins the board. She commented that she has spent her entire career in education and volunteering for everything. She is excited to bring them both together and serve on the board.

Mrs. Zieger echoed the sentiments of the other directors by recognizing Lisa Wolowicz who served this district for 12 years. She was an excellent board member and a good friend. She will be sorely missed by her and other board members. She commented that Mrs. Wolowicz should hold her head high as she was quite the board member over the last 12 years. She was an integral part in getting the high school renovation up and running. This building is a testament to the enormous amount of work that she has been involved with over her 12 years of service. Mrs. Zieger wished everybody a Happy Thanksgiving and hoped they all had a nice time with families. She also congratulated her fellow board members and newly elected officers Mr. Harper, Mr. Bogatay and Mr. Dugan. Mrs. Zieger commented that she is looking forward to working with all of you. She also welcomed Jen Partica to the board. Mrs. Zieger attended some of the concerts at the middle school. She thanked the music department because they have done an absolutely astounding job. Bravo to our music department teachers and all of the children who participate in our music programs here at MASD. She also congratulated all of our sports teams and wished them all well in the upcoming weeks, including her son who recently made the basketball team. She thanked Mr. Jerry Testa who has been absolutely wonderful with this transitional period. He encouraged her to do this four years ago. She also wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season, sharing a quote she likes: "keep safe and keep healthy!" She's excited to see everyone in the new year and make Moon an even better school district than it already is.

Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Scappe, SECONDED by Mr. Dugan, "that the Board of Education adjourn this meeting, 7:50 pm.

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Brown
Clerk, Board of Education

James Bogatay
Secretary, Board of Education