

The February 24, 2020, 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, Danielle Zieger. The following directors were present:

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

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

There were approximately 9 audience members.

Mrs. Zieger announced that prior to this evening’s meeting, the Board met in Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Balaski recognized MAHS senior, Patrick Whartenby, who was recently named a 2019 National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) Program finalist. Patrick has received a *Certificate of Merit* by the NMSC for this prestigious achievement. In the fall, Patrick was among 16,000 semifinalists in the nation. The 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program selects semifinalists based on about 1.5 million individual 2018 Preliminary SAT (PSAT)/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT) scores. Less than one percent of seniors are selected as semifinalists. Patrick was the only semifinalist from MAHS in 2019. This March, NMSC will announce finalist scholarship awards. Of the 15,000 students selected as finalists, 7,500 will receive scholarships. Patrick demonstrates involvement both in school and within the community. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, American Cultures Club, Boy Scouts of America, and has volunteered with the Coraopolis Cooperative Food Pantry, World Vision, and his church. Patrick is also a high honor student at MAHS and a member of both the cross country and hockey teams. Patrick plans to attend MIT in the fall.

Mr. Balaski updated the Board on the Comprehensive and Professional Education Planning project. The first meeting was held last week; and there are about 26 participants on the committee. The Committee is going to evaluate the needs assessment of the district. Once that is complete, the Committee will present this information to the Board for approval either late spring or early summer.

Audience Recognition (Agenda Items Only)

None.

Payment of Bills

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Hauser, SECONDED by Mr. Bogatay, “that the Board of Education approve the bills for payment as listed below in the amounts totaling \$2,358,467.19 for the period February 7, 2020, to February 20, 2020, as attached:

General Fund	\$ 935,031.48
Activity Fund	3,223.19
Food Service	39,707.80
General Fund	1,353,169.43
Capital Reserve	<u>27,335.29</u>
Total	\$ 2,358,467.19.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Acceptance of Bid for Erate Network Cabling

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Scappe, SECONDED by Mrs. Blair, “that the Board of Education award Computec Technical Services, Inc., the winning bid for network cabling services as attached.” (Note: This was advertised and vetted through Questeq who holds our contract for Erate Services.)

All directors voted in favor on a roll call.

Donation from NEA Foundation

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Bogatay, SECONDED by Mr. Testa, “that the Board of Education accept the donation from NEA Foundation, in the amount of \$5,000, for upgrades to the makerspace in the Middle School. This was awarded to Ian Finn and Scott Hilpert for improvements to the makerspace.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Incoming Kindergarten Book Donation

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Hauser, SECONDED by Mr. Bogatay, “that the Board of Education accept a donation of books from the Moon Public Library to pass out to our incoming Kindergarten families for distribution at our Kindergarten Round-Up in April to promote literacy. The book is titled, “*Miss Bindergarten Goes to Kindergarten.*” There is no cost to the district.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

MAHS Organization Annual Request to Operate

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Scappe, SECONDED by Mr. Bogatay, “that the Board of Education approve the Moon Area High School’s Organization (Tabletop Games) annual request to operate for the 2019-2020 school year as attached.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Daily Field Trips

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Hauser, SECONDED by Mr. Scappe, “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 Swimming Team Field Trip

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Testa, SECONDED by Mrs. Partica, “that the Board of Education approve the Varsity Swimming team to travel to Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, March 10, 11 and 12, 2020 to participate in a state swim meet. The anticipated costs to the district will be for hotels, meals and gas for school vans.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Personnel

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Blair, SECONDED by Mr. Bogatay, “that the Board of Education approve the items listed:

I. Tenure

“that the Board of Education award tenure to the following individual who has successfully completed three (3) years of satisfactory service:

Lucia Hrabovsky.”

II. Approval of an Intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence

“that the Board of Education approve an Intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence for Denise Blodis from her position as Special Education Assistant at the Middle School effective retro to February 3, 2020, with an end date to be determined. The purpose of the leave is to care for an ill family member.”

III. Approval of a Medical Leave of Absence

“that the Board of Education approve a Medical Leave of Absence to Heather Hostutler from her position as Nurse Assistant at the Middle School effective May 11, 2020 for approximately three (3) months or pending release from physician.”

IV. Approval of Extra Pay for Extra Duty Position – Middle School

“that the Board of Education approve the following extra pay for extra duty position at the Middle School effective March 2, 2020:

Bus Monitor (PM only) Tiffany Broderick.”

V. 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:

Pamela Cashdollar Van Driver
3518 Massachusetts Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Meagan Rucker Van Driver
1034 Ridge Avenue
Coraopolis, PA 15108.”

VI. Approval of Spring Coach

“that the Board of Education approve the following spring coach for the 2019-2020 school year, pending receipt and review of clearances:

Baseball

Volunteer Assistant Coach David Foy.”

Audience Recognition (Non-Agenda Items)

None.

Mrs. Zieger commented on some highlights going on in the District:

- MAHS Spring Musical “Little Shop of Horrors” will run March 19-22 and tickets are now on sale on the District website.
- Students at Bon Meade Elementary School have been giving their hearts to those in need this February. Bon Meade hosted a Valentine’s Dance benefiting the American Heart Association (AHA) on Friday, February 14, 2020. This year, Bon Meade Elementary raised \$3,178 for the American Heart Association.

Workshop Meeting, February 24, 2020

- Several of our schools sent Valentine’s cards to those in nursing homes or battling illnesses this month and have spread their kindness and positivity throughout our community.
- This past weekend our boys and girls swim teams both won MAC Championships and the boys also secured the section championship.
- Our boys’ and girls’ bowlers are still undefeated, and both are section champions as well.
- Our girls’ gymnastics team were section champions and WPIAL runner-up.
- Girls basketball won their first-round playoff game and play this Saturday at Mt. Lebanon at 3:15 against Woodland Hills.

Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Scappe, SECONDED by Mr. Bogatay, “that the Board of Education adjourn this meeting, 7:16 pm.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Brown
Clerk, Board of Education

James Bogatay
Secretary, Board of Education