

The September 9, 2019, meeting of the Moon Area Board of Education was held in the High School Board Meeting Room 7:04 p.m., for general purposes. The meeting was CALLED TO ORDER by Vice President, Michael Hauser. The following directors were present:

Mr. Hauser Mr. Bogatay Mr. Scappe Mrs. Blair Mrs. Wolowicz
Mr. Harper Mr. Dugan

Mrs. Zieger and Mr. Testa were absent.

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

There were approximately 8 audience members.

Mr. Hauser announced that prior to this evening's meeting, the Board met in executive session to discuss personnel and discipline issues.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Balaski commented that he attended the elementary open houses this past week and they all went well. The High School's open house will be held on Wednesday and the Middle School's open house will be held on Thursday.

Audience Recognition (Agenda Items Only)

None.

Correspondence

None

Parkway West Career and Technology Center

Parkway West Career and Technology Center met on Tuesday, September 3, 2019. Parkway is up and running. The new diesel program is doing well. The executive director indicated that enrollment is at an all-time high at Parkway with approximately 900 students. Parkway is also looking to hire a few additional teachers.

Moon Transportation Authority

The Moon Transportation Authority met on September 3, 2019. They discussed the Thorn Run Project, the Market Place project near Scally's and the Stevenson Mill and Portvue projects.

Student Activities

The Student Activities Committee met today. The Middle School book fair will be held this week. Pictures will be September 17, 2019. The football boosters would like to purchase an inflatable football for the team to run through. The boosters will pay for, maintain and store the inflatable.

Solicitor’s Report

No report.

Add Motion to Agenda – Agreement Between MASD and Parent/Student

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Scappe, SECONDED by Mr. Bogatay, that the following motion be added to the agenda as Item 8.13:

“that the Board of Education accept the agreement between the school district, parent and student as defined in the agreement dated September 5, 2019, concerning an incident on or about August 26, 2019, which resulted in violation of school district policy in the code of student conduct.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Approval of Reports

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Wolowicz, SECONDED by Mrs. Blair, “that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the meetings held on August 12 and August 26, 2019, and the following reports as reflected in the September 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 Mrs. Wolowicz, SECONDED by Mrs. Blair, “that the Board of Education approve the bills listed for payment in the September Financial Reports below, in the amounts totaling \$2,174,106.17 for the period August 23, 2019 to September 5, 2019:

General Fund	\$1,236,558.93
Activity Fund	8,865.69
Food Service Fund	31,502.65
General Fund	<u>897,178.90</u>

Total \$ 2,174,106.17.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Memorandum of Understanding with the Moon Area Education Support Professional Association

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Wolowicz, SECONDED by Mrs. Blair, “that the Board of Education approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Moon Area Education Support Professional Association, ESP/PSEA/NEA in regard to Employee No. 280, as attached.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Lincoln Learning

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Dugan, SECONDED by Mr. Bogatay, “that the Board of Education approve the changes in the contract with Lincoln Learning as attached.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Kennywood School Picnic

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Scappe, SECONDED by Mr. Bogatay, “that the Board of Education approve the Kennywood school picnic agreement as attached. The date of the picnic for the 2019-2020 school year will be Monday, June 15, 2020.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

MAHS Organization Annual Request to Operate

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Wolowicz, SECONDED by Mr. Scappe, “that the Board of Education approve the Moon Area High School organization, Student Council’s annual request to operate for the 2019-2020 school year as attached.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Approval of Middle School and High School Field Trips

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Wolowicz, SECONDED by Mrs. Blair, “that the Board of Education approve the middle school and high school field trips for the 2019-2020 school year 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 Mrs. Blair, SECONDED by Mr. Bogatay, “that the Board of Education approve the attached request for exception to Policy No. 202, Eligibility of Non-resident Students.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Retire Policy No. 205 – Postgraduate Students

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Dugan, SECONDED by Mr. Bogatay, “that the Board of Education retire Policy No. 205 – Postgraduate Students effective immediately.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Policy for First Reading Approval

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Bogatay, SECONDED by Mr. Scappe, “that the Board of Education approve the first reading of the following policy that has been revised for adoption, as amended below:

- Policy No. 702.1 – Crowdfunding.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Conferences

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

Julie Sitko – National Association for College Admission Counseling Annual Conference – September 24 – 28, 2019, Louisville, Kentucky. Professional development for high school counselors in regard to college counseling and best practices.

Pam Anderson – Text Dependent Analysis: Effective Instructional Practices, at the Allegheny Intermediate Unit, Homestead, PA., September 18, 2019, October 24, 2019, December 5, 2019 and January 23, 2020. The session is essential to middle school ELA department to achieve a better understanding of state tests.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Personnel

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

I. Approval of Kindergarten Teacher

“that the Board of Education approve Anna Benvin, 227 Hazel Lane, Edgeworth, PA 15143, to the position of Kindergarten teacher within the Moon Area School District. The salary for this position will be Masters’ Step 2, \$49,314, prorated for the 2019-2020 school year. Start date retro to September 3, 2019.”

II. Approval of Kindergarten Teacher

“that the Board of Education approve Nicole Falcione, 4030 Turnwood Lane, Moon Township, Pa 15108, to the position of Kindergarten teacher within the Moon Area School District, pending receipt and review of clearances. The salary for this position will be Bachelors’ Step 1, \$47,350, prorated for the 2019-2020 school year. Start date retro to September 6, 2019.”

III. Approval of Long-Term Substitute Teacher - Kindergarten

“that the Board of Education approve Rachael Evans, 132 W. Manilla Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15220, to the position of Long-Term Substitute Kindergarten teacher at Brooks Elementary School for the 2019-2020 school year retro to September 5, 2019. The salary for this position will be \$186.91 per day (75% of Bachelors’ Step 1), along with individual health insurance.”

IV. Approval of Nurse Assistant

“that the Board of Education approve Lindsey Braley, 2529 Minton Drive, Coraopolis, PA 15108, to the position of district-wide Nurse Assistant for the 2019-2020 school year pending receipt and review of clearances.”

V. Approval of Medical Leave of Absence

“that the Board of Education approve a Medical Leave of Absence to Christine Kernan from her position as Building Assistant at Bon Meade Elementary School beginning September 20, 2019 and returning to work on or about October 14, 2019 or pending release from physician.”

VI. Approval of Safety Care Trainers

“that the Board of Education approve the following individuals as Safety Care Trainers for the 2019-2020 school year:

- Kelsey Halackna
- Christine Scappe
- Amanda Schiff
- Shannon Watt.”

VII. Rescind Approval of Extra Pay for Extra Duty Positions – Allard Elementary School

“that the Board of Education rescind the approval the following extra pay for extra duty positions at Allard Elementary School effective immediately:

Bus/Hall Monitor (PM)
Student Council

Karen Bell
Lauren Perkins.”

VIII. Approval of Extra Pay for Extra Duty Positions – Allard Elementary School

“that the Board of Education approve the following extra pay for extra duty positions at Allard Elementary School for the 2019-2020 school year:

Elementary Band
Elementary Orchestra
Literacy Night

Abigail Iksic
Abigail Iksic
Carolyn Andrews.”

IX. Approval of Extra Pay for Extra Duty Positions – McCormick Elementary School

“that the Board of Education approve the following extra pay for extra duty positions at McCormick Elementary School for the 2019-2020 school year:

Elementary Band
Elementary Orchestra
Literacy Night

Abigail Iksic
Abigail Iksic
Jessica Huzzard.”

X. Approval of Extra Pay for Extra Duty Positions – Brooks Elementary School

“that the Board of Education approve the following extra pay for extra duty positions at Brooks Elementary School for the 2019-2020 school year:

Bus/Breakfast Duty (AM)

Nancy Jackson.”

XI. Approval of Salary Increase

“that the Board of Education approve a salary increase for Jason D’Alesio to \$94,000 effective retro to July 1, 2019.”

XII. Approval of Fall Event Workers

“that the Board of Education approve the following Fall event workers for the 2019 Fall sports season, per the recommendation of Mr. Ledbetter (clearances on file):

Football Clean-up Crew Chief retro to 8/30/19
Substitute Event Worker

Richard Knauff
Tammy Yurkovich.”

XIII. Approval of Fall Coach

“that the Board of Education approve the following fall coach for the 2019-2020 school year, per the recommendation of Mr. Ron Ledbetter:

Girls Soccer

Volunteer Assistant

Mackenzie Musser (clearances on file).”

XIV. Approval of STA Drivers

“that the Board of Education approve the following individuals employed by STA as bus drivers 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:

Joseph Fritz
204 Golfview Drive
Monaca, PA 15061

Frank Magnotta
134 Claridge Drive
Moon Township, PA 15108

Ivory Gaston
623 6th Avenue
Coraopolis, PA 15108.”

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Agreement Between MASD and Parent/Student

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Audience Recognition (Non-Agenda Items)

Richard Farina, 123 S. Jamestown Road, Moon Township, PA 15108 discipline issue regarding his child.

Board Comments

Mr. Harper, Mr. Dugan and Mrs. Blair had no comments this evening.

Mrs. Wolowicz welcomed everyone back to school and wishes everyone has a great school year!

Business Meeting, September 9, 2019

Mr. Bogatay commented on social media. The prior board was combative; the current board will listen to the public, so he urged the public to come to the meetings and engage with the board with problems that arise.

Mr. Scappe commented that the homecoming parade will be held on Thursday, September 19, 2019.

Mr. Hauser welcomed everyone back to school. Things are off to a good start this year. Hopes everyone has a great year!

Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Scappe, SECONDED by Mr. Bogatay, “that the Board of Education adjourn this meeting, 7:46 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