

**The March 9, 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. Harper	Mr. Dugan	Mr. Bogatay
Mr. Hauser	Mr. Testa	Mrs. Partica	Mr. Scappe

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

Mrs. Blair was absent

There were approximately 12 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**

A presentation was made by representatives from ABM. ABM provides school districts with valuable information so that they can make better decisions based on real data and its correlation to student achievement, resource allocation and finance.

### **Audience Recognition (Agenda Items and Non-Agenda Items)**

None.

### **Correspondence**

None.

### **Parkway West Career and Technology Center**

Mr. Hauser reported that Parkway West Career and Technology Center met on March 3, 2020. All 12 member schools have passed their portion of the budget for their home districts so Parkway's budget for the upcoming school year is fully approved. The chef at Parkway has retired, with over 43 years of service. On the agenda was another chef for approval that has experience at career and technology centers and restaurants. The last phase of the major capital improvement at Parkway will get underway this spring and into the summer.

### **Moon Transportation Authority**

Mr. Scappe reported that the Moon Transportation Authority will be making a presentation to the Board at the next board meeting to be held on March 23, 2020. There is no additional report this evening.

**Student Activities Committee**

Mr. Scappe reported that the Student Activities Committee met on March 2, 2020. Some highlights: high school musical will be held March 19 – 22, 2020; an All District concert will be held on March 24 and the US Air Force band will be performing on March 25. The National Honor Society ceremony will be held on April 14. Battle of the Books is going on at the Middle School today and tomorrow and at the end of the month is the 8<sup>th</sup> grade career day. The committee also talked about a co-op agreement with Cornell for athletics.

**Solicitor’s Report**

No report.

**Approval of Reports**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Dugan, SECONDED by Mr. Bogatay, “that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the meetings held on February 10 and 24, 2020, and the following reports as reflected in the March 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. Scappe, SECONDED by Mr. Dugan, “that the Board of Education approve the bills listed for payment in the March Financial Reports below, in the amounts totaling \$1,312,661.42, for the period February 21, 2020, to March 5, 2020:

General Fund	\$ 398,170.80
Activity Fund	22,036.87
Food Service	30,103.36
General Fund	854,698.11
Capital Reserve	<u>\$ 7,652.28</u>
Total	\$ 1,312,661.42.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

**2020-2021 AIU Program of Services Budget – Finance Division**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Hauser, SECONDED by Mr. Testa, “that the Board of Education approve the proposed 2020-2021 Allegheny Intermediate Unit Program of Services Budget in the amount of \$2,202,973.00. The Allegheny County (AIU3) school districts’ total contribution to the budget is \$1,811,545.00. The Moon Area School District’s contribution to the Program of Services Budget is estimated to be \$69,908.21 and will be determined by PDE according to District Aid Ratio and Weighted Average Daily Membership (WADM).”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

**Kindergarten Round-Up T-Shirt Donation**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Bogatay, SECONDED by Mrs. Partica, “that the Board of Education accept a donation of Kindergarten Round-Up t-shirts for Moon Area School District’s incoming Kindergarten families for distribution at Kindergarten Round-Up in April, from Clearview Credit Union. Clearview graciously donates t-shirts each year to Moon Kindergarten students.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

**Daily Field Trips**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Scappe, SECONDED by Mr. Hauser, “that the Board of Education table the attached list of daily field trips for the 2019-2020 school year.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call to table this item, with the exception of Mr. Bogatay and Mrs. Partica who voted in disfavor.

**Speech and Debate Team Field Trip**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Scappe, SECONDED by Mr. Hauser, “that the Board of Education table the high school Speech and Debate team to travel to Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 14-19, 2020, to participate in the National Speech and Debate Association’s National Tournament. The anticipated costs to the district will be approximately \$2,200 to cover the cost of lodging, meals and transportation of coach and required judge.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote to table this item, with the exception of Mr. Bogatay and Mrs. Partica who voted in disfavor.

**German Department Field Trip**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Scappe, SECONDED by Mr. Hauser, “that the Board of Education table the high school German Department to travel to German – Berlin and Munich, Frankfurt, Hamburg and Heidelberg, June 15 – June 24, 2022, to experience real life German culture and employ the German language skills learned in school. There are no anticipated costs to the district.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote to table this item, with the exception of Mr. Bogatay and Mrs. Partica, who voted in disfavor.

**Motion to Amend Agenda to Re-Add Item 8.05 – Daily Field Trips**

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Partica, SECONDED by Mr. Bogatay, “that the Board of Education amend the agenda to re-add Item 8.05 Daily Field Trips to the board agenda.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote, with the exception of Mr. Scappe who voted in disfavor.

**Motion to Amend Agenda Item 8.05 – Daily Field Trips**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Scappe, SECONDED by Mr. Testa, “that the Board of Education amend Item. 8.05 Daily Field Trips.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

**Daily Field Trips**

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Partica, SECONDED by Mr. Bogatay, “that the Board of Education approve the first two field trips on the attached list of daily field trips for the 2019-2020 school year and table the remaining fields trips at this time.”

Mr. Hauser commented so that the public knows that the Board and the community and the nation as a whole are trying to operate with an abundance of caution. We don’t want to restrict anyone’s ability to have these additional enriching experiences. But given what’s happened, we think that we should proceed with reasonable caution and this will take care of the majority of individual trips that come into play. We think that this is reasonable to allow at this time.

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

**Personnel**

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

**I. Approval of a Sabbatical Leave of Absence**

“that the Board of Education approve a Sabbatical Leave of Absence to Dana Bauer, from her position as Grade 4 teacher at Bon Meade Elementary School, for the 2020-2021 school year. This leave is for educational purposes.”

**II. Approval of Sabbatical Leave of Absence**

“that the Board of Education approve a Sabbatical Leave of Absence to Jacquelyn Pollino, from her position as Art teacher at the High School, for the 2020-2021 school year. This leave is for educational purposes.”

**III. Retirement**

“that the Board of Education accept the retirement resignation from Deborah Kailer from her position as English Language Development teacher at Hyde Elementary School and the Middle School, effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.”

**IV. Approval of Extra Pay for Extra Duty Position – Brooks Elementary School**

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

Elementary Art Show Elizabeth Blair.”

**V. Approval of Extra Pay for Extra Duty Position – McCormick Elementary School**

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

Elementary Art Show Elizabeth Blair.”

**VI. Approval of Extra Pay for Extra Duty Position – Hyde Elementary School**

“that the Board of Education approve the following extra pay for extra duty position at Hyde Elementary School as follows:

Bus Monitor (AM/PM) Brenda Hall  
(filling in for Sissy Jochmann while on LOA)  
(March 2, 2020 thru March 13, 2020).”

**VII. 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:

**Track**

Volunteer Assistant Coach Aaron Belsky.”

**VIII. 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:

**Van Drivers**

John Barnes  
1011 Sanda Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15227

Latisha Fowlks  
346 Macassar Drive, Apt. 2  
Pittsburgh, PA 15236

Raymond Ratliff  
2011 Crafton Blvd.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15205.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

**Audience Recognition (Non-Agenda Items)**

Jacob Workmeister, 228 Randy Lane, Moon Township, PA commented about how he and his class were talking to his teacher about the process in which the school board makes decisions. The topics of laptops for students in the middle school was discussed. Jacob also asked if field trips in Pennsylvania would be cancelled due to the Coronavirus, field trips that they have gone on every year at the end of the school year. Mr. Bogatay commented that it is the Board’s job to keep you safe. Although the Board really wants you to go on your field trips at the end of the school year, if doing that would expose you to any kind of danger, the Board’s job is to cancel that field trip to keep students safe. Mrs. Partica commented that the daily fields are only tabled right now, they have not been totally cancelled as of yet.

Michael Workmeister, 228 Randy Lane, Moon Township, PA wanted to know what the result was for the field trips. Mrs. Zieger commented that there were numerous field trips that were scheduled and due to this ever-evolving health situation that we have right now in this country and the world, the Coronavirus, we are taking the lead of the recommendation from the World Health Organization and the CDC. We are looking at other districts, not just here in Pennsylvania, but across the country and the state and we are all trying to do our best to navigate this and use an abundance of caution. Some field trips were daily field trips, and some were international. Mr. Bogatay commented that for Item. 8.05, the first two field trips for March 12, 2020 and March 25, 2020 were approved. The other field trips on the list were tabled. All of the field trips have been tabled at this time. We are waiting for more information. As more information comes in, the Board and Administration can make informed decisions.

Vince Valacente, 904 Montclair Drive, Moon Township, PA – resident for over 40 years, wanted to pay the board a verbal commendation. He's been going to a lot of school districts in the area and in the tri-state and he's trying to get school districts to model what Moon does in terms of keeping their buildings, staff and their children safe from all types of microorganisms and bacteria and especially today with the Coronavirus. He wanted to congratulate the Board, the administration and Mr. Daniels and his staff in making sure the buildings are constantly treated. It is an on-going effort. They have a good program in place to make sure the buildings are safe.

Mr. Harper commented that Mr. Valacente works for Bactronix and he fully supports everything we are doing to keep the buildings as clean and safe for the students as possible.

### **Board Comments**

Mrs. Zeiger commented that winter sports are finishing up and the spring sports have started practice. Gymnastics rebounded from their WPIAL 2<sup>nd</sup> place finish to defeat Thomas Jefferson for the PA Classic Championship. Several swimmers qualified for the state championship. States are next Wednesday and Thursday at Bucknell. The Bowling teams are competing in the singles and team regionals this weekend. Wishing the teams good luck! The elementary PTC/PTO groups will host their annual Staff Basketball Tournament on April 1, 2020 at the high school gym. Doors will open at 5:30 and the games will start at 6 pm. The MAHS symphonic band, directed by Mr. Barthen, participated in a cross-curricular experience last week with Mrs. Pollino's art class. Art students were inspired by the symphonic band as they created watercolor designs during the collaboration. This is a great example of our teachers and students working and learning together in unique ways. The All-District concert will be held on Tuesday, March 24 at 7 pm in the high school auditorium. This concert represents all school buildings, with students ranging in grades 4-12 performing in a continuous musical extravaganza. Admission to the event is free and no tickets are required. Mrs. Zieger also thanked ABM for coming in this evening and doing an informative presentation. She also thanked the student boy scouts that attended the meeting this evening and for sharing their comments as well.

Mr. Scappe, Mr. Hauser, Mr. Bogatay, Mr. Dugan, Mrs. Partica and Mr. Harper had no comments this evening.

Mr. Testa congratulated and wished good luck to the swimmers competing in the state championship. He asked Mr. Balaski to speak more on Bactronix and keeping the staff and students safe.

Mr. Balaski commented that we routinely spray the buildings with Bactronix. We were the first school to do this with Bactronix. Bactronix puts a biofilm on the surface to protect our students against mold, mildew, air contaminants, bacteria, etc. In addition, we do this several times a year, as it is a long-lasting product. In addition, we use other disinfectants to clean the tables throughout the year. He commended Mr. Daniels that he has really taken a lead in this to make sure this is done on a daily basis to keep our kids as safe as we can.

Mrs. Zieger met with our bussing company (STA) last week, and they are also taking measures to keep our buses clean.

Mr. Balaski also commented that in addition, more hand sanitizers have been placed in all of the buildings and we encourage the public to use them when they come into our buildings. We put the same warnings out and keep sending updates that go to our staff and students to make sure they have all the latest of what is going on. We've asked teachers to make sure they go over proper hand washing with the younger students.

**Adjournment**

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Dugan, SECONDED by Mrs. Partica, "that the Board of Education adjourn this meeting, 8:42 pm."

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lisa Brown  
Clerk, Board of Education

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James Bogatay  
Secretary, Board of Education