

The December 6, 2021, business meeting of the Moon Area Board of Education was held at 7:36 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. Bogatay	Mr. Scappe
Mrs. Barr	Ms. Wise	Mrs. Stuart	Mr. Callahan
Mr. Kammerer			

Also, in attendance: Mr. Balaski, Dr. Beltz, Mr. Haslett, Ms. Regan, Mrs. Crago, Mr. Daniels, Mr. Roth and Mr. Vogel, Solicitor

There were approximately 32 audience members.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Balaski reviewed the Annual Report with the Board.

Audience Recognition (Agenda Items)

None.

Correspondence

None.

Parkway West Career and Technology Center

No report.

Moon Transportation Authority

No report.

Student Activities Committee

The Student Activities Committee met on December 6, 2021. The items discussed were: Drivers Ed, SAT testing, Keystones for grades 7-8-9, holiday concerts at the High School and 8th grade choral concert, 12 days of kindness at the Middle School.

Solicitor's Report

No report.

Approval of Reports

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Harper, SECONDED by Mr. Callahan, “that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the meeting held on November 15, 2021, and 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. Scappe, SECONDED by Mr. Callahan, “that the Board of Education approve the bills listed for payment in the December Financial Reports below, in the amounts totaling \$2,067,480.42 for the period November 13, 2021, to December 2, 2021:

General Fund	\$ 827,711.65
Activity Fund	21,569.73
Food Service	33,851.08
General Fund	<u>1,184,347.96</u>
Total	\$ 2,067,480.42”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Commitment of Fund Balance

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Bogatay, SECONDED by Mr. Harper, “that the Board of Education commit current fund balance in the amount of \$8 million dollars to be used for future salaries, benefits, and employee development and resources.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Moe’s Southwest Grill Grant

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Scappe, SECONDED by Mr. Bogatay, “that the Board of Education approve a request to apply for a \$1,500 grant from Moe’s Giving Back School Grand Program, as attached. This grant will be used per building to purchase books for the Battle of the Books program.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Wipro Industries Gift Certificates

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Scappe, SECONDED by Mr. Callahan, “that the Board of Education accept Wipro Industries gift certificates to *Firstbook* in the amount of \$2,000 to purchase STEAM supplies and books for use at Hyde Elementary School, as attached.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Donation from Allegheny Health Network

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Bogatay, SECONDED by Mrs. Stuart, “that the Board of Education accept a donation from the Allegheny Health Network in the amount of \$50,000, to be used for scoreboard upgrades to our athletic facilities.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Appointment of Member to Parkway West CTC Joint Operating Committee

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Stuart to nominate Mrs. Crystal Barr to this position. Mr. Scappe made a motion to close nominations.

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Stuart to nominate Mr. Mark Scappe as the alternate member. Mr. Scappe declined nomination.

IT WAS MOVED by Ms. Wise, SECONDED by Mr. Scappe, “that the Board of Education appoint Crystal Barr to serve as a member of the Parkway West CTC Joint Operating Committee for a two-year term beginning in December 2021. An alternate member will be approved at a later date.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Settlement Agreement and Release

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Bogatay, SECONDED by Mrs. Barr, “that the Board of Education approve the Settlement Agreement and Release between Moon Area School District and Student #44499 as attached.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Daily Field Trips

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Scappe, SECONDED by Mrs. Stuart, “that the Board of Education approve the attached list of daily field trips for the 2021-2022 school year, subject to the protocols in place at the time of the event:

December 21, 2021	Laura Mitchell	Heinz History Center
January 5, 2022	Robert Michael	Pittsburgh Public Theatre
January 9, 2022	Robert Michael	Pittsburgh Playhouse (Point Park)
January 28 and 29, 2022	Nick Barthen	Duquesne University
May 27, 2022	Autumn Cairns	Fun Fore All, Cranberry Twp.
May 31, 2022	A. Marino/T. Broderick	Dave and Busters, Pittsburgh.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Moon Area Education Foundation – Annual Request to Operate

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Stuart, SECONDED by Mrs. Barr, “that the Board of Education approve the Moon Area Education Foundation’s annual request to operate for the 2021-2022 school year.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Policies for Third and Final Reading Approval

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Bogatay, SECONDED by Mrs. Barr, “that the Board of Education approve the third and final reading of the following policies that have been revised for adoption:

- Policy No. 314 - Physical Examination
- Policy No. 332 – Working Periods
- Policy No. 334 – Sick Leave
- Policy No. 340 – Responsibility for Student Welfare
- Policy No. 619.1 – Internal Controls
- Policy No. 705 – Facilities and Workplace Safety
- Policy No. 707 – Use of School Facilities
- Policy No. 709 – Building Security
- Policy No. 717.1 – Employee Use of Electronic Devices
- Policy No. 803 – School Calendar
- Policy No. 805.1 – Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies
- Policy No. 904 – Public Attendance at School Events w/attachment
- Policy No. 907 – School Visitors.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Personnel

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Stuart, SECONDED by Mr. Callahan, “that the Board of Education approve the items listed.”

I. Approval of Long-Term Substitute Speech Language Pathologist

“that the Board of Education approve Carly Sweeney, 418 Greenhurst Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15243, to the Long-Term Substitute Speech Language Pathologist position at Bon Meade Elementary School and the Middle School for the second semester of the 2021-2022 school year, pending receipt and review of clearances. The salary for this position will be \$188.88 per day (75% of Bachelors’ Step 1), along with individual health insurance.”

II. Approval of Maintenance – Groundskeeper – Tech III

“that the Board of Education approve Sylvia Blake, 1712 Lovi Road, Freedom, PA 15042 to the position of Maintenance – Groundskeeper – Tech III, pending receipt and review of clearances. The salary for this position will be Step 1, \$21.39 per hour, with a tentative start date of December 20, 2021.”

III. Resignation

“that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Deborah Talkington from her position as Special Education Assistant at the High School effective December 22, 2021.”

IV. Approval of a Medical Leave of Absence

“that the Board of Education approve a Medical Leave of Absence to Daniel Flavin from his position as Building Manager at Brooks Elementary School effective retro to November 11, 2021 through December 1, 2021 or pending release from physician.”

V. Approval of a Medical Leave of Absence

“that the Board of Education approve a Medical Leave of Absence to Heidi Gariti from her position as Gifted Support teacher at the Middle School beginning January 31, 2022 for approximately 4-6 weeks or pending release from physician.”

VI. Approval of a Medical Leave of Absence

“that the Board of Education approve a Medical Leave of Absence to Ken Firmstone from his position as Biology teacher at the High School beginning January 26, 2022 for approximately 12 weeks or pending release from physician.”

VII. Approval of an Intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence

“that the Board of Education approve an Intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence to Jennifer Schoeneweis from her position as a Special Education Personal Assistant at

Bon Meade Elementary School for the 2021-2022 school year. This leave is requested to care for a family member.”

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

“that the Board of Education approve the following extra pay for extra duty positions at Hyde Elementary School retro to October 25, 2021:

Bus Duty (PM) Betty Jochmann (2 days per week Tuesday and Thursday)
Bus Duty (PM) Brenda Hall (3 days per week Monday, Wednesday, Friday).”

IX. Approval of Extra Pay for Extra Duty Positions – High School

“that the Board of Education approve the following extra pay for extra duty positions at the High School for the 2021-2022 school year:

MS Assistant Band Director Alan Fear
MS Assistant Band Director (new) Abigail Finkelstein.”

X. Approval of Internal Movement

“that the Board of Education approve the following internal movements:

Special Education Classroom Assistant- HS Lorraine Kelly (start date TBD).”

XI. Approval of Cyber Teachers for the 2021-2022 School Year

“that the Board of Education approve the following Cyber teachers for the 2021-2022 school year:

<u>Content</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
9-12 Social Studies	Debra Baldigowski.”

XII. Resignation

“that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Sam Waxer from the position of Assistant Boys Basketball Coach (A-2) effective November 19, 2021.”

XIII. Approval of Spring / Winter Coaches

“that the Board of Education approve the following Spring and Winter Coaches for the 2021-2022 school year, per the recommendation of Mr. Ron Ledbetter, pending receipt and review of clearances:

Varsity Track and Field

Assistant Coach (A-1) Wesley Bell (clearances on file)

Boys Basketball

Assistant Coach (A-2) Greg Krawchick (clearances on file).”

XIV. Approval of Event Worker

“that the Board of Education approve the following event worker for the 2021-2022 school year, per the recommendation of Mr. Ron Ledbetter. Student is under 18 years of age, no clearances needed:

Varsity Girls Basketball

Videographer (away games) Alisha Bronner.”

XV. 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 2021-2022 school year, pending receipt and review of clearances, confidentiality agreement and computer usage agreement:

Kelly Krechowski Edinboro University Intern.”

XVI. Approval to Hire and Fill Positions

“that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to hire and fill the following positions prior to the next school board meeting, January 10, 2022:

- Special Education Assistants – Bon Meade, Brooks, McCormick, and Middle School
- Cafeteria positions: Breakfast Program, Dishwasher/Servers, Elementary Lead – Allard, McCormick, Middle School, High School
- Nurse Assistants – Middle School and High School
- Long-term Substitute – Science teacher.”

XVII. Approval of STA Drivers

“that the Board of Education approve the following individuals employed by STA as bus and/or van driver or bus monitor for the Moon Area School District for the 2021-2022 school year, pending receipt and review of clearances. Clearances will be kept on file in the transportation office and at STA:

Nicholas Hamilton-Archer Van Driver
215 Lochinver Drive
Coraopolis, PA 15108

Ruth Ann Rozanc Van Driver
72 Meanor Street
Imperial, PA 15126.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Audience Recognition (Non-Agenda Items)

Mr. Drew, 4373 Duckhorn Drive, Moon Township congratulated the new board members. He met with the solicitor and superintendent after the meeting with his concerns.

Board Comments

Mr. Scappe wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. Kammerer had no comments this evening.

Mrs. Stuart thanked everyone for giving her this opportunity to serve on the Board. She congratulated the football team, girls’ soccer team, and wished good luck to the winter sports teams.

Ms. Wise is excited to be here, and she is looking forward to serving on the Board.

Mrs. Zieger formally welcomed the new board members. She congratulated the sports teams. She wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Mr. Callahan thanked everyone who voted for the new board members. He’s looking forward to working with the parents, students, and staff. He wished everyone happy holidays.

Mrs. Barr congratulated the girls’ soccer team and football team. She thanked the existing board members and administration for being very welcoming. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mr. Harper thanked Mr. Balaski and his team for preparing the annual report. It was a good update this evening. He welcomed the new board members. He also welcomed the new solicitor, Mr. John Vogel, with Tucker Arensberg and feels they will do a good job. He congratulated Danielle Zieger being elected president. He also congratulated the girls’ soccer team and the football team on a great season.

Mr. Bogatay congratulated the football team and the girls' soccer team on a successful season. He welcomed the new board members and wished everyone a happy holiday. He also thanked Ms. Regan, Dr. Beltz, Mr. Haslett and the administrative team for their hard work on preparing the Annual Report.

Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED by Mrs. Barr, SECONDED by Mr. Bogatay, "that the Board of Education adjourn this meeting, 8:56 pm."

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Brown
Clerk, Board of Education

Crystal Barr
Secretary, Board of Education