

Virtual Business Meeting, December 7, 2020

The December 7, 2020, business meeting of the Moon Area Board of Education was held virtually at 7:25 p.m., for general purposes. The meeting was CALLED TO ORDER by President, Robert Harper. The following directors were present:

Mr. Harper	Mrs. Zieger	Mr. Dugan	Mr. Bogatay
Mr. Hauser	Mrs. Partica	Mr. Testa	Mr. Scappe
Mr. Hamilton-Archer			

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

There were approximately 50 audience members.

Mr. Balaski announced that this meeting will be recorded.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Balaski congratulated the Music teachers. The chorus took part in light up night in Crescent Township and the choir did a great job! He also congratulated and thanked the cafeteria staff for passing out over 10,000 meals on Friday. The cafeteria staff did a great job and he is very appreciative of their efforts. The meals are free to our students through the end of the year. You can get breakfast and lunch for each one of your children. When we return in person, and are virtual one day, you can still pick up meals. These are for children ages 2 – 18 who live in the district.

Mr. Tyler Nichols with ABM Solutions gave a presentation on Capital Volatility Analysis. Some items not on the punch list:

- Air conditioning system at Hyde – could not be done this summer due to construction schedule – it is a critical need
- Building automation system
- Electrical – main switchgear
- Some mechanical and HVAC at Bon Meade and cooling tower at the High School

Mr. Balaski reminded the audience members to raise their hand to speak and state their name, address and comments to the Board.

Audience Recognition (Agenda Items)

None.

Correspondence

None.

Parkway West Career and Technology Center

Mr. Hauser reported that the Parkway West executive officers and Dr. Copeland discussed what other school boards are discussing, whether or not to have school in person, hybrid or virtual. The 12 member schools and the committee agreed that they would go virtual and review the situation on a week by week basis. However, virtual is expected to last until after the first of the year.

Moon Transportation Authority

No report.

Student Activities Committee

No report.

Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee met on December 3. Updates were given for the preliminary budget which will be presented at the January 11, 2021 meeting.

Solicitor's Report

No report.

Approval of Reports

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Hauser, SECONDED by Mrs. Partica, “that the Board of Education approve the minutes from the meeting held on November 16, 2020, 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. Dugan, SECONDED by Mr. Testa, “that the Board of Education approve the bills listed for payment in the December Financial Reports below, in the amounts totaling \$3,171,974.07 for the period November 14, 2020, to December 4, 2020:

General Fund \$ 406,321.82

Activity Fund	1,964.54
Food Service	16,452.33
General Fund	<u>2,747,235.38</u>
Total	\$ 3,171,974.07”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Keystone Portfolio Waiver for the Class of 2021

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Hauser, SECONDED by Mr. Bogatay, “that the Board of Education authorize the administration to suspend the local, Keystone-proficiency portfolio as a district graduation requirement for the Class of 2021, per ACT 158 guidelines.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Policies for First and Final Reading Approval

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

- Policy No. 103 – Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students
- Policy No. 104 – Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Staff
- Policy No. 209 – Health Examinations/Screenings
- Policy No. 317.1 – Educator Misconduct.”

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. Partica, “that the Board of Education approve the third and final reading of the following policies that have been revised for adoption:

- Policy No. 004 – Membership
- Policy No. 006 – Meetings
- Policy No. 150 – Title I – Comparability of Services
- Policy No. 220 – Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials
- Policy No. 222 – Tobacco and Vaping Products – Pupils
- Policy No. 233 – Suspension and Expulsion
- Policy No. 323 – Tobacco and Vaping Products – Employees
- Policy No. 333 – Professional Development.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Personnel

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

I. Approval of Mentor

“that the Board of Education approve the following mentor for the 2020-2021 school year:

Mentor

Nancy Jackson

Inductee

Molly Gallagher (2nd semester).”

II. Resignation

“that the Board of Education approve the retirement resignation of Karen Yagatich from her position as Family Consumer Science teacher at the Middle School effective January 15, 2021.”

III. Approval of an Educational Sabbatical Leave of Absence

“that the Board of Education approve an Educational Sabbatical Leave of Absence to Melissa Mayo from her position as Social Studies teacher at the High School for the second semester of the 2020-2021 school year.”

IV. Approval of an Educational Sabbatical Leave of Absence

“that the Board of Education approve an Educational Sabbatical Leave of Absence to Michele Eger from her position as Mathematics teacher at the High School for the 2021-2022 school year.”

V. Approval of an Intermittent Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Childcare Leave of Absence

“that the Board of Education approve an Intermittent Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Childcare Leave of Absence to Michele Eger from her position as Mathematics teacher at the High School effective December 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.”

VI. Approval of an Intermittent Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Childcare Leave of Absence

“that the Board of Education approve an Intermittent Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Childcare Leave of Absence to Erica Nagy from her position as Special Education teacher at the High School effective December 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.”

VII. Approval of an Intermittent Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Childcare Leave of Absence

“that the Board of Education approve an Intermittent Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Childcare Leave of Absence to Julie Briggs from her position as Mathematics teacher at the High School effective December 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.”

VIII. Approval of an Intermittent Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Childcare Leave of Absence

“that the Board of Education approve an Intermittent Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Childcare Leave of Absence to Kristi Miller from her position as Mathematics teacher at the High School effective December 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.”

IX. Approval of an Intermittent Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Childcare Leave of Absence

“that the Board of Education approve an Intermittent Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Childcare Leave of Absence to Dawn Wildasin from her position as Dishwasher/Server at McCormick and Brooks Elementary Schools effective December 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.”

X. Approval of an Intermittent Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Childcare Leave of Absence

“that the Board of Education approve a Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Childcare Leave of Absence to Tisha Clark from her position as Dishwasher/Server at McCormick Elementary School effective December 2, 2020 through December 31, 2020.”

XI. Approval of an Intermittent Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Childcare Leave of Absence

“that the Board of Education approve an Intermittent Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Childcare Leave of Absence to Angela Marino from her position as Mathematics teacher at the Middle School effective December 7, 2020 through December 31, 2020.”

XII. Approval of an Intermittent Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Childcare Leave of Absence

“that the Board of Education approve an Intermittent Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) Childcare Leave of Absence to Linda Konley from her position as Dishwasher/Server in the Cafeteria at the High School effective December 2, 2020 through December 31, 2020.”

XIII. Approval of a Medical Leave of Absence

“that the Board of Education approve a Medical Leave of Absence to Rosalind Taylor from her position as Special Education Assistant at the High School beginning December 11, 2020 through winter break and returning pending release from physician.”

XIV. Approval of an Unpaid Leave of Absence

“that the Board of Education approve an Unpaid Leave of Absence to Danielle Elchert from her position as Building Assistant at Bon Meade Elementary School while students are in the virtual learning mode, and planning to return when students return to the hybrid model.”

XV. Approval of an Intermittent Unpaid Leave of Absence

“that the Board of Education approve an Intermittent Unpaid Leave of Absence to Lindsey Braley from her position as Nurse Assistant, District-wide, during the time when students are virtual effective immediately.”

XVI. Approval of Elimination of Position

“that the Board of Education approve the elimination of the following Central Office position due to the position being retitled:

Transportation Assistant/Receptionist (Class II) (position retitled).”

XVII. Approval to Create and Fill Positions

“that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to create and fill the following positions:

Transportation – Technology Coordinator (Class VI)
Receptionist/Maintenance Secretary (Class II).”

XVIII. Approval of Internal Movements

“that the Board of Education approve the following internal movements effective January 4, 2021:

Transportation – Technology Coordinator (Class VI)	Vicki Hricz (title change)
Receptionist/Maintenance Secretary (Class II)	Nicole Lucente.”

XIX. Approval of Project Manager

“that the Board of Education approve Jonah Yurkovich, 209 Santa Anna Drive, Moon Township, PA 15108, to the position of Project Manager effective December 8, 2020, with a prorated salary of \$48,000.”

XX. Resignation

“that the Board of Education accept the resignation of David Gallup from his position as Transportation Director effective December 31, 2020.”

XXI. Resignation

“that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Rosalind Taylor from the position of substitute event worker for the 2020-2021 winter sports season effective immediately.”

XXII. 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 2020-2021 school year, pending receipt and review of clearances, confidentiality agreement and computer usage agreement:

Yaryna Korenovska	Duquesne University	Student Teaching.”
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XXIII. Approval to Hire and Fill Positions

“that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to hire and fill vacant positions prior to the board meeting scheduled for January 11, 2021.”

XXIV. Approval of STA Drivers

“that the Board of Education approve the following individuals employed by STA as bus and/or van drivers for the Moon Area School District for the 2020-2021 school year, pending receipt and review of clearances. Clearances will be kept on file in the transportation office and at STA:

Abigail Coneby 3202 Heights Road Aliquippa, PA 15001	Van Driver
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Meredith Perry 935 Washington Ave – Rear Monaca, PA 15061	Van Driver
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XXV. Approval of Winter Event Staff for the 2020-2021 School Year

“that the Board of Education approve the following winter event staff, per the recommendation of Mr. Ron Ledbetter, pending receipt and review of clearances, contingent upon the re-opening of the Moon Area School District for the 2020-2021 school year and approval of the interscholastic winter sports programs under the laws and orders of the Federal, State, County, WPIAL and PIAA:

Wrestling Varsity/Jr. High
Ticket Collector

Melissa Bonura.”

XXVI. Approval of Winter Coaches for the 2020-2021 School Year

“that the Board of Education approve the following winter coaches, per the recommendation of Mr. Ron Ledbetter, pending receipt and review of clearances, contingent upon the re-opening of the Moon Area School District for the 2020-2021 school year and approval of the interscholastic winter sports programs under the laws and orders of the Federal, State, County, WPIAL and PIAA:

Swimming and Diving
Dive Coach (A-3)

Wayne Archer

9th Boys Basketball
Volunteer

Nick Castelveter.”

XXVII. Additional Compensation for Department Heads

“that the Board of Education approve additional compensation for the following Department Heads for the 2020-2021 school year, for the partial compensation of \$500.00 each:

Ellen Burke
Beth Carter
Christine Dushack
Lauren Gregg
Neal Jacoby
Amy Pannebaker
Patricia Perry
Kristin Baumgardner.”

All directors voted in favor on a roll call vote.

Mr. Balaski reminded the audience members to raise their hand to speak and state their name, address and comments to the Board.

Audience Recognition (Non-Agenda Items)

None.

Board Comments

Mr. Testa thanked Mrs. Zieger for her service as Board President this past year. Saying, Danielle has done a great job on the Board and always put the students first. He also congratulated Mr.

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Harper, Board President, and Mrs. Partica, Board Vice President, in their newly elected officer positions.

Mr. Hauser thanked Mrs. Zieger for serving as Board President this past year saying it's not an easy job. He also congratulated Mr. Harper as Board President and Mrs. Partica as Board Vice President. He wishes them well and he's sure they will fare well in their duties. He thanked the staff, students and parents of the district for all of their hard work throughout this pandemic. He wished everyone happy holidays.

Mr. Dugan agrees with Mr. Hauser, he also thanked the staff, students and parents for their patience at the beginning of the school year and moving forward. He thinks things are going very well and everyone is trying to make sure it does go well. He wished everyone happy holidays and he hopes to try and get the kids back in school as soon as possible. He also congratulated Mr. Harper and Mrs. Partica on their newly elected positions. He thanked Mrs. Zieger for the good job she has done this past year as Board President.

Mr. Hamilton-Archer echoed the other directors' comments. He also wished everyone seasons' greetings!

Mrs. Partica thanked Mrs. Zieger for having grace throughout a historic year and she appreciates her guidance throughout. The food program is awesome and she urges parents to take advantage of it. She reminds us to celebrate the joys in life this holiday season. She commented that our staff has done an outstanding job throughout this crazy year.

Mr. Bogatay thanked Mrs. Zieger for her service as Board President this past year. It has been a crazy year. He congratulated Mr. Dugan on his brief successful interim president position. He also congratulated Mr. Harper and Mrs. Partica. He also thanked everyone in the district including the parents, students, staff and administrators. Thanked the parents for their patience and understanding this year. He wished everyone happy holidays!

Mrs. Zieger wished everyone a Merry Christmas!

Mr. Scappe had no comment this evening.

Mr. Harper thanked the directors that voted for him. He also congratulated Mrs. Partica on being appointed Vice President and Mr. Dugan for his brief job as interim president. He wished everyone seasons' greetings!

Adjournment

IT WAS MOVED by Mr. Bogatay, SECONDED by Mr. Dugan, “that the Board of Education adjourn this meeting, 8:05 pm.”

All directors voted in favor on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Brown
Clerk, Board of Education

James Bogatay
Secretary, Board of Education