

MOONACHIE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Robert L. Craig School
Media Center
May 14, 2019

Call to order by Board President Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: David Vaccaro

Charles Pallas

James Campbell

Members Absent: Matthew Vaccaro

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Also Present: Dr. Jonathan Ponds, Superintendent/Principal

Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

James Knipper, Director of Curriculum

Kathleen Nestor Esq., Board Attorney

Pledge of Allegiance

State of Compliance:

The New Jersey Open Public Meeting Law was enacted to ensure the rights for the public to have advance notice of, and to attend, the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary has caused notice of this meeting to be sent, announcing time and place thereof, and, to the extent known, the agenda of this meeting to the following: Borough of Moonachie and Office of the Superintendent of Schools.

• Resolved to move to Executive Session

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, the Moonachie Board of Education shall conduct a closed executive session pursuant to the exception(s) prescribed by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 for the purpose of discussing: 2019-2020 personnel for planning purposes. It is anticipated that the length of time of this executive session will be 30 minutes.

Motion: James Campbell

Seconded: Charles Pallas

Action taken: 3 Ayes. 2 Absent. Motion Approved.

• Acceptance of Minutes of April 30, 2019, closed session and regular session, and Superintendent Report – Attachment 1.1

Motion: James Campbell

Seconded: Charles Pallas

Action taken: 3 Ayes. 2 Absent. Motion Approved.

- PRESENTATION – New Jersey School Performance Summary Report – Attachment 1.2 – Tabled until May 28, 2019 Board of Education Meeting.
- Acceptance of Correspondence
 1. Certificate of Completion for School Integrated Pest Management Coordinator Training for Laurel Spadavecchia – Attachment 1.3
 2. Certificate of Completion for School Integrated Pest Management Coordinator Training for Ryan Jones – Attachment 1.4

Motion: Charles Pallas
 Seconded: James Campbell
 Action taken: 3 Ayes. 2 Absent. Motion Approved.

- Superintendent’s Report

Motion: James Campbell
 Seconded: Charles Pallas
 Action taken: 3 Ayes. 2 Absent. Motion Approved.

- Students of the Month

<u>April</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Eileen Montero	2
Angelina Nesheiwat	3
Misha Panchal	7

- Recognition of Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week May 6-10, 2019
- Recognition of Special Education Week May 12-18, 2019

- Public Comments - (Agenda Items Only)

In addition, please be aware that employees of this School District retain the right of privacy and shall retain all rights regarding defamation and slander according to the laws of New Jersey. The Board shall not be held liable for comments made by members of the public and, in order to protect the privacy rights of employees in the District, the Board shall not respond to statements made by the public of or about District employees.

2. Finance

Motion: Charles Pallas
 Seconded: James Campbell
 Action taken: 3 Ayes. 2 Absent. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve the Bills and Claims against the Board of Education for equipment, materials and supplies furnished and delivered, and for work performed for April 2019 for a total of \$338,059.33–Attachment 2.1
2. Resolved to approve the Check Register for the month of April 2019 for \$449,835.00 - Attachment 2.2
3. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for May 15, 2019 for \$90,759.22 – Attachment 2.3

4. Resolved to approve the School Tax Levy Payment Schedule for the 2019-2020 school year – Attachment 2.4
5. Resolved to approve the Linkage Agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and the South Bergen Jointure Commission for the 2019-2020 school year – Attachment 2.5
6. Resolved to approve a vended meals agreement between the Moonachie School District and the Carlstadt-E. Rutherford Regional H.S. District for vended meals for the 2019-2020 school year – to include delivery, set up and steamtable at the following cost – Attachment 2.6:
 - Breakfast with milk - \$2.10
 - Lunch with milk - \$3.10
7. Resolved to approve a vended meals agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and the South Bergen Jointure Commission for the 2019-2020 school year at the following cost:
 - Breakfast with milk - \$2.10
 - Lunch with milk - \$3.10
8. Resolved to approve check #1127 to Carlstadt-East Rutherford Regional Board of Education in the amount of \$14,808.00 from the Milk and Lunch account for April 2019 meals.
9. Resolved to approve the transportation contract between the Moonachie Board of Education and the South Bergen Jointure Commission, an approved Coordinated Transportation Services Agency, for the purposes of transporting students in accordance with Chapter 53, P.L. 1997 for the school year 2019-2020. The services to be provided include, but are not limited to, The Coordinated Transportation for non-public, out of district special education, vocational and summer programs. Be it further resolved, that the Moonachie Board of Education agrees to abide by the Transportation Services Agreement as published by the South Bergen Jointure Commission and attached to this resolution – Attachment 2.9
10. Resolved to approve Legal Services Agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and Sciarrillo, Cornell, Merlino, McKeever & Osborne, LLC, as Board Counsel for the 2019-2020 school year to attend all Board meetings and for all other legal work – Attachment 2.10
11. Resolved to approve the auditing firm of Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, CPA to prepare the 2019-2020 School District Audit, and to perform other duties as directed during the 2019-2020 school year at standard billing rates – Attachment 2.11
12. Resolved to approve the budgetary line-item transfers for March 2019 – Attachment 2.12
13. Resolved to accept the Treasurer's Report for month ending March 2019 – Attachment 2.13

14. Resolved to accept the Report of Secretary to the Moonachie Board of Education for month ending March 2019 – Attachment 2.14

15. Resolved to approve the School Staffing Agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and Preferred Home Health Care & Nursing Services, Inc. for Nursing Services for the 2019-2020 school year – Attachment 2.15

3. Policy None.
Motion:
Seconded:
Action taken:

4. Personnel
Motion: James Campbell
Seconded: Charles Pallas
Action taken: 3 Ayes. 2 Absent. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to reappoint the following non-tenured professional staff for the 2019-2020 school year – Attachment 4.1

2. Resolved to approve Daniel Loesner as Substitute Custodian at a rate of \$12.00 per hour, pending the outcome of Criminal History Background Screening.

3. Resolved to approve Ryan Jones as Integrated Pest Management Coordinator for the 2019-2020 school year.

4. Resolved that the Moonachie Board of Education reappoint James Knipper as Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the 2019-2020 school year – Attachment 4.4

5. Curriculum
Motion: Charles Pallas
Seconded: James Campbell
Action taken:

1. Motion to approve the following field trips:

Destination	Date	Cost
West Point 8 th Grade L.E.A.D. Trip	5/20/19	Free Cost to MBOE, paid for by Municipal Alliance

6. Facilities
Motion: Charles Pallas
Seconded: James Campbell
Action taken: 3 Ayes. 2 Absent. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to award the contract for the replacement of the PA system to Bingham Communications, Inc. for \$21,795 with the understanding that work must be performed after school hours so there is no disruption to student instruction.

7. Old Business

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

8. New Business

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

9. Information Items

1. Average Monthly Attendance from 4/1/19 – 4/30/19 – Attachment 9.1

Dr. Ponds announced that attendance has improved dramatically over the past few months.

2. Monthly Report of Attendance officer for the month of April 2019 – Attachment 9.2

3. Wood-Ridge High School Academic Awards Program - \$1000 Check for the Student with the Highest Average

10. Discussion Items

Dr. Ponds announced that the school district has contacted a grant writer, Ann Thomson, who also works with the YMCA to determine if her services could help the Moonachie School District in securing additional grant opportunities. In particular, we are interested in the Department of Justice Security Grant to obtain additional cameras and upgrades to our security.

Mrs. Spadavecchia announced that the June 18, 2019 Board of Education has been rescheduled to June 11, 2019 due to a conflict with the 8th grade graduation.

11. Public Comments No Comments.

Open: 6:46 p.m.

Closed: 6:45 p.m.

12. Adjournment at 6:48 p.m.

Motion: Charles Pallas

Seconded: James Campbell

Action taken: 3 Ayes. 2 Absent. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurel Spadavecchia

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Board Administrator/Board Secretary