

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

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Robert L. Craig School

Cafeteria

January 2, 2024

Call to order by Board President Meeting opened at 6:50 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: David Vaccaro  
Edmond Monti  
Matthew Vaccaro  
Candace Tarabocchia  
Radley Macalintal

Members Absent: None

Also Present: James Knipper, Superintendent/Principal  
Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Marcie Mackolin, 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.

- Acceptance of Minutes of December 12, 2023 closed session and regular session, and Superintendent Report Minutes – Attachment 1.1

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

- Acceptance of Correspondence

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

- Superintendent's Report

Mr. James Knipper wished everyone a happy new year and he's looking forward to another successful year ahead. He announced there will be a 15-

week afterschool academy starting soon targeting 3-8<sup>th</sup> grade students in need of help in passing the state assessment test.

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: Radley Macalintal

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

- **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: Edmond Monti

Seconded: Candace Tarabocchia

Action taken: 5 Ayes. 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 done and performed for December 2023 for a total of \$387,968.41 – Attachment 2.1
2. Resolved to approve the Check Register for the month of December 2023 for \$240,541.01 - Attachment 2.2
3. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for December 15, 2023 for \$117,757.74 with gross wages of \$200,540.11 - Attachment 2.3
4. Resolved to accept the NJ High Impact Tutoring Grant funds of \$19,768 to be used for Afterschool Academy instruction – Attachment 2.4
5. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for December 22, 2023 for \$109,557.91 with gross wages of \$194,972.19 – Attachment 2.5
6. Resolved to approve check #1195 from the Milk and Lunch account to Carlstadt-East Rutherford Regional in the amount of \$14,832.40 for November 2023 meals.
7. Resolved to approve the Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and Ridgely Board of Education effective January 2, 2024 for the 2023-2024 school year – Attachment 2.7
8. Resolved to accept the Treasurer's Report for month ending November 2023 – Attachment 2.8
9. Resolved to accept the Report of the Secretary to the Moonachie Board of Education for month ending November 2023 – Attachment 2.9

10. Resolved to approve the Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and Bergen County Special Services for the 2023-2024 school year, effective December 14, 2023 – Attachment 2.10

3. Policy

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: Edmond Monti

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve the Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff 2023-2024 School Year – Attachment 3.1
2. Resolved to approve the Annual Meeting Between Education & Law Enforcement Officials Update to Uniform Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to be appended to the MOA – Revised for the 2023-2024 School Year – Attachment 3.2

4. Personnel

Motion: Candace Tarabocchia

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve the following staff as Afterschool Academy Teachers at an hourly rate of \$51.01 to be paid from the ARP ESSER III grant and NJ High Impact Tutoring Grant for the 2023-2024 school year and through the grant periods of September 30, 2024.

Lisa Selle	Jason Selle	Taylor Trause
Gianna Vitetta	Amanda Sokol	Melissa Plaza
Gabriella Vega		

2. Resolved to approve the salary rate increase to \$15.13 as the minimum wage rate effective January 1, 2024 for the following employees:

Monica Serano

Kiara Chavez

5. Curriculum

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: Edmond Monti

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve the following updated Moonachie School District curricula and pacing guides for the 2023-2024 school year on display in the Curriculum Office:

Math K-8

English/Language Arts K-8

Visual & Performing Arts K-8

Comprehensive Health and Physical Education K-8

Science K-8  
 Social Studies K-8  
 World Language K-8

2. Resolved to approve the following workshop:

Destination	Date	Cost
Statue of Liberty 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Trip ~ Gianna Vitetta, Amanda Sokol, Brooke Boswell	April 12, 2024	\$312 board share of tickets Bus Cost \$625

6. Facilities                      None.

Motion:  
 Seconded:  
 Action taken:

7. Old Business                  None.

Motion:  
 Seconded:  
 Action taken:

8. New Business                None.

Motion:  
 Seconded:  
 Action taken:

9. Information Items

1. Average monthly attendance from 12/1/23 – 12/30/23 - Attachment 9.1
2. Monthly report of attendance officer for the month ending December 2023  
Attachment 9.2

10. Discussion Items    None.

11. Public Comments            None.

Open: 6:52 p.m.  
 Closed: 6:53 p.m.

12. Adjournment                6:54 p.m.

Motion:                      Edmond Monti  
 Seconded:                  Candace Tarabocchia  
 Action taken:                5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

*Laurel Spadavecchia*

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