

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

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Robert L. Craig School  
Media Center  
March 6, 2018

Call to order by Board President      Meeting opened at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: David Vaccaro  
James Campbell  
Edmond Monti  
Matthew Vaccaro

Members Absent: Charles Pallas

Also Present: Dr. Jonathan Ponds, Superintendent/Principal  
Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
James Knipper, Director of Curriculum  
Nicholas Savio, 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.

- Motion 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: Preliminary FY 2018-2019 Budget and personnel for budgeting purposes. It is anticipated that the length of time of this executive session will be 30 minutes.

Motion:                    Edmond Monti  
Seconded:                Matthew Vaccaro  
Action taken:            5 Ayes. Approved.

- Acceptance of Minutes of February 27, 2018, closed session and regular session, and Superintendent Report – Attachment 1.1  
 Motion: Matthew Vaccaro  
 Seconded: Edmond Monti  
 Action taken: 5 Ayes. Approved.
- Acceptance of Correspondence None.  
 Motion:  
 Seconded:  
 Action taken:
- Superintendent’s Report  
 Mr. James Knipper, Director of Curriculum, conducted a presentation on the analysis of the district’s Star Reading and Math baseline data and student growth.  
 Motion: Edmond Monti  
 Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro  
 Action taken: 5 Ayes. 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: Charles Pallas  
 Seconded: James Campbell  
 Action taken: 5 Ayes. Approved.

1. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for February 28, 2018 for \$89,663.41 – Attachment 2.1
2. Resolved to approve the deferment of payment of a prior year tuition credit in the amount of \$69,664.05 from Wood-Ridge School District to be paid in the 2019-2020 school year – Attachment 2.2

3. Policy

Motion: Edmond Monti  
 Seconded: James Campbell  
 Action taken: 5 Ayes. Approved.

1. Resolved to approve the second reading and adoption of the following revised and new policies:

- Board Member Use of Social Networks # P 0169.02 (New)
- Military Leave - Teaching Staff Members -#P 3437 – (Revised)
- Military Leave - Support Staff Members - #P 4437 – (Revised)
- High School Transcripts -#R 5460.1 – (Revised)
- Student Tracking Devices - #5516.01 – (New)
- Educational Adequacy of Capital Projects - #R7101 (Revised)
- Lead Testing of Water in Schools - #P7425 – (New)
- School District Security - #R7440 (Revised)
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- Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and on School Grounds - #P7441 (Revised)
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- Breakfast Offer Versus Serve (OVS) - #P8507 – (Revised)
- Bus Driver/Bus Aide Responsibility - #P8630 – (Revised)
- Emergency School Bus Procedures - #R8630 – (Revised)
- Use of Electronic Signatures - #P 9242 – (New)

4. Personnel

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: Edmond Monti

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Approved.

1. Resolved to approve the Contract of Employment between the Moonachie Board of Education and Jonathan Ponds, Ed. D., as Superintendent of Schools/Principal for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021 – Attachment 4.1

5. Curriculum

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: Charles Pallas

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Approved.

1. Resolved to approve the following workshop:

Destination	Date	Cost
NJ School Nurse Association Conference Trenton, NJ	Friday March 16, 2018 – Saturday March 17, 2018	\$255.00

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 2/1/18 – 2/28/18 - Attachment 9.1  
 2. Monthly report of attendance officer for the month ending February 2018  
 Attachment 9.2
10. Discussion Items  
 1. Discussion of Academic Growth Moved to Superintendent Report
11. Public Comments No Comments.  
 Open: 6:50 p.m.  
 Closed: 6:51 p.m.  
 Motion: Matthew Vaccaro  
 Seconded: Edmond Monti  
 Action taken: 5 Ayes. Approved.
12. Adjournment from Public Session at 6:52 p.m.  
 Motion: James Campbell  
 Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro  
 Action taken: 5 Ayes. Approved.

Returned to Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. to continue discussion of the preliminary 2018-2019 budget and staffing needs.

Adjournment from Executive Session at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Laurel Spadavecchia*

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