

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

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Robert L. Craig School

Cafeteria

September 27, 2022

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

Roll Call

Members Present: David Vaccaro  
Charles Pallas  
Matthew Vaccaro  
James Campbell

Members Absent: Edmond Monti

Also Present: Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator  
Paula Hill, Director of Child Study Team  
Anthony Russo, 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.

1.

- Acceptance of Minutes of September 13, 2022, closed session and regular session, and Superintendent Report – Attachment 1.1

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: James Campbell

Action taken: 4 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion Approved.

- Acceptance of Correspondence None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

- Superintendent's Report

Ms. Paula Hill announced the Students of the Month.

Motion: James Campbell

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

Action taken: 4 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion Approved.

- Submission of HIB Cases – August & September 2022

**Investigations**

**0**

**Confirmed Cases**

**0**

**Student of the Month**

**September**

**Grade**

Aarush Shah	PreK
Kevin Chimbay	K
Mathias Diaz Ramirez	1
Nicholas Haddad	2
Andres Laaz-Sanchez	3
Mauro Arias	4
Joanna Romero	5
Noah Yoon	Middle School Science
Camila Arias	Middle School ELA
Marco Morra	Middle School Math
Brian Alfaro	Spanish

- **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: Matthew Vaccaro

Action taken: 4 Ayes. 1 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 September 2022 for a total of \$109,257.15 – Attachment 2.1
2. Resolved to approve the Check Register for the month of September 2022 for \$117,872.98 - Attachment 2.2
3. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for September 15, 2022 for \$108,239.89 with gross pay wages of \$194,932.22 – Attachment 2.3
4. Resolved to acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for September 2022 that no budgetary line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in

- total exceed the amount appropriated by the Moonachie Board of Education.
5. Resolved to acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for September 2022 that no budgetary line item account has been over-expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the Moonachie Board of Education's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.
  6. Resolved to approve the Moonachie Board of Education to continue to participate as a member of the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission for the purchase of goods and services for the 2022-2023 school year.
  7. Resolved to approve the Moonachie Board of Education to participate as a member of the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance for the purchase of goods and services for the 2022-2023 school year.
  8. Resolved to approve the Private Schools for Students with Disabilities Tuition Contract between the Moonachie Board of Education and CTC Academy, Inc for the 2022-2023 school year – Attachment 2.8
  9. Resolved to accept the Treasurers Report August 2022– Attachment 2.9
  10. Resolved to accept the Report of the Secretary of the Moonachie Board of Education for August 2022 – Attachment 2.10
  11. Resolved to replace the Gymnasium Bleacher Capital Reserve project in the amount of \$60,000 as requested to the Executive County Business Administrator, with a new Playground Capital Reserve project for the same amount.
  12. Resolved that the Moonachie Board of Education, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and School Business Administrator, use Capital Reserve funds for the installation of a new playground from Ben Shaffer Recreation, not to exceed \$60,000. This resolution authorizes DMR Architects to submit the Schematic Design Documents to the NJ Department of Education for approval.

3. Policy

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: James Campbell

Action taken: 4 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve the Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff for the 2022-2023 School Year – Attachment 3.1
2. Resolved to approve the School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act for School Year 2021-2022 – Attachment 3.2
3. Resolved to approve the Annual Meeting Between Education & Law Enforcement Officials Update to Uniform memorandum of Agreement

(MOA) to be appended to the MOA – 2019 Revisions- 2022-2023 School Year – Attachment 3.3

4. Personnel

Motion: Charles Pallas

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

Action taken: 4 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve Alyssa Spitaleri as the district Homeless Liaison and Register as part of her annual salary for the 2022-2023 school year.
2. Resolved to approve James Knipper as School Safety Specialist for the 2022-2023 school year.
3. Resolved to approve the Superintendent/Principal to emergent hire for personnel hired between September 28, 2022 – October 17, 2022 for vacant positions only.
4. Resolved to approve the following staff members for After-School Programs for the 2022-2023 school year to be paid at an hourly rate of \$49.43:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Allotted Hours</b>	<b>Employee</b>
RLC TV	85 hours	Greg Keelen
Performing Arts/Drama	70 hours	Greg Keelen
Yearbook	70 hours shared	Val Kenny/ Alyssa Spitaleri
Student Council	85 hours	Kathleen Kinsella
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Advisors (2)	50 hours shared	Greg Keelen/Lisa Perez
Robotics Club	30 hours	Joshua Frisch/ Val Kenny

5. Curriculum

Motion: Charles Pallas

Seconded: James Campbell

Action taken: 4 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve the following workshops and field trips:

<b>Destination</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Bureau of Education & Research “Best Cutting-Edge Tech Tools, Activities and Resources for Enhancing Your General Music Program (Grades K-8) ~ Kimberly Schmidt	November 29, 2022 Virtual Conference	\$279.00
Bureau of Education & Research “Increase Students’ Mindfulness: Strengthen Your Students’ Academic Success and Confidence While Reducing Disruptive Behaviors” ~Greg Keelen	November 7, 2022	\$279.00
Philadelphia 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip ~Greg Keelen, Lisa Perez, Donna Gallo	May 22, 2023	Chaperone Costs not to exceed \$500

2. Resolved to recognize the first week in October, the 3rd – 7th, as the 2022 WEEK OF RESPECT in connection with the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying State Legislation.

3. Resolved that the Moonachie School District observe School Violence Awareness Week, October 17 – 21, 2022 in accordance with annual obligations as defined by the NJ State Department of Education.
4. Resolved to approve the submission of the New Jersey Department of Education Gifted and Talented Report – Attachment to follow

6. Facilities

Motion: James Campbell

Seconded: Charles Pallas

Action taken: 4 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve the Water-Based Fire Protection Systems Inspection Report from Cintas Fire Protection – Attachment 6.1
2. Resolved to approve the Department of Health Services Sanitary Inspection Report and Retail Food Inspection Report - Attachment 6.2

7. Old Business None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

8. New Business None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

9. Information Items None.

10. Discussion Items None.

11. Public Comments

Mr. Anthony Cirillo congratulated the school on getting things done for a wonderful new year ahead. He also commented that it seems like the traffic congestion at the school has calmed down since the first week.

Open: 6:46 p.m.

Closed: 6:47 p.m.

12. Adjournment 6:52 p.m.

Motion: James Campbell

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

Action taken: 4 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Laurel Spadavecchia*

Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary