

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

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Robert L. Craig School

Cafeteria

November 14, 2022

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

Roll Call

Members Present: James Campbell
Charles Pallas
Matthew Vaccaro
Edmond Monti

Members Absent: David Vaccaro

Also Present: Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator
James Knipper, Superintendent/Principal
Dennis McKeever, 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.

• 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 personnel matters and legal matters which are attorney-client privileged. It is anticipated that the length of time of this executive session will be 30 minutes and that the discussion undertaken in this closed session can be made public at the time official action is taken.

Motion: James Campbell

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

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

• Acceptance of Minutes of October 18, 2022, closed session and regular session, and Superintendent Report – Attachment 1.1

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro
Seconded: Edmond Monti
Abstain: James Campbell
Action taken: 4 Ayes. 1 Abstain. 1 Absent. Motion approved.

- Acceptance of Correspondence

- 2022 IDEA Final Report IDEA-B Application approval notification – Attachment 1.2
- IDEA FY21 Final Expenditure Report approval notification – Attachment 1.3
- Title I Comparability Application approval notification the New Jersey Department of Education – Attachment 1.4
- NJ Department of Education Office of School Facilities Planning Long-Range Facilities Plan, Minor Amendment Approval Letter - Attachment 1.5

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro
Seconded: Edmond Monti
Action taken: 4 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion Approved.

- Superintendent's Report

Mr. Knipper reminded parents of the upcoming Parent/Teacher Conferences being held on Wednesday and Thursday. He announced that best practices in Math, Science and ELA are going very well. Saturday school is up and running with 24 students in attendance last Saturday. Anyone interested in signing up, please call Phil Facendola or Gilma Mejier to register. For grades 3-8, Alterschool Academy will be starting shortly and students who were identified for extra help will be contacted. For grades 2, 5 and 8 families were notified of upcoming town hall meetings to discuss the new health standards.

Mr. Campbell thanked the parents for coming and supporting their children and congratulated all the Students of the Month.

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro
Seconded: Edmond Monti
Action taken: 4 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion Approved.

- Students of the Month

<u>October</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Lucas Haddad	Pre-K
Emily Abadi	K
Alison Carrion	1
Samuel Bolanos Londono	2
Alana Ramos	3
Sophia Brattoli	4

Cristell Sanchez	5
Santiago Somoza	MS ELA
Naim Haddad	MS Math
Enibela Jakupovic	Physical Education

▪ ESL Graduation

Bastian Romero	1
Mathias Cabrera	5
Prince Patel	7

▪ **Submission of HIB Cases – November 2022**

<u>Investigations</u>	<u>Confirmed Cases</u>
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• 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 November 2022 for a total of \$456,940.91 – Attachment 2.1
2. Resolved to approve the Check Register for the month of September and Unposted Checks for \$296,222.36 – Attachment 2.2
3. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for October 31, 2022 for \$108,966.77 with gross pay wages of \$195,435.10– Attachment 2.3
4. Resolved to acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for November 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 November 2022 that no budgetary line item account has been over-expended ad 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 check #1180 to Carlstadt-East Rutherford Regional Board of Education in the amount of \$16,795.80 from the Milk and Lunch account for September 2022 meals.
7. Resolved to approve the auditing firm of Lerch, Vinci & Bliss, CPA to prepare the School District Audit, and to perform other duties as directed during the 2022-2023 school year at standard billing rates.
8. Resolved to approve the submission of the Division of Early Childhood Services Three-Year Preschool Program Operational Plan.
9. Resolved to approve the submission of the amendment for the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) carryover funds for the 2022-2023 school year in the following amounts – Attachment 2.9

Title I SIA Part A	\$1,928
Title IIA	\$330
Title IV Part A	\$2,498

10. Resolved to approve the Contracted Services Agreement with the South Bergen Jointure Commission for a shared services Social Worker for the 2022-2023 School Year – Attachment 2.10
11. Resolved to approve the Contracted Services Agreement with the South Bergen Jointure Commission for a shared services Speech Therapist for the 2022-2023 School Year – Attachment 2.11
12. Resolved to accept the Treasurer’s Report for month ending October 2022 – Attachment 2.12
13. Resolved to accept the Report of Secretary to the Moonachie Board of Education for month ending October 2022 – Attachment 2.13
14. Resolved to approve the Summer Classroom Rental Agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and the YMCA – Attachment 2.14

3. Policy

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Second: Edmond Monti

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

1. Resolved to approve the School Safety and Security Plan Annual Review Statement of Assurance – Attachment 3.1
2. Resolved to approve the NJQSAC District Performance Review – School Year 2022-23- Attachment 3.2
3. Resolved to approve the School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill report (in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:27-11.2) as follows: On October 14, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. and 8:04 a.m. all bus students participated in a bus emergency evacuation drill. The drill took place in front of the school and included

Bus IN308A & IN308B (Leckie) RLC 1 and RLC 2 and Bus IN241 (Mayor Transportation) RLC3. Dana Genatt, Michael Lia and Joseph Gingerelli supervised the drill – Attachment 3.3

4. Personnel

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: Edmond Monti

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

- Resolved to approve the following custodians for additional hours to facilitate Saturday School to be paid from ARP ESSER III grant for the 2022-2023 school year:

Stefano Cirillo	\$66.40 per hour
Ryan Jones	\$40.76 per hour
Rafaele Accetta	\$40.54 per hour

- Resolved to approve Philip Facendola as L.E.A.D. Instructor at an hourly rate of \$49.43 for the 2022-2023 school year.

5. Curriculum

Motion: Charles Pallas

Seconded: Edmond Monti

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

- Resolved to approve the following workshops:

Destination	Date	Cost
Institute for Multi-Sensory Education Comprehensive Orton-Gillingham Plus Virtual Training - Michael Lia	December 5-9, 2022	\$1,275.00

6. Facilities

- Resolved to approve the quote from Cousins Tree Services, LLC for the removal of sick and dead trees along the perimeter of the school grounds. The cost will be split between the Moonachie School District and the Borough of Moonachie – Attachment 6.1

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: Edmond Monti

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

7. Old Business None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

8. New Business None.

Motion:
Seconded:
Action taken:

9. Information Items

1. Average monthly attendance from 10/1/22 – 10/31/22 - Attachment 9.1
2. Monthly report of attendance officer for the month ending October 2022 Attachment 9.2

10. Discussion Items

Mr. Pallas asked if any parents had opted out of the new Health curriculum standards to which Mr. Knipper replied that once the town hall meetings are completed in early December, there will be an option for parents to have their children opt out of that component and be offered another instructional subject during that time period.

11. Public Comments None.

Open: 7:00 p.m.
Closed: 7:01 p.m.

12. Adjournment 7:02 p.m.

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro
Seconded: Edmond Monti
Action taken: 4 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurel Spadavecchia

Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary