

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

MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING

Robert L. Craig School
Cafeteria Meeting
October 30, 2023

Call to order by Board President

Meeting opened at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: David Vaccaro
Edmond Monti
Matthew Vaccaro
Candace Tarabocchia

Members Absent: One Vacant Member

Also Present: James Knipper, Superintendent/ Principal
Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator
Jaclyn Morgese, 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.

• 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.

1. Personnel

Mr. David Vaccaro announced there are four candidates for the Board of Education vacancy as follows:

Mia Rubin
Radley Macalintal
Kathleen Kinsella
Peter Meyers

Mr. David Vaccaro then gave a brief synopsis of their qualifications, noting that all four candidates did an excellent job and every one would be a great fit for the Moonachie Board of Education. Mr. Monti also gave a brief synopsis of the interviews.

Mr. David Vaccaro then called for nominations for the Board Member vacancy.

Mr. Edmond Monti nominated Mia Rubin, Ms. Candace Tarabocchia seconded it. Mr. David Vaccaro nominated Radley Macalintal, Mr. Matthew Vaccaro seconded it. No other nominations were taken.

Roll Call Vote of the nominations:

Mia Rubin:	Edmond Monti –	Yes
	Matthew Vaccaro –	No
	Candace Tarabocchia –	Yes
	David Vaccaro –	No

Radley Macalintal:	Edmond Monti –	No
	Matthew Vaccaro –	Yes
	Candace Tarabocchia –	Yes
	David Vaccaro -	Yes

Motion to approve Radley Macalintal as Board Member pending outcome of the Criminal History Background Screening.

Motion:	Matthew Vaccaro
Seconded:	Candace Tarabocchia
Action taken:	4 Ayes. 1 Vacancy. Motion Approved.

2. Discussion Items

Mr. David Vaccaro announced that he will not be available for the November 14, 2023 Board meeting and the district would have to change the date if there isn't a quorum. The Board will confirm with Mrs. Spadavecchia whether they can attend or not.

3. Public Comments

Open:	7:39 p.m.
Closed:	7:44 p.m.

Mrs. Christina Haberlin, 232 Moonachie Road, requested that the Board of Education disseminate information regarding changes in Board meetings to the community via texts or phone blasts as she did not know about the Special Meeting until she saw it on the website earlier in the day. She noted it was advertised in the Bergen Record, but would appreciate more communication given to the public. Mr. David Vaccaro stated that it is very rare that the meeting dates are changed, but he will discuss it with the Board to

determine whether texts or phone blasts will be sent out in addition to the required advertisement.

Mrs. Haberlin also requested that attachments to the agenda also be posted on the website. Board Attorney Jaclyn Morgese noted that it is not a requirement for the school to comply, to which Mr. David Vaccaro replied that he will also discuss with the Board whether or not to change the procedure.

Mr. Anthony Cirillo stated that it is great to have four outstanding members of the community run for the School Board. He congratulated Mr. Macalintal and welcomed him to the Board of Education.

4. Adjournment 7:45 p.m.
Motion: Matthew Vaccaro
Seconded: Candace Tarabocchia
Action taken: 4 Ayes. 1 Vacancy. Motion Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurel Spadavecchia

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