

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

MINUTES FOR BOARD MEETING

Robert L. Craig School

Cafeteria

April 28, 2015

Call to order by Board President Meeting opened at 6:15 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: David Vaccaro, James Campbell, Charles Pallas, Sheila King and Melissa Rose

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Sue Anne Mather, Frank R. Scarafile, Allison Stager and Nick 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.

1. PRESENTATION – Public Hearing – 2015-2016 Budget – Attachment 1.0

- Acceptance of Minutes of April 14, 2015 closed session and regular session, and Superintendent Report Minutes– Attachment 1.1

Motion: Sheila King

Seconded: Charles Pallas

Action taken: All Ayes

- Acceptance of Correspondence –

Motion: None

Seconded: None

Action taken: None

- Superintendent's Report
Motion: James Campbell
Seconded: Charles Pallas
Action taken: All Ayes

- Students of the Month – April 2015

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Pierce Chicayza	Pre-K
Christina Monti	5 th
Mahrael Awadalla	7 th
Richard Paronett	4 th /SBJC

- Submission of HIB Cases – April 2015

<u>Investigations</u>	<u>Confirmed Cases</u>
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- Motion to approve Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week May 4-8, 2015
- Motion to approve May 11-15, 2015 as Special Education Week
- Washington DC Trip – 8th Grade – May 11-13, 2015

- 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.

- Joan Carrion – Questioned if there will be 2 third grades next year. Superintendent, Frank Scarafile, responded – yes, there will be 2 third grades. There will be only one kindergarten due to current low pre-K enrollment.

Mrs. Carrion inquired regarding the reading program to be implemented next year. Curriculum Supervisor, Allison Stager, responded - Reading Street will be the primary reading program in conjunction with the Reading, Writing Workshop.

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2. Finance

Motion: Charles Pallas

Seconded: Sheila King

Action taken: All Ayes

1. Resolution 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 the month ended April 2015 – Attachment 2.1

2. RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE FINAL 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR BUDGET

Be It Resolved, that the Moonachie Board of Education, County of Bergen, adopts the final 2015-16 school year budget as follows:

Current General Expense (Funds 11)	\$8,227,917
Capital Outlay (Fund 12)	\$ 1,245
Extended School Year Program (Fund 13)	\$ -0-
Transfer to Charter Schools	\$ -0-
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$8,229,162
Special Revenue (Fund 20)	\$ 190,773
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS	\$8,419,935

and

Be It Further Resolved, that the **GENERAL FUND** tax levy **\$7,200,734** is approved to support Current General Expense for the 2015-16 school year budget.

3. Resolution to approve contract between the Bergen County Special Services School District Educational Enterprises Division and the Moonachie Public Schools School District for the provision of Behavior services not to exceed \$780.00 – Attachment 2.3

3. Policy
 Motion: None
 Seconded: None
 Action taken: None

4. Personnel
 Motion: Melissa Rose
 Seconded: Sheila King
 Action taken: All Ayes

1. Resolution to approve the following workshops -

Workshop	Date	Attendee	Cost & Travel Expense
Effective Strategies for Working Successfully with Difficult and Disruptive Students, New Brunswick, NJ	May 19, 2015	Allison Stager	\$229.00 plus travel \$30.38
		Lee TenHoeve	\$229.00 plus travel \$20.70
		Michael Santoro	\$229.00
Practical Strategies for Meeting the Rigorous Common Core State Standards for Reading (Gr. K-2)	May 6, 2015	Debra Finch	\$235.00 plus travel \$7.13
		Kim Samarelli	\$235.00 plus travel \$14.53

2. Resolution to approve Allison Cahill as a Substitute Teacher – for the School Year – 2014-2015 - Salary – \$85.00 per day – Subject to the satisfactory completion of the criminal history checked required by law and certificates

5. Curriculum
 Motion: None
 Seconded: None
 Action taken: None

6. Facilities
Motion: None
Seconded: None
Action taken: None
7. Old Business
Motion: None
Seconded: None
Action taken: None
8. New Business
Motion: None
Seconded: None
Action taken: None
9. Information Items
10. Discussion Items
11. Public Comments
 - Joan Carrion thanked Board Member, Sheila King, for attending the recent PTO meeting. She welcomed any other Board Members attendance at future PTO meetings.

Mrs. Carrion inquired regarding the hiring process for the incoming Superintendent. Will the community be involved? Board President, David Vaccaro, responded that currently we are receiving resumes with a close date of May 8, 2015, and the Board is exploring parent and community input.

Mrs. Carrion asked if the Board is using a Search Firm in the selection process. Board President, David Vaccaro, responded – not at this time. The Board is compiling a list of questions for possible candidates to be used in the interview process.

Mrs. Carrion commented on the timeline for an interim vs. a permanent hire. She indicated that there is not enough time for a candidate to give 60 days notice to their current district if they would be resigning to accept the

position. Superintendent, Frank Scarafile, responded – possible interim for July and August and permanent hire for September.

Mrs. Carrion asked when will the Board know the level of community involvement in the selection process. Board President, David Vaccaro responded – by the May 12, 2015 Meeting.

Mrs. Carrion asked the status of an additional Social Worker. Superintendent, Frank Scarafile, responded that it is being explored and investigated. This position will possibly be to aid regular education students as well as the special education population.

Board Member, Sheila King, commented on her attendance at the recent PTO meeting and thanked the PTO for allowing her presence.

12. Adjournment

Motion: James Campbell

Seconded: Charles Pallas

Action taken: All Ayes

Returned to closed session 6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Returned to regular session 7:10 pm – 8:25 pm

Motion: James Campbell

Seconded: Charlie Pallas

Action taken: All Ayes

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Anne Mather

Board Administrator/Board Secretary