

MOONACHIE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
MINUTES FOR SPECIAL MEETING

Robert L. Craig School  
Media Center  
June 30, 2015

Call to order by Board President      Meeting opened at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Members Absent: Melissa Rose

Also Present: Frank R. Scarafile

Pledge of Allegience

Statement 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.

• 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: Sheila King

Action taken: All Ayes

Absent: Melissa Rose

1. Resolution to approve the Moonachie Board of Education to recind the contract with Lindabury, McCormick, Estabrook & Cooper, P.C. (“Lindabury”) effective March 31, 2015 and to enter into a contract with

Sciarrillo, Cornell, Merlino, McKeever & Osborne, LLC (“Sciarrillo”) effective April 1, 2015, for the balance of the term of the Lindabury contract. Hourly rates and all other terms and conditions of the Sciarrillo contract will continue as in accordance with the Lindabury contract – Attachment 2.1

2. Resolution to approve correction of incorrect tiered calculation on Superintendent Merit Goal #3 Action Plan. Step 1 calculation should be reflected as 1.67% not 1.27%. Step 2 calculation should be reflected as 1.66% not 1.27%.
3. Resolution to attest to the completion of the merit goals of Frank Scarafilo, Superintendent, for the 2014-2015 school year as outlined below – Attachment 2.3 – Attachment to follow
  - Goal #1, Quantitative – 80% of students in grades 3-5, will demonstrate a 75 point increase in the STAR Reading Assessments Scaled Score over the course of the 2014-2015 school year, as measured by the Pre and Post STAR Reading Assessments, 2.67%, \$3,604.50
  - Goal #2, Quantitative – 80% of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will meet the benchmark goal of 40% improvement from the initial benchmark proficiency in the use of informational text as defined by the results of various measures, 2.67%, \$3,604.50
  - Goal #3, Quantitative – There will be a 15% decrease in the amount of chronically absent students (18 or more) over the 2013-2014 number. The baseline for “Chronically absent” students for the 2013-2014 school year is 608 total absences. The goal is 517 or lower, 3.33%, \$4,495.00
  - Goal #4, Qualitative – Development and Implementation of a new master schedule to ensure more student contact time in English Language Arts & Mathematics in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, 2.50%, \$3,375.00
  - Goal #5, Qualitative – Add Algebra 1 to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade course offering list & Pre-Algebra to 7<sup>th</sup> Grade course offering list. Offer Algebra to 20% of 8<sup>th</sup> graders (7) and Pre-Algebra to 15% (4) of 7<sup>th</sup> Graders, 1.875%, \$2,531.25

3. Personnel

Motion: James Campbell

Seconded: Charles Pallas

Action taken: All Ayes

Absent: Melissa Rose

1. Resolution to approve contract of employment between the Moonachie Board of Education and Jonathan Ponds, Ed.D. as Superintendent of Schools/Principal for the period beginning on September 1, 2015 and ending on June 30, 2019 – Attachment 3.1
2. Resolution to approve the following to work as summer custodian assistants and substitute custodians for the 2015-2016 school year at a rate of \$10.00 per hour commencing at the completion of criminal history approval –
  - Matthew Rojas
  - Matthew Mann
  - Mohammad Hussein Echreshzedeh

4. Adjournment at 5:33 pm  
Motion: Sheila King  
Seconded: Charles Pallas  
Action taken: All Ayes  
Absent: Melissa Rose

Respectfully submitted,

Frank R. Scarafile  
Chief School Administrator