

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

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Robert L. Craig School

Media Center

April 10, 2018

Call to order by Board President Meeting opened at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: David Vaccaro  
James Campbell  
Charles Pallas  
Edmond Monti  
Matthew Vaccaro

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Dr. Jonathan Ponds, Superintendent/Principal  
Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
James Knipper, Director of Curriculum  
Dennis McKeever, 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.

• Motion 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: Preliminary FY 2018-2019 Budget and personnel for budgeting purposes. It is anticipated that the length of time of this executive session will be 30 minutes.

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro  
Seconded: James Campbell  
Action taken: 5 Ayes. Approved.

- Acceptance of Minutes of March 27, 2018, closed session and regular session, and Superintendent Report – Attachment 1.1  
 Motion: James Campbell  
 Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro  
 Action taken: 5 Ayes. Approved.
  
- Acceptance of Correspondence None.  
 Motion:  
 Seconded:  
 Action taken:
  
- Superintendent’s Report  
 Dr. Ponds announced there will be a half-hour walkathon held during field day as a fundraiser to benefit children with cancer. Two organizations – Tomorrow’s Children’s Fund and Tackle Kids Cancer has partnered with Austin’s Heroes Fight Pediatric Cancer as well as local businesses to help with this endeavor. Members of Wood-Ridge High School football team and National Honor Society will also volunteer their services.  
 Motion: Edmond Monti  
 Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro  
 Action taken: 5 Ayes. Approved.
  
- 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: James Campbell  
 Seconded: Charles Pallas  
 Action taken: 5 Ayes. Approved.
  
1. Resolution to approve the Check Register for the month of March for \$389,143.45 –Attachment 2.1
2. Resolution to approve the Payroll Check Register for March 31, 2018 for \$86,042.32 – Attachment 2.2
  
3. Policy  
 Motion: Matthew Vaccaro  
 Seconded: Charles Pallas  
 Action taken: 5 Ayes. Approved.

1. Resolution to approve James Knipper as School Safety Specialist for the 2018-2019 school year.
2. Resolution to approve Jason Diaz as the Data Coordinator for the 2018-2019 school year.
3. Resolution to approve the first reading of the following revised and new policies.
  - P5570 Sportsmanship (revised)
  - P9162 Athletic Code of Conduct (new)

4. Personnel

Motion: Edmond Monti  
 Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro  
 Action taken: 5 Ayes. Approved.

1. Resolution to accept the resignation of Linda Lemongello, Attendance Officer and Aide, effective April 27, 2018 – Attachment 4.1  
 Mr. Campbell stated that Mrs. Lemongello was a fine employee and that the District of Moonachie is grateful to have had her.

5. Curriculum

Motion: Charles Pallas  
 Seconded: James Campbell  
 Action taken: 5 Ayes. Approved.

1. Resolution to approve the following field trip:

Destination	Date	Cost
Sterling Hill Mine	5/23/18	\$365.00 bus
Ogdensburg, New Jersey		\$118.00 tickets

2. Resolution to approve the revised 2017-2018 school year calendar – Attachment 5.1

6. Facilities None.

Motion:  
 Seconded:  
 Action taken:

7. Old Business

An announcement was made that the Curriculum Expo will be rescheduled until May 2018. Mrs. Spadavecchia reported that the budget was submitted to the County Office awaiting approval.

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro  
 Seconded: Edmond Monti  
 Action taken: 5 Ayes. Approved.

8. New Business None.  
Motion:  
Seconded:  
Action taken:
9. Information Items  
1. Average Monthly Attendance from 3/1/18 – 3/31/18 – Attachment 9.1  
2. Monthly Report of Attendance officer for the month of March 2018 – Attachment 9.2
10. Discussion Items  
Mr. Monti announced that Wood-Ridge Board of Education will conduct an awards ceremony at their next meeting to honor both Wood-Ridge and Moonachie students. He also reported that a Wood-Ridge parent is requesting that students' IEPs be available via Genesis. Their attorney is investigating.
11. Public Comments No Comments.  
Open: 6:40 p.m.  
Closed: 6:41 p.m.  
Motion:  
Seconded:  
Action taken:
12. Adjournment from Public Session at 6:43 p.m.  
Motion: Edmond Monti  
Seconded: James Campbell  
Action taken: 5 Ayes. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Laurel Spadavecchia*

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