

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

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Robert L. Craig School
Media Center
February 27, 2018

Call to order by Board President

Meeting opened at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: David Vaccaro
James Campbell
Edmond Monti
Matthew Vaccaro

Members Absent: Charles Pallas

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

- 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. It is anticipated that the length of time of this executive session will be 30 minutes.

Motion: Edmond Monti

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

Action taken: 4 Ayes, 1 Absent. Approved.

- Acceptance of Minutes of February 13, 2018, closed session and regular session, and Superintendent Report – Attachment 1.1

Motion: Edmond Monti
 Seconded: James Campbell
 Action taken: 4 Ayes, 1 Absent. Approved.

- Acceptance of Correspondence None

Motion:
 Seconded:
 Action taken:

- Superintendent’s Report

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

- **Student of the Month – January 2018**

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Valentina Arias	1
Destiny Anderson	4
Christina Monti	8

- Submission of HIB Cases – February 2018

<u>Investigations</u>	<u>Confirmed Cases</u>
1	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: Matthew Vaccaro
 Seconded: Edmond Monti
 Action taken: 4 Ayes, 1 Absent. 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 done and performed for February 2018 for a total of \$92,385.86 – Attachment 2.1

2. Resolved to approve the budgetary line-item transfers for February 2018 – Attachment 2.2
3. Resolved to approve the Check Register for the month of February 2018 for \$551,163.66 - Attachment 2.3
4. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for February 15, 2018 for \$95,888.59 – Attachment 2.4
5. Resolved to accept the Treasurer’s Report for month ending January 2018 – Attachment 2.5
6. Resolved to accept the Report of Secretary to the Moonachie Board of Education for month ending January 2018 – Attachment 2.6
7. Resolved to approve Tuesday, April 24, 2018 as the date for the Moonachie Board of Education public budget hearing to be held in the Robert L. Craig School cafeteria at 6:30 p.m.
8. Resolved to approve the 2018-2019 Budget/Election Calendar – Attachment 2.8
9. Resolved to approve the transportation contract between the Moonachie Board of Education and the South Bergen Jointure Commission, an approved Coordinated Transportation Services Agency, for the purposes of transporting students in accordance with Chapter 53, P.L. 1997 for the school year 2018-2019. The services to be provided include, but are not limited to, The Coordinated Transportation for non-public, out of district special education, vocational and summer programs. Be it further resolved, that the Moonachie Board of Education agrees to abide by the Transportation Services Agreement as published by the South Bergen Jointure Commission and attached to this resolution – Attachment 2.9
10. Resolved to approve check #1111 to Carlstadt-East Rutherford Regional Board of Education in the amount of \$15,260.80 from the Milk and Lunch account for January 2018 meals.

3. Policy

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

1. Resolved to approve the first reading of the following revised and new policies:
 - Board Member Use of Social Networks # P 0169.02 (New)
 - Military Leave - Teaching Staff Members -#P 3437 – (Revised)
 - Military Leave - Support Staff Members - #P 4437 – (Revised)
 - High School Transcripts -#R 5460.1 – (Revised)
 - Student Tracking Devices - #5516.01 – (New)

- Educational Adequacy of Capital Projects - #R7101 (Revised)
- Lead Testing of Water in Schools - #P7425 – (New)
- School District Security - #R7440 (Revised)
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- Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and on School Grounds - #P7441 (Revised)
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- Breakfast Offer Versus Serve (OVS) - #P8507 – (Revised)
- Bus Driver/Bus Aide Responsibility - #P8630 – (Revised)
- Emergency School Bus Procedures - #R8630 – (Revised)
- Use of Electronic Signatures - #P 9242 – (New)

4. Personnel None.
 Motion:
 Seconded:
 Action taken:

5. Curriculum
 Motion: James Campbell
 Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro
 Action taken: 4 Ayes, 1 Absent. Approved.

1. Resolved to approve the following field trip:

Destination	Date	Cost
Ellis Island 3 rd Grade Trip	5/2/18	\$325.00 Bus, \$140.50 Tickets

2. Resolved to approve implementation of the 2018 Summer Extended School Year Program Calendar:

Program Calendar Monday - Thursday
 June 25 - July 26, 2018 (off July 4th & 5th) 18 days total
 Students: 8:30 a.m. – 12 noon; Staff: 8:15 a.m. – 12:15

6. Facilities None.
 Motion:
 Seconded:
 Action taken:

7. Old Business None.
 Motion:
 Seconded:
 Action taken:

8. New Business None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

9. Information Items

Mr. Monti reported that at the Wood-Ridge Board of Education board meeting, it was announced that there will be a benefit basketball game to support the Class of 2019 and they are encouraging all to attend.

He also reported that the Wood-Ridge school district has incorporated a new visitor policy in which all visitors must provide an identification which will be photocopied and kept on file.

In addition, the Wood-Ridge High School is participating in the national Walk for Our Lives Walkout in a controlled manner. The walkout is in protest of gun violence. Following the walkout, students will participate in group discussions.

Mr. Monti also relayed Wood-Ridge school district's planned expansion of their academy to include a major in Law Enforcement as well as plans to seek proposals for a new stem lab.

10. Discussion Items

1. Discuss scheduling a Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 to approve the Moonachie Board of Education preliminary 2018-2019 school year budget: The Board agreed to cancel the meeting on March 20, 2018 and reschedule it to March 27, 2018. A public advertisement will be made as well as notification on the school website.

2. Discussion of Academic Growth – tabled to the March 6, 2018 meeting.

3. Discussion of Food Service Vendor – Dr. Ponds relayed information from the last PTO meeting that parents were concerned over the quality of the food service vendor. Dr. Ponds stated that he would conduct some research and report back to the PTO.

11. Public Comments No Comments.

Open: 6:50 p.m.

Closed: 6:51 p.m.

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: Edmond Monti

Action taken: 4 Ayes, 1 Absent. Approved.

12. Adjournment from Public Session at 7:00 p.m.
Motion: James Campbell
Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro
Action taken: 4 Ayes, 1 Absent. Approved.

Returned to Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. to continue discussion of the preliminary 2018-2019 budget.

Adjournment from Executive Session at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurel Spadavecchia

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Business Administrator/Board Secretary