

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

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Robert L. Craig School
Media Center
January 23, 2018

Call to order by Board President Meeting opened at 6:35 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
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.

- Acceptance of Minutes of January 2, 2018, regular session and Re-Organization Meeting – Attachment 1.1

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

- Acceptance of Correspondence

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

- Superintendent's Report

Motion: Edmond Monti
 Seconded: James Campbell
 Action taken: 5 Ayes. Approved.

- **Student of the Month – November 2017**

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Daisy Arias	2
Alexis Aguilar	5
Sergio Ramos	7

- **Student of the Month – December 2017**

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Joel Palomo	2
Brandon Rivera	3
Misha Panchal	6

- Lions International Peace Poster Contest Achievement Award

<u>Student</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Sharlene Bergantinos	8

- Submission of HIB Cases – January 2018

<u>Investigations</u>	<u>Confirmed Cases</u>
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- Public Comments - (Agenda Items Only)

Mr. Greg Keelen, 8th Grade Advisor, announced that of the nine students that applied to Englewood Academies, four students were accepted and five students are on the waitlist. In the past two years, only one student was accepted per year. Dr. Ponds added that the district has been informed that several students have also been accepted into parochial schools, some students have also received substantial scholarships.

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: Edmond Monti
 Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro
 Action taken: 5 Ayes. 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 December 2017 for a total of \$280,769.22 – Attachment 2.1
2. 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 January 2018 for a total of \$422,899.08 – Attachment 2.2
3. Resolved to approve the budgetary line-item transfers for November 2017 – Attachment 2.3
4. Resolved to approve the budgetary line-item transfers for December 2017 – Attachment 2.4
5. Resolved to accept the Treasurer’s Report for month ending December 2017 – Attachment 2.5
6. Resolved to accept the Report of Secretary to the Moonachie Board of Education for month ending December 2017 – Attachment 2.6
7. Resolved to approve the Check Register for the month of December 2017 for \$598,081.99 - Attachment 2.7
8. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for January 15, 2018 for \$88,603.12 – Attachment 2.8
9. Resolved to approve the Division of Food and Nutrition Corrective Action Plan – attachment 2.9
10. Resolved to approve the Special Education Tuition Contract between Moonachie Board of Education and South Bergen Jointure Commission at a pro-rated tuition of \$34,500.00 for months January through June 2018 – Attachment 2.10
11. Resolved to adopt waiver of compliance with respect to the district’s participation in Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2017-2018 school year – Attachment 2.11
12. Resolved to approve the donation of a \$200.00 check from Costco Wholesale to purchase healthy snacks for the after school program – Attachment 2.12
13. Resolved to approved participation in coordinated transportation between the Moonachie Public Schools and the Warren County Special Services School District in consideration of pro-rated contract costs plus a 4% administration fee– Attachment 2.13
14. Resolved to approve The Record published advertising rate of \$0.750 per line – Attachment 2.14
15. Resolved to approve the IXL Learning renewal quote for \$2,100.00 for IXL Math site license, grade PK – 8 – Attachment 2.15

- 16. Resolved to renew Pitney Bowes metered postage machine lease agreement for 5 years at \$116.59 per month – Attachment 2.16
- 17. Resolved to approve Coviello Electric Service, Inc. LED lighting quote of \$2,250.00 to replace 6 wall packs with new LED lights – Attachment 2.17
- 18. Resolved to approve check #1110 to Carlstadt-East Rutherford Regional Board of Education in the amount of \$11,054.50 from the Milk and Lunch account for December 2017 meals.
- 19. Resolved to approve the Agreement for Nursing Services with Star Pediatric Home Care Agency upon recommendation of the Superintendent and Dr. Javier E. Aisenberg for Licensed Practical Nursing services provided to student #6011517– Attachment 2.19

3. Policy None
 Motion:
 Seconded:
 Action taken:

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

- 1. Resolved to approve Erica Lencsak Part-Time Aide at an hourly rate of \$14.66.
- 2. Resolved to approve Ed Corrales as a Substitute Teacher pending outcome of criminal history background screening.
- 3. Resolved to approve an increase in salary of \$600.00 for Stefano Cirrillo effective February 1, 2018.

5. Curriculum
 Motion: Charles Pallas
 Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro
 Action taken: 5 Ayes. Approved.

1. Resolved to approve the following field trip:

Destination	Date	Cost
Liberty Science Center 222 Jersey City Boulevard, Jersey City, NJ	4/18/18	\$325.00 bus \$128.00 for tickets

6. Facilities None
 Motion:
 Seconded:
 Action taken:

7. Old Business None
Motion:
Seconded:
Action taken:
8. New Business
Mr. Pallas addressed the Board regarding student performance on the Star Reading tests in 1st grade and the tracking of student data – Attachment 8.1
Motion: Edmond Monti
Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro
Action taken: 5 Ayes. Approved.
9. Information Items
1. Letter from the State of New Jersey indicating sending relationship with Wood-Ridge High School for one representative for Board – Attachment 9.1
10. Discussion Items
11. Public Comments
Open: 6:52 p.m.
Closed: 6:53 p.m.
No Comments.
12. Adjournment at 6:54 p.m.
Motion: Edmond Monti
Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro
Action taken: 5 Ayes. Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurel Spadavecchia

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