

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

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Robert L. Craig School  
Media Center  
September 26, 2017

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

Roll Call

Members Present: David Vaccaro, Charles Pallas, Edmond Monti, Sheila King

Members Absent: James Campbell

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.

Presentation – PARCC Testing Results Presentation

Mr. James Knipper, Director of Curriculum, presented PARCC testing results followed by a brief question and answer session. The Board was receptive to the outcomes and explanations.

1.

- Acceptance of Minutes of September 12, 2017 closed session and regular session, and Superintendent Report Minutes – Attachment 1.1

Motion: Charles Pallas

Seconded: Edmond Monti

Action taken: 4 Ayes, 1 Absent. Approved.

- Acceptance of Correspondence-

Motion: None

Seconded:  
Action taken:

- Superintendent's Report

Motion: Sheila King  
Seconded: Edmond Monti  
Action taken: 4 Ayes, 1 Absent. Approved.

- Submission of HIB Cases – September 2017

Investigations  
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Confirmed Cases  
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- Public Comments - (Agenda Items Only)

None

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: 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 the month ended September 2017 and in the amount of \$284,956.27 – Attachment 2.1
2. Resolved to acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for September 2017 that no budgetary line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which total exceed the amount appropriated by the Moonachie Board of Education.
3. Resolved to acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary of September 2017 that no budgetary line item account has been over-expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the Moonachie Board of Education's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

4. Resolved to accept the Report of the Secretary of the Moonachie Board of Education for revised June, July and August 2017 – Attachment 2.4
5. Resolved to accept the Treasurer’s Report for revised June, July and August 2017 – Attachment 2.5
6. Resolved to approve the Monthly Transfer Report for July and August 2017 – Attachment 2.6
7. Resolved to approve Check Register for the month of July and August 2017 for \$249,118.49– Attachment 2.7
8. Resolved to approve Payroll Check Register for the September 15, 2017 for \$51,463.04 – Attachment 2.8
9. Resolved that the Moonachie Board of Education hereby approves the collective bargaining agreement between the Board and the Moonachie Education Association for term July 1, 2016-June 30, 2019.
10. Resolved to charge the following salary amounts to the 2017-2018 ESEA Title I grant for the provision of Basic Skills instructional services:

	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Benefits</u>	<u>Total</u>
Kathleen Kinsella	\$44,000	\$12,320	\$56,320
Martha Morales	\$28474	\$7973	<u>\$36447</u>
			\$92,767

11. Resolved to approve the contracts for Special Education Tuition between the Moonachie Board of Education and the South Bergen Jointure Commission for the school year 2017-2018 - Attachment 2.11
12. Resolved to approve the purchase of four (4) 5 Watt, 128 Channel Radios with battery, antenna, charger and belt clip for \$1,046.24 – Attachment 2.12
13. Resolved to approve the professional payroll services of Deborah Carpino for quarterly government reporting and special projects at an hourly rate of \$37.50, not to exceed \$5000.00, for school year 2017-2018.
14. Resolved to accept the Costco – Teterboro Branch donation of 160 backpacks for Robert L. Craig School students and \$25.00 gift card to be used for the YMCA afterschool snack program.

3. Policy

Motion: Charles Pallas  
 Seconded: Sheila King  
 Action taken: 4 Ayes, 1 Absent. Approved.

1. Resolved to approve the following revised policies and regulations.

P1240	Evaluation of Superintendent
R1240	

P2700	Services to Nonpublic School Students
P3126 R3126	District Mentoring Program
P3221 R3221	Evaluation of Teachers
P3222 R3222	Evaluation of Teaching Staff Members, Excluding Teachers and Administrators
P3223 R3223	Evaluation of Administrators, Excluding Principals, Vice Principals and Assistant Principals
P3224 R3224	Evaluation of Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals
P3240 R3240	Professional Development for Teachers and School Leaders
P5610 R5610	Suspension
P 5620	Expulsion
P7100 R7100	Long-Range Facilities Planning
P7101 R7101	Educational Adequacy of Capital Projects
P7102	Site Selection and Acquisitions
P7130	School Closing
P7300	Disposition of Property
R7300.1	Disposal of Instructional Property (Abolished)
R7300.2	Disposal of Land
R7300.3	Disposition of Personal Property
R7300.4	Disposition of Federal Property
P8505	Local Wellness Policy/Nutrient Standards for Meals and Other Foods
P8550	Unpaid Meal Charges/Outstanding Food Service Charges

2. Resolved to approve the first reading of the following new polices:

P1511	Board of Education Website Accessibility
P7424 R7424	Bed Bugs
R7102	Site Selection and Acquisition
P7461	District Sustainability Policy

4. Personnel

Motion: Sheila King

Seconded: Edmond Monti

Action taken: 4 Ayes, 1 Absent. Approved.

1. Resolved to approve Susie Tushingham as a Substitute Nurse at a rate of \$150.00 per day for the 2017-2018 school year.
2. Resolved to approve Gina Pichardo as a Substitute Nurse at a rate of \$150.00 per day for the 2017-2018 school year.
3. Resolved to approve Michael Lia as full-time aide at an annual salary of \$20,000.00 for the 2017-2018 school year.
4. Resolved to approve Theodore Kosinski as a food servicer at a rate of \$9.89 per hour for the 2017-2018 school year.
5. Resolved to approve Nicole Wohlrab for Reading & Test Coordinator stipend position for \$1,436.61 for school year 2017-2018.
6. Resolved to approve Lisa Perez as Recreation Director for the 2017-2018 school year not to exceed 120 hours at \$41.78 per hour.
7. Resolved to approve the Rite Aid Pharmacy Wellness Clinic for RLC staff members on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 to be held during common planning time and half of first period. Flu, Phneumonia and Shingles vaccines will be offered to staff. There will be no charge to RLC or staff. Participants will need to copy their insurance card as insurance will pay for vaccinations. If any Board of Education members would like to participate, they need only call Donna Gallo, school nurse, prior to date and bring their insurance cards as well.

5. Curriculum

Motion: Sheila King

Seconded: Edmond Monti

Action taken: 4 Ayes, 1 Absent. Approved.

1. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, to recognize the first week in October, the 2nd through the 6th, as the 2017 WEEK OF RESPECT in connection with the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying State Legislation. Appropriate activities will be planned
2. BE IT RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that the District observe School Violence Awareness Week, October 16th -20th, 2017, in accordance with annual obligations as defined by the NJ State Department of Education.
3. Resolved to approve the STEAM field trip dates starting September 27, 2017 through April 3, 2017 for the STEAM Lab – RLC Students and

Teachers in Grades K-8 – Location SBJC – Lodi and Maywood Campus –  
No Cost to District and Transportation included.

4. Resolved to approve the 2017-2018 Moonachie School District Nursing Services Plan – Attachment 5.4
  
6. Facilities                      None  
Motion:  
Seconded:  
Action taken:
  
7. Old Business                  None  
Motion:  
Seconded:  
Action taken:
  
8. New Business  
Mr. Pallas inquired as to what programs were reduced in order to introduce a new Character Education Program. Dr. Ponds explained that Character Education is implemented during Health Class and that no other programs were impacted.  
Motion:                      Sheila King  
Seconded:                  Edmond Monti  
Action taken:              4 Ayes, 1 Absent. Approved.
  
9. Information Items  
Mrs. King announced a change in venue for the Wood-Ridge Jr./Sr. Prom to be held at Indian Trail Club, Franklin Lakes, on Thursday, May 31, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
  
10. Discussion Items
  
11. Public Comments  
  
Open:                      7:25  
Closed:                    7:26
  
12. Adjournment at 7:30 p.m.  
  
Motion:                      Sheila King  
Seconded:                  Charles Pallas  
Action taken:              4 Ayes, 1 Absent. Approved.

