

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

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Robert L. Craig School

Media Center

January 2, 2019

Call to order by Board President Meeting opened at 6:46 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Members Absent: None

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

1.

• Resolved 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 personnel matters and legal matters which are attorney-client privileged. It is anticipated that the length of time of this executive session will be 30 minutes and that the discussion undertaken in this closed session can be made public at the time official action is taken.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

- Acceptance of Minutes of December 11, 2018 closed session and regular session, and Superintendent Report Minutes – Attachment 1.1

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

- Acceptance of Correspondence

1. Letter from the New Jersey Department of Education regarding appropriate representation of sending district board of education members on the receiving board of education – Attachment 1.2

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

- Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Ponds wanted to give a big thank you to the staff and Mr. Knipper for a successful first day of the full-day Pre-K program. It was handled tremendously well.

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

- Submission of HIB Cases – December 2018

Investigations

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Confirmed Cases

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- 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: Matthew Vaccaro
 Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion 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 2018 for a total of \$240,842.65 – Attachment 2.1

2. Resolved to approve the Check Register for the month of November 2018 for \$417,659.56 - Attachment 2.2
3. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for December 15, 2018 for \$89,814.41 – Attachment 2.3
4. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for December 21, 2018 for \$87,782.06 – Attachment 2.4
5. Resolved to approve the Joint Transportation Agreements & Transportation Services Agreements between the Moonachie Board of Education and Englewood Public Schools for Choice students attending Dwight Morrow High School for the 2018-2019 school year – Attachment 2.5
6. Resolved to approve the Special Education Tuition Contract between Moonachie Board of Education and the South Bergen Jointure Commission effective December 5, 2018 for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year – Attachment 2.6
7. Resolved to approve check #1122 to Carlstadt-East Rutherford Regional Board of Education in the amount of \$12,297.00 from the Milk and Lunch account for November 2018 meals.
8. Resolved to approve check #158 from the Summer Savings account payable to Nicole Wohlrab for payout of 09/15/18 through 12/30/18 payroll in the amount of \$2,951.76.

3. Policy None.
 Motion:
 Seconded:
 Action taken:

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

1. Resolved to approve Jessica Madalena as a Substitute Teacher for the 2018-2019 school year.
2. Resolved to approve Danielle Carrione for ten weeks at four hours per week at an hourly rate of \$42.93 for PARCC Academy Instruction.
 - Mr. Matthew Vaccaro asked if PARCC Academy instruction was necessary due to the fact that PARCC is being discontinued. Mr. Knipper replied that PARCC testing will be replaced by another standardized test which will be very similar in questions to PARCC and in which the data comparison will be statewide and no longer nationwide.
3. Resolved to approve Katerina DiCicca for ten weeks at two hours per week at an hourly rate of \$42.93 for PARCC Academy Instruction.

4. Resolved to approve Lisa Marie Perez for ten weeks at two hours per week at an hourly rate of \$42.93 for PARCC Academy Instruction.
5. Resolved to approve the Superintendent/Principal to emergent hire for personnel hired between January 3, 2019 – January 22, 2019 upon notification to board members of candidate selection.

5. Curriculum

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: Edmond Monti

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve the 2019-2020 school year calendar– Attachment 5.1
2. Resolved to approve the 2019-2020 Moonachie Board of Education Holiday Calendar – Attachment 5.2
3. Resolved to approve the revised Moonachie School District K-8 English Language Arts Curriculum for the 2018-2019 school year on display in the Curriculum Office.
4. Resolved to approve the revised Moonachie School District K-8 Math Curriculum for the 2018-2019 school year on display in the Curriculum Office.
5. Resolved to approve the revised Moonachie School District K-8 Social Studies Curriculum for the 2018-2019 school year on display in the Curriculum Office.
6. Resolved to approve the revised Moonachie School District K-8 Art Curriculum for the 2018-2019 school year on display in the Curriculum Office.
7. Resolved to approve the revised Moonachie School District K-8 Music Curriculum for the 2018-2019 school year on display in the Curriculum Office.
8. Resolved to approve the revised Moonachie School District K-8 Physical Education Curriculum for the 2018-2019 school year on display in the Curriculum Office.
9. Resolved to approve the revised Moonachie School District K-8 World Language Curriculum for the 2018-2019 school year on display in the Curriculum Office.

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
Mrs. Spadavecchia announced that the district applied for an emergency operating boiler license and was given approval for Laurel Spadavecchia, Sandy Diaz and Ryan Jones to be granted coverage through June 30, 2019.
10. Discussion Items
Mr. David Vaccaro inquired about the PA system functionality as well as the photogrammetry mapping progress. Dr. Ponds announced that the PA System has been working properly and Officer Migliorino has been working with the Moonachie Police Department to coordinate the mapping process.
11. Public Comments None.
Open: 7:03 p.m.
Closed: 7:04 p.m.
12. Adjournment from Public Session at 7:05 p.m.
Motion: Edmond Monti
Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro
Action taken: 4 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion Approved.
No further closed session took place.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurel Spadavecchia

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Business Administrator/Board Secretary