

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

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Robert L. Craig School
Virtual Meeting
May 26, 2020

Call to order by Board President Meeting opened at _____

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, Board Attorney
Rachel Smith, 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 May 12, 2020, Regular session, and Superintendent Report – Attachment 1.1
Motion: Edmond Monti
Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro
Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.
- Acceptance of Correspondence None.
Motion:
Seconded:
Action taken:

- Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Ponds announced that teachers have been breaking down classrooms on schedule and lunches have continued to be served. He announced there was a fatal accident on school grounds on May 24 and the district has offered grief counseling to anyone in need. The district also reached out to Wood-Ridge Board of Education and offered grief counseling to anyone affected at the high school level.

Mr. Knipper announced that teachers continue to engage online with lessons and tutoring. He is working in conjunction with the YMCA to outline the virtual summer recreation program. The district has also revised the school plan and is starting to plan for reopening.

David Vaccaro asked about graduation plans as the guidelines allow for an outdoor graduation after July 6. Dr. Ponds responded that the district is moving forward with their virtual graduation plans but that he will be meeting with parents to see what kind of celebration they would be interested in. Dennis McKeever interjected that the district should plan for both scenarios, but that districts must graduate students in June and can have a celebration in July. He also mentioned that the district might have to purchase a one-day event insurance policy to cover that event as well as coordinate the effort with local town and police force. James Campbell asked what Wood-Ridge was doing for graduation and Dr. Ponds replied he would reach out to them to find out. Mr. Campbell asked him to keep the board apprised of any plans set forth.

Charles Pallas asked if students will be receiving a report card. Mr. Knipper answered that students have been on a pass/fail protocol for the 3rd and 4th marking periods. Edmond Monti asked about high schools accepting pass/fail grades to which Dr. Ponds responded that this is the best practice right now and that it shouldn’t be held against students because schools use many different criteria to evaluate students.

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: James Campbell

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

- **Submission of HIB Cases – April 2020**

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 2.1-2.10, 2.12, 2.13; 4 Ayes and 1 Abstain #2.11.
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 performed for May 2020 for a total of \$153,177.25 –Attachment 2.1
2. Resolved to approve the Check Register for the month of May 2020 for \$84,080.03 - Attachment 2.2
3. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for May 15, 2020 for \$96,950.79 to include direct deposits of \$95,063.41 and one check of \$1887.38 issued – Attachment 2.3
4. Resolved to acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for May 2020 that no budgetary line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which total exceed the amount appropriated by the Moonachie Board of Education.
5. Resolved to acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary of May 2020 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.
6. Resolved to approve the Special Education Extended School Year Tuition Contracts between the Moonachie Board of Education and South Bergen Jointure Commission effective July 6 – July 31, 2020 – Attachment 2.6
7. Resolved to set tuition and Related Services for the 2020-2021 school year as follows: Attachment 2.7

Regular Education Student Tuition

PreK/K	\$21,453
Grades 1-5	\$17,249
Grades 6-8	\$16,294

Special Education Student Tuition

Full Day – Pre-K Dis.	\$10,833
ESY	\$ 1,700
LLD	\$21,073
MD	\$32,415
Related Services	\$79.00 /session

8. Resolved to approve the Certification of Implementation of Corrective Action Plan certifying that all corrective actions listed on the district's Corrective Action Plan for the fiscal year ending 2018-2019 have been fully implemented – Attachment 2.8
 9. Resolved to accept the Treasurer's Report for month ending April 2020 – Attachment 2.9
 10. Resolved to accept the Report of Secretary to the Moonachie Board of Education for month ending April 2020 – Attachment 2.10
 11. Resolved to approve the Robert L. Craig School 2020 Graduation Awards and Edward Terragni Scholarship recipient – Attachment 2.11
 12. Resolved to approve the Linkage Agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and the South Bergen Jointure Commission for the 2020-2021 school year – Attachment 2.12
 13. Resolved to approve check #1142 to Carlstadt-East Rutherford Regional Board of Education in the amount of \$10,465.00 from the Milk and Lunch account for March 2020 meals.
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3. Policy
Motion:
Seconded:
Action taken:

 4. Personnel
Motion:
Seconded:
Action taken:

 5. Curriculum
Motion: Edmond Monti
Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro
Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.
 1. Resolved to approve the revised 2019-2020 school year calendar – Attachment 5.1
 2. Resolved to approve the revision of the Emergency Health-Related Closure Plan – Attachment 5.2

6. Facilities
 1. Resolved to approve ESS as the vendor to install the Alyssa's Law mandated security update – Attachment 6.1
Motion: Edmond Monti
Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro
Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.
7. Old Business None.
Motion:
Seconded:
Action taken:
8. New Business

Mr. Knipper announced that together with Mrs. Spadavecchia they will be working on the Cares Act funding application and that there will be a motion on the next meeting to approve the submission of the grant and the acceptance of the subsequent funds.

Motion:
Seconded:
Action taken:
9. Information Items None.
10. Discussion Items None.
11. Public Comments None.
Open: 7:02 p.m.
Closed: 7:03 p.m.
12. Adjournment at 7:04 p.m.
Motion: James Campbell
Seconded: Edmond Monti
Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurel Spadavecchia

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