

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

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Robert L. Craig School

Media Center

February 11, 2020

Call to order by Board President

Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: David Vaccaro

Charles Pallas

James Campbell

Members Absent: Matthew Vaccaro

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Also Present: Dr. Jonathan Ponds, Superintendent/Principal

Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

James Knipper, Director of Curriculum & Instruction

Anthony Sciarrillo, 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: James Campbell

Seconded: Charles Pallas

Action taken: 3 Ayes. 2 Absent. Motion Approved.

- Acceptance of Minutes of January 21, 2020 closed session and regular session, and Superintendent Report Minutes – Attachment 1.1

Motion: James Campbell  
 Seconded: Charles Pallas  
 Action taken: 3 Ayes. 2 Absent. Motion Approved.

- Acceptance of Correspondence

1. Letter from the New Jersey Department of Education approving the major amendment to the Long Range Facilities Plan – Attachment 1.2
2. Letter from the New Jersey Department of Education approving Moonachie School District 2020 ESEA Consolidated application – Attachment 1.3

Motion: James Campbell  
 Seconded: Charles Pallas  
 Action taken: 3 Ayes. 2 Absent. Motion Approved.

- Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Ponds announced that the Steam Team was accepted into the Regional Steam Team competition to be held at Liberty Science Center. He will provide more details as they are announced.

Motion: James Campbell  
 Seconded: Charles Pallas  
 Action taken: 3 Ayes. 2 Absent. Motion Approved.

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

<u>Investigations</u>	<u>Confirmed Cases</u>
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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: James Campbell  
 Action taken: 3 Ayes. 2 Absent. 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 January 2020 for a total of \$305,229.79 – Attachment 2.1

2. Resolved to approve the Check Register for the month of January 2020 for \$428,330.46 – Attachment 2.2
  3. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for January 31, 2020 for \$96,796.04 – Attachment 2.3
  4. Resolved to approve the contract with Group Tours and Travel, LLC for 8<sup>th</sup> grade Washington D.C. Trip on May 11-13, 2020 – Attachment 2.4
  5. Resolved to approve the Special Education Tuition Contract between the Moonachie Board of Education and the CTC Academy, Inc. for the 2019-2020 school year – Attachment 2.5
  6. Resolved that the Moonachie Board of Education request that the County Executive Superintendent of Schools grant a waiver of compliance with respect to the district’s participation in Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2020-2021 school year – Attachment 2.6
3. Policy                      None.  
 Motion:  
 Seconded:  
 Action taken:
4. Personnel  
 Motion:                      James Campbell  
 Seconded:                      Charles Pallas  
 Action taken:                3 Ayes. 2 Absent. Motion Approved.
1. Resolved to approve Ashley Graham as Student Teacher at no cost for the 2019-2020 school year pending the outcome of the Criminal History Background Screening.
  2. Resolved to approve Amanda Mulvaney as Substitute Teacher for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, pending the outcome of the Criminal History Background Screening.
  3. Resolved to approve Susan Sartoga as Substitute Teacher for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.
  4. Resolved to approve the following staff members to attend the May 11-13, 2020 8<sup>th</sup> grade Washington D.C. Field Trip:
 

Greg Keelen	Lisa Perez
Lee Ten Hoeve	Donna Gallo
5. Curriculum  
 Motion:  
 Seconded:  
 Action taken:  
 1. Resolved to approve the following field trips:

<b>Destination</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Rizzo's Wildlife World 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade- Mrs. Finch, Mrs. Abbruzzesi	6/2/20	\$460.00
Washington D.C. 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Trip	5/11-13/20	\$500.00

2. Resolved to approve the following workshops:

<b>Destination</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Cost</b>
NJECC February Topic "Computer Science for all" - Joshua Frisch	2/28/20	No Cost except travel reimbursement
Action Data Services Payroll Process Training, Fairfield NJ – Patricia Schomaker, Sandy Diaz, Laurel Spadavecchia	4/2/20	No Cost except travel reimbursement
NJ Department of Agriculture Summer Food Service Program Training – Sandy Diaz	2/24/20	No Cost except travel reimbursement

6. Facilities

Mrs. Spadavecchia announced that Rapid Pump would be repairing the simplex pump station in the boiler room on Friday, February 14, 2020.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

7. Old Business       None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

8. New Business       None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

9. Information Items

Mr. David Vaccaro announced that the February 27 council meeting will recognize the Robert L. Craig School Steam Team members for their performance at the NJ School Board Association competition.

1. Average Monthly Attendance from 1/1/20 – 1/31/20 – Attachment 9.1

2. Monthly Report of Attendance Officer for the month of January 2020 – Attachment 9.2

10. Discussion Items None.
11. Public Comments None.  
Open: 6:38 p.m.  
Closed: 6:39 p.m.
12. Adjournment at 6:40 p.m.  
Motion: James Campbell  
Seconded: Charles Pallas  
Action taken: 3 Ayes. 2 Absent. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

*Laurel Spadavecchia*

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Board Administrator/Board Secretary