

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

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Robert L. Craig School
Cafeteria

January 7, 2020

Call to order by Board President

Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: David Vaccaro
Charles Pallas
Matthew Vaccaro
Edmond Monti

Members Absent: James Campbell

Also Present: Dr. Jonathan Ponds, Superintendent/Principal
Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
James Knipper, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Jillian Freda, Board Attorney

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.

• Motion 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: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: Edmond Monti

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

- Acceptance of Minutes of December 10, 2019 closed session and regular session, and Superintendent Report Minutes – Attachment 1.1

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

- Acceptance of Correspondence None.

Motion:
 Seconded:
 Action taken:

- Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Ponds announced the school is back in action after the winter break. There was some concern over higher student absenteeism, but he announced today the numbers are back to normal levels. He also announced the district is preparing for the QSAC review which will be on January 13 and that the building is in great shape. Also announced was that all expenses for Saturday School will be taken over by the YMCA except for custodial services.

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

- Submission of HIB Cases – December 2019

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: Matthew Vaccaro
 Seconded: James Campbell
 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 2019 for a total of \$338,227.89 – Attachment 2.1

2. Resolved to approve the Check Register for the month of November 2019 for \$561,302.05 - Attachment 2.2
3. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for December 15, 2019 for \$94,290.65 – Attachment 2.3
4. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for December 20, 2019 for \$94,110.18 – Attachment 2.4
5. Resolved to approve check #1136 to Carlstadt-East Rutherford Regional Board of Education in the amount of \$14,500.00 from the Milk and Lunch account for November 2019 meals.
6. Resolved to approve the budgetary line-item transfers for November 2019 – Attachment 2.6
7. Resolved to accept the Treasurer’s Report for month ending November 2019 – Attachment 2.7
8. Resolved to accept the Report of Secretary to the Moonachie Board of Education for month ending November 2019 – Attachment 2.8

3. Policy None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

4. Personnel

Motion: Edmond Monti

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve Samantha Costanzo as a Substitute Teacher for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.
2. Resolved to accept the resignation of Kelly Thomson as School Aide effective December 20, 2019 – Attachment 4.2
3. Resolved to approve Amanda Sokol as Substitute Teacher for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.
4. Resolved to approve Susan Sartoga as Part-Time School Aide at an hourly rate of \$14.93 for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, pending the outcome of the Criminal History Background Screening.
5. Resolved to approve the rate increase of Kristen Stoltz, Part-Time Food Server from \$10.79 to \$11.00 per hour due to the mandated increase in the state minimum wage, effective January 1, 2020.
6. Resolved to approve the rate increase of Claudia Gil Liriano, Substitute Custodian from \$10.30 to \$11.00 per hour due to the mandated increase in the state minimum wage, effective January 1, 2020.

5. Curriculum

Motion: Charles Pallas

Seconded: Edmond Monti

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve the 2020-2021 school year calendar – Attachment 5.1
2. Resolved to approve the 2020-2021 Moonachie Board of Education Holiday Calendar – Attachment 5.2
3. Resolved to approve the revised Moonachie School District K-8 Dance Curriculum for the 2019-2020 school year displayed in Curriculum Office.
4. Resolved to approve the revised Moonachie School District K-8 Theatre Curriculum for the 2019-2020 school year displayed in Curriculum Office.
5. Resolved to approve the revised Moonachie School District K-8 Art Curriculum for the 2019-2020 school year displayed in Curriculum Office.
6. Resolved to approve the revised Moonachie School District K-8 Science Curriculum for the 2019-2020 school year displayed in Curriculum Office.
7. Resolved to approve the revised Moonachie School District K-8 World Language Curriculum for the 2019-2020 school year displayed in Curriculum Office.
8. Resolved to approve the revised Moonachie School District 6-8 Social Studies Curriculum for the 2019-2020 school year displayed in Curriculum Office.
9. Resolved to approve the following workshop:

Destination	Date	Cost
NJ Educational Technology Conference: Montclair State University, NJ – Joshua Frisch	January 14, 2020	No cost except travel expense

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

1. Average monthly attendance from 12/1/19 – 12/30/19 - Attachment 9.1
2. Monthly report of attendance officer for the month ending December 2019 Attachment 9.2

10. Discussion Items

Mr. David Vaccaro congratulated Mr. Pallas for his re-election and thanked him for giving the community another three years on the Board.

11. Public Comments

Open: 7:00 p.m.

Closed: 7:01 p.m.

Mr. Anthony Cirillo thanked the Board and the staff for another year of success.

Mr. David Vaccaro congratulated Anthony Cirillo for being appointed Borough Council President.

12. Adjournment at 7:02 p.m.

Motion: Edmond Monti

Seconded: James Campbell

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurel Spadavecchia

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Board Administrator/Board Secretary