

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

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Robert L. Craig School

Cafeteria

April 13, 2021

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  
James Campbell

Members Absent: None

Also Present: James Knipper, Acting Superintendent  
Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Dana Genatt, Director of Curriculum and Instruction  
Connor Kimmel, 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 March 23, 2021, closed session and 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 – Attachment 1.3

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

Mr. Knipper announced that he will be meeting with Realtime on April 19 to discuss consolidating our 5 student database platforms into one all-encompassing system.

He also announced that the results of a recent inquiry show that 90% of all technology devices on loan to students will be coming back fully intact, with the rest requiring some servicing.

Mr. Knipper announced that he will be presenting a presentation on ESSER II funds at the May 11, 2021 meeting.

Mr. Monti asked about staff who are choosing not to be vaccinated, and Mr. Knipper responded that the district is not mandating vaccination and that the same current procedures will apply if a staff member has to be out for a Covid-related absence.

Mr. Matthew Vaccaro asked about the mention of an outdoor dance and suggested the school ask the town to block off roads. Mr. Knipper stated he will be in communication regarding all plans surrounding the event of a dance.

- **Submission of HIB Cases – March 2021**

Investigations

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Confirmed Cases

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- **Presentation from Tremco Roofing and Building Maintenance Division – Kyle Sweppenhiser & Timothy Noon**
  - Attachment 1.2 Followed by a question and answer session.

- 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 March 2020 for a total of \$318,621.24 –Attachment 2.1
2. Resolved to approve the Check Register for the month of March for \$340,518.90 –Attachment 2.2
3. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for March 31, 2021 for \$99,569.70 – Attachment 2.3
4. Resolved to approve the budgetary line-item transfers for February 2021 – Attachment 2.4
5. Resolved to approve the Treasurer’s Report for month ending February 2021 – Attachment 2.5
6. Resolved to approve the Report of Secretary to the Moonachie Board of Education for the month ending February 2021 – Attachment 2.6
7. Resolved to acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for March 2021 that no budgetary line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Moonachie Board of Education.
8. Resolved to acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for March 2021 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.
9. Resolved to approve check #1155 to Carlstadt-East Rutherford Regional Board of Education in the amount of \$17,416.50 from the Milk and Lunch account.
10. Resolved to approve the Cooperative Pricing System Agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and the New Jersey School Boards Association Cooperative Pricing System – Attachment 2.10
11. Resolved to set tuition and Related Services for the 2021-2022 school year as follows: Attachment 2.11

Regular Education Student Tuition

PreK/K	\$16,087
Grades 1-5	\$15,876
Grades 6-8	\$15,445

Special Education Student Tuition

Full Day – Pre-K Dis.	\$9,844
ESY	\$ 1,800
LLD	\$24,853
MD	\$79,065
Related Services	\$79.00 /session

12. Resolved to approve the donation of 10 cases of gallon-sized hand sanitizers from the Borough of Moonachie.

3. Policy None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

4. Personnel

Motion: Edmond Monti

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to reappoint tenured professional staff for the 2021-2022 school year – Attachment 4.1

2. Resolved to approve the job postings for the Extended School Year Program – Attachment 4.2

3. Resolved to approve, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, an extended medical leave of absence for employee #4049 from April 1, 2021 through April 30, 2021 with the ability to utilize sick time for this period.

5. Curriculum

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: James Campbell

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve the Extended School Year program: June 21 – July 30, 2021 Monday-Friday 8:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. (off July 5) for a total of 29 days.

2. Resolved to approve the New Jersey Department of Health Vaccine Preventable Disease Program Immunization Audit Report – Attachment 5.2

6. Facilities

Motion: Edmond Monti

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve the AHERA Consultants Operations and Maintenance Final Report for the asbestos remediation in the boiler room – Attachment 6.1

7. Old Business None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

8. New Business      None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

9. Information Items

1. Average Monthly Attendance from 3/1/21 – 3/31/21 – Attachment 9.1

2. Monthly Report of Attendance officer for the month of March 2021 – Attachment 9.2

10. Discussion Items

Mr. David Vaccaro asked the Board to review the presentation for the roof and façade projects and to be prepared to discuss it at the April 27, 2021 Board of Education meeting.

Mr. Campbell commended Mr. Knipper and his staff for keeping the building open as much as he did and thanked him for a job well done. Mr. David Vaccaro agreed and stated that it was not an easy task to do and thanked him for his hard work. Mr. Monti reiterated the message and said it was very much appreciated, to which Mr. Matthew Vaccaro and Mr. Charles Pallas also thanked him for all his hard work.

11. Public Comments

Open:      7:48 p.m.

Closed:    7:49 p.m.

Mr. Anthony Cirillo congratulated Mr. Knipper and his entire staff stating he is doing an excellent job and that he hears good things from all over town.

12. Adjournment at 7:50 p.m.

Motion:              Edmond Monti

Seconded:          Matthew Vaccaro

Action taken:        5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Laurel Spadavecchia*

Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary