

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

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Robert L. Craig School

Cafeteria

May 24, 2022

Call to order by Board President Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Members Absent: None.

Also Present: James Knipper, Superintendent
Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator
Anthony Russo, 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.

- 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 for budgeting purposes. It is anticipated that the length of time of this executive session will be 30 minutes.

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: Edmond Monti

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

- Acceptance of Minutes of May 10, 2022, Regular session, and Superintendent Report – Attachment 1.1

Motion: Edmond Monti

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

Action taken: 4 Ayes. 1 Abstain; James Campbell. Motion Approved.

- Acceptance of Correspondence None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

- Superintendent's Report

Mr. Knipper announced the Students of the Month, followed by asking for a moment of silence for the victims of the Uvalde Elementary School shooting. He then announced that Mrs. Genatt begins her maternity leave tomorrow and wishes her and her family well. He also announced the Teacher of the Year is Ms. Jessica Sansone and Member of the Year is Mrs. Lucrezia Maurin. They are both outstanding employees and these awards are well-deserved.

Mr. Knipper also announced that Mr. Phil Facendola is currently seeking a grant opportunity of \$15,000 to remove and replace the existing four outdoor basketball poles and hoops.

The 8th grade dance will be held tomorrow night at the Graycliff. Mr. Knipper took this opportunity to thank the Graycliff for their continued support of the Robert L. Craig School community!

The annual Memorial Day ceremony will take place at Borough Hall this Saturday, May 28, at 10:30 a.m. Our music teacher, Ms. Schmitt, will bring the Robert L. Craig singers to perform and our 8th grade student, Abigail Peguero-Rodriquez will read her poem aloud.

Mr. Knipper also thanked the PTO for hosting their dance to a great turnout.

Youth and Government Day is this Thursday and June 1 is the Curriculum Night Expo, all are welcome.

Mr. David Vaccaro congratulated the Students of the Month and thanked the parents for supporting their children as it means so much to them to have parental support. He wished everyone a happy Memorial Day weekend.

Motion: Edmond Monti

Seconded: James Campbell

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

▪ **Students of the Month**

<u>April</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Zaroon Haider	Pre-K
Logan De La Cruz	K
Keira De Leon	1
Miguel Olivares	2
Amani Gonzales	3

Ava Gonzales	4
Cosimo Camacho	5
Navab Chughtai	Middle School Science
Abigal Peguero-Rodriquez	Middle School ELA
Analiha Sanchez	Middle School Math
Victor Garcia	Music

▪ **Submission of HIB Cases – May 2022**

Investigations

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 performed for May 2022 for a total of \$294,108.70 –Attachment 2.1
2. Resolved to approve the Check Register for the month of April 2022 for \$423,364.93 - Attachment 2.2
3. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for May 15, 2022 for \$104,816.05 with gross pay wages of \$182,675.67 – Attachment 2.3
4. Resolved to acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for May 2022 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 2022 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 accept the Treasurer’s Report for month ending April 2022 – Attachment 2.6
7. Resolved to accept the Report of Secretary to the Moonachie Board of Education for month ending April 2022 – Attachment 2.7

8. Resolved to approve the Contract for “In-School” Nursing Services between the Moonachie Board of Education and Starlight Homecare Agency, Inc for the 2022-2023 school year, effective June 12, 2022 through June 30, 2023 – Attachment 2.8
9. Resolved to approve the Legal Services Agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and Sciarrillo Cornell, Merlino, McKeever & Osborne, LLC for the 2022-2023 school year – Attachment 2.9
10. Resolved to approve the 60 Month Copier Lease Agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and Atlantic Tomorrow’s Office – Attachment 2.10
11. Resolved to approve the Educational Services Agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and LearnWell for instruction in a hospital setting – Attachment 2.11
12. Resolved to approve the Contract for School Nursing Services between the Moonachie Board of Education and Bayada Home Health Care, Inc. for the 2022-2023 school year – Attachment 2.12
13. Resolved to approve the Linkage Agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and the South Bergen Jointure Commission for the 2021-2022 school year – Attachment 2.13
14. Resolved to approve Nu-Way Concessionaires, Inc. as the summer meals vendor at \$1.99 per breakfast, 100 breakfasts per day and \$3.35 per lunch, 125 Breakfast and 125 lunches per day for 29 days June 20 – July 29, 2022 – Attachment 2.14

3. Policy

Motion: Edmond Monti

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve Office of Early Childhood Home Visitation Policy – Attachment 3.1
2. Resolved to approve the School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill report (in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:27-11.2) as follows: On May 13, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. bus students participated in a bus emergency evacuation drill. The drill took place in front of the school for Bus #3. James Knipper supervised the drill – Attachment 3.2
3. Resolved to approve the School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill report (in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:27-11.2) as follows: On May 17, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. bus students participated in a bus emergency evacuation drill. The drill took place in front of the school and included Bus #1 and Bus #2. James Knipper supervised the drill – Attachment 3.3
4. Resolved to approve the New Jersey Department of Education School Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights District and School Grade Report for 2020-2021 – Attachment 3.4

4. Personnel

Motion: James Campbell

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve Dana Genatt as Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the 2022-2023 school year – Attachment 4.1
2. Resolved to approve Jenna Castellano as Substitute Teacher for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.
3. Resolved to approve the Summer Extended School Year 2022 Staff – Attachment 4.3
4. Resolved to approve the Job Posting for the 2022-2023 School Year Part-Time Custodian, Elementary Special Education Pk-3 Teacher and Elementary School Teacher – Attachment 4.4

5. Curriculum

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

6. Facilities

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: Edmond Monti

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve the Lead Testing in Water Sampling Report from Karl Environmental Group – Attachment 6.1
2. Resolved to approve the 2021-2022 Submission of Lead Testing Statement of Assurance for a Lead Testing Year – Attachment 6.2
3. Resolved to accept the removal of three existing basketball poles and hoops and the installation of four new basketball poles and hoops provided by the Meadowlands YMCA 21st CCLC grant – Attachment 6.3

7. Old Business

8. New Business

9. Information Items

Mr. Vaccaro thanked Mr. Knipper for announcing the upcoming school events taking place over the next few weeks and invited the Board of Education to attend.

Mr. Matthew Vaccaro asked if the donated basketball hoops will be in the same place, to which Mr. Knipper said in the same general location but a bit further apart as they weren't regulation size and will now meet regulations. Mr. Monti asked if it was a YMCA grant or a school grant, to which Mr. Knipper replied it is a YMCA grant and the YMCA is donating it to the school.

Mr. Matthew Vaccaro asked if there will be more police presence, to which Mr. David Vaccaro replied that the police will have to monitor it more often to make sure Moonachie residents are using the facilities and not other towns. That being said, the town park is set to reopen in about 2-3 weeks.

10. Discussion Items

11. Public Comments

Open: 6:55 p.m.

Closed: 6:56 p.m.

12. Adjournment 6:57 p.m.

Motion: Edmond Monti

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurel Spadavecchia

Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary