

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

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Robert L. Craig School

Cafeteria

March 22, 2022

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

Roll Call

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

Members Absent: None

Also Present: James Knipper, Superintendent
Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator
Dana Genatt, Director of Curriculum
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.

- Acceptance of Minutes of March 8, 2022, closed session and regular session, and Superintendent Report – Attachment 1.1
Motion: Matthew Vaccaro
Seconded: Charles Pallas
Action taken: 3 Ayes. 2 Abstain. Motion Approved.
- Acceptance of Correspondence None.
- Superintendent's Report
Motion: Edmond Monti
Seconded: Charles Pallas
Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

Mrs. Genatt and Mr. Knipper announced the Students of the Month. Mr. Knipper stated that staff and students are working hard despite no days off in March and a few days of good weather! The cafeteria has successfully been reopened to serve lunch over four different sessions. The district is preparing for state testing coming up. And he also announced that registration for the summer recreation will be available soon.

Mr. David Vaccaro congratulated all the Students of the Month and thanked all the parents for coming. He commented how important it is for the students to have their parents support them and all of their achievements.

- Students of the Month

<u>March</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Tian Dervishaj	PK
Endrit Dervishaj	K
Mohamed Abadi	1
Zian Nicolo Avila	2
Mohamed Marey	3
Nicholas Izaguirre	4
Sofia Morales	5
Randy Izaguirre	Science MS
Na'Daniel Arnone	ELA MS
Isabella Haddad	Math MS
Timothy Velez	Technology

- **Submission of HIB Cases – March 2022**

<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: Edmond Monti
 Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

SUBMISSION OF PRELIMINARY 2022-2023 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the preliminary 2022-23 school budget was approved for submission to the Executive County Superintendent by the Board of Education on March 22, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Moonachie Board of Education authorized the submission of the 2022-2023 Preliminary School Budget to the Bergen County Executive Superintendent of Schools with the following Fund Allocations and requested waivers:

<u>Budget Totals:</u>	<u>2022-2023 Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
Total General Fund	\$ 11,876,323	9,510,870.00
Total Special Revenue Fund	\$ 821,497	0.00
Total Debt Service Fund	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Totals	\$ 12,697,820	\$ 9,510,870.00

Be it resolved that the General Fund tax levy \$9,510,870.00 is approved to support the 2022-2023 school year budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Moonachie Board of Education authorize the inclusion of \$130,000 from Maintenance Reserve into the preliminary 2022-2023 budget for required maintenance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Moonachie Board of Education authorize the inclusion of \$1,000,000 from Capital Reserve into the preliminary 2022-2023 budget to repair/replace the roof, for HVAC rooftop units, repair to the sewer system, repair to exterior building façade, replace gymnasium bleachers, replace stage flooring and hallway flooring, and to repair structural damage to the plumbing system of the Robert L. Craig School.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Moonachie Board of Education authorize the inclusion of Use of Banked Cap in the amount of \$172,723. In accordance with the N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10.3 (b), the district has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority. The adjustment will be used to accommodate increasing enrollment in the general education, special education and preschool education population and the subsequent associated costs. The Moonachie Board of Education will complete this by the end of the 2022-2023 budget year and acknowledges that it cannot be deferred or incrementally completed over a larger period of time.

2. Resolved that the Moonachie Board of Education establish the school district travel maximum expenditure amount for the 2022-2023 school year as per N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2 (b) not to exceed \$15,000. The maximum amount for the 2021-2022 school year was budgeted at \$15,000 and the amount spent as of March 22, 2022 for the 2021-2022 school year is \$1,763.20. The Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.
3. 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 2022 for a total of \$412,841.69 –Attachment 2.3
4. Resolved to approve the Check Register for the month of February 2022 for \$212,425.65 - Attachment 2.4
5. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for March 15, 2021 for \$106,793.59 – Attachment 2.5
6. Resolved to approve check #1171 to Carlstadt-East Rutherford Regional Board of Education in the amount of \$27,936.00 from the Milk and Lunch account for February 2022 meals.
7. Resolved to approve the Guest Confirmation and Rental Contract between the Ridgewood YMCA and the Moonachie Board of Education for the 8th Grade Camp Bernie Outdoor Education – Attachment 2.7
8. Resolved to approve the acceptance of 2022-2023 Preschool Education Aid (PEA) funds of \$559,720 for the 2022-2023 school year.
9. Resolved to approve the submission of the Moonachie School District 2022-2023 Preschool Education Aid Budget Planning Workbook. The district will receive \$559,720 for 40 general education full-day preschool students – Attachment 2.9
10. Resolved to approve the Right to Know Services for 2021-2022 Proposal #P-220531 from Karl Environmental Group – Attachment 2.10
11. Resolved to acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for March 2022 that no budgetary line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Moonachie Board of Education.
12. Resolved to acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for March 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.

3. Policy

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

11. Public Comments None.

Open: 6:48 p.m.

Closed: 6:49 p.m.

12. Adjournment at 6:50 p.m.

Mr. David Vaccaro announced that at the next board meeting, masks will be optional.

Motion: Edmond Monti

Seconded: James Campbell

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurel Spadavecchia

Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary