

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

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Robert L. Craig School  
Cafeteria  
March 8, 2022

Call to order by Board President

Meeting opened at 6:30p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: David Vaccaro

Matthew Vaccaro

Charles Pallas

Members Absent: Edmond Monti

James Campbell

Also Present: James Knipper, Superintendent

Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator

Dennis McKeever, 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 February 22, 2022, closed session and regular session, and Superintendent Report – Attachment 1.1

Motion: Charles Pallas

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

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

- Acceptance of Correspondence

- Superintendent's Report

Motion: Charles Pallas

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

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

Mr. Knipper called for a moment of silence to remember Mrs. Rachel Tozzini, an outstanding secretary who served the Moonachie School District for 42 years. Mr. Knipper also wished Mr. Charles Pallas a happy 99<sup>th</sup> birthday. The

students of the Robert L. Craig School made cards and a poster for him and there will be cake and coffee available at the end of the meeting.

Mr. Knipper reported that after the mask mandate has been lifted, approximately 60% of students are still choosing to wear masks and less than that are staff who continue to wear masks. The cafeteria will reopen for lunches on Monday, although the lunch periods are now 4 periods instead of 2 per session for social distancing purposes. The district is also actively planning summer programming and registration will be available in April. The district will also resume an in-person Easter egg hunt on April 10. State testing will also begin in May.

<b>Submission of HIB Cases – February 2022</b>	
<b><u>Investigations</u></b>	<b><u>Confirmed Cases</u></b>
<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

• **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: 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 March 2022 for a total of \$212,425.65 – Attachment 2.1
2. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for February 28, 2022 for \$106,596.77 – Attachment 2.2
3. Resolved to approve the Check Register for the month of February 2022 for \$125,492.00 - Attachment 2.3
4. Resolved to approve the Bingham Communications, Inc. proposal to install speakers in bathrooms – Attachment 2.4
5. Resolved to approve the Private Schools for Students with Disabilities Tuition Contract between the Moonachie Board of Education and Windsor Preparatory High School – Attachment 2.5

3. **Policy**

None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

4. Personnel

Motion: Charles Pallas

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

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

1. Resolved to approve Ariel Concepcion as Substitute Teacher at a per diem rate of \$100.00 for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year, pending outcome of the Criminal History Background Screening.
2. Resolved to approve Felix Batista as Classroom Aide at an annual salary of \$22,000, prorated for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year, pending outcome of the Criminal History Background Screening.

5. Curriculum

Motion: Charles Pallas

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

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

1. Resolved to approve the following workshop:

<b>Destination</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Cost</b>
NJASBO Annual Conference - Laurel Spadavecchia	June 7-10, 2022	\$275.00 Registration Plus Hotel TBD

6. Facilities

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: Charles Pallas

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

1. Resolved to approve the Karl & Associates EPA AHERA Six Month Surveillance report – Attachment 6.1

7. Old Business

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

8. New Business

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

9. Information Items

1. Average monthly attendance from 2/1/22 – 2/28/22 - Attachment 9.1
2. Monthly report of attendance officer for the month ending February 2022 Attachment 9.2

10. Discussion Items

11. Public Comments

Open: 6:38 p.m.

Closed: 6:39 p.m.

Mr. Dennis Vaccaro, 28 Lincoln Place Moonachie, wished Mr. Pallas a happy birthday. He thanked him for his many years of service as both a Moonachie School Board member as well as the President of the Moonachie Senior Club.

Mr. Anthony Cirillo, 12 Bruno Street Moonachie, also wished Mr. Pallas a very happy birthday and is thankful to serve with him at the Senior Center and is happy that Mr. Pallas stays involved in the community. He wishes him good luck.

12. Adjournment at 6:40 p.m.

Motion: Charles Pallas

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

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

Respectfully Submitted,

*Laurel Spadavecchia*

Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary