

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

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Robert L. Craig School

Cafeteria

February 8, 2022

Call to order by Board President

Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present:

Members Absent:

Also Present:

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 January 18, 2022 closed session and regular session, and Superintendent Report Minutes – Attachment 1.1

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

- Acceptance of Correspondence

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

- Superintendent's Report

Mr. Knipper announced that 18 students attended Saturday School last week. Mrs. Genatt is working on Star Testing data to refer other students into this program as well as After School Academy. He thanked Mr. and Mrs. Selle as well as Mr. Macalintal for the work they are doing with our 8th graders in exploring options for high schools. He also thanked Mr. Keelen and the National Junior Honor Society committee for the beautiful induction ceremony they conducted last week in welcoming our newest members. He announced Mrs. Genatt is preparing for the upcoming state testing period and that the leadership team is planning the summer curriculum. Finally he

announced that the Governor will be making an announcement regarding changes, if any, to the mask mandate.

Motion: Charles Pallas

Seconded: James Campbell

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

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

Investigations

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Confirmed Cases

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- PRESENTATION: June 30, 2021 Financial Audit – Paul Lerch, CPA
- **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.

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 January 2022 for a total of \$358,865.52 – Attachment 2.1
2. Resolved to approve the Check Register for the month of January 2022 for \$318,455.52 – Attachment 2.2
3. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for January 31, 2022 for \$101,476.93 – Attachment 2.3
4. Resolved to approve the Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and South Bergen Jointure Commission for the 2021-2022 school year – Attachment 2.4
5. Resolved to approve the Cintas Semi Annual Sprinkler Inspection Agreement – Attachment 2.5
6. Motion that the Moonachie Board of Education request that the County Executive Superintendent of Schools grant a waiver of compliance with respect to the district’s participation in Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2022-2023 school year – Attachment 2.6
7. Resolved to continue to participate as a member in the Educational Data Services Commission of New Jersey for cooperative purchasing for the 2022-2023 school year.

8. Resolved to approve the Training Program Agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and Metropolitan Medical Corporation to provide CPR & AED training for staff for the periods of January 2022 through December 31, 2025 – Attachment 2.8
9. Resolved to approve the Teaching Strategies, LLC Subscription Services Agreement for pre-school curriculum to be paid from the Preschool Education Aid grant – Attachment 2.9
10. Motion that the Moonachie Board of Education accept the findings expressed by the auditing firm of Lerch, Vinci and Higgins, LLP as cited in their reports entitled Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Auditor’s Management Report (AMR) for year ending June 30, 2021 – Attachment to follow
11. Resolved to approve the Audit Findings/Recommendations Corrective Action Plan addressing the audit recommendations listed under Financial Planning Accounting & Reporting – Attachment 2.11
12. Resolved to approve the renewal of IXL Learning Math and ELA Site License Agreement – Attachment 2.12
Mr. Knipper announced that the YMCA program will pay for the costs of the ICL Learning program.
13. Resolved to approve the transportation contract between the Moonachie Board of Education and South Bergen Jointure Commission, an approved Coordinated Transportation Services Agency, for the purposes of transporting students in accordance with Chapter 53, P.L. 1997 for the school year 2022-2023. The services to be provided include, but are not limited to, The Coordinated Transportation for non-public, out of district special education, vocational and summer programs. Be it further resolved, that the Moonachie Board of Education agrees to abide by the Transportation Services Agreement as published by the South Bergen Jointure Commission and attached to this resolution – Attachment 2.13
14. Resolved to approve the Addendum to the Agreement Between South Bergen Jointure Commission and the Moonachie Board of Education for Covid-Related School Closures – Attachment 2.14

3. Policy None.
Motion:
Seconded:
Action taken:

4. Personnel
Motion: Charles Pallas
Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro
Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve Toral Patel as Substitute Teacher the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year, pending outcome of the Criminal History Background Screening.
2. Resolved to approve Mercedes Haines as Part-Time Interim ESL/ Spanish Teacher at a salary of \$25,000 for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year, effective February 22, 2022.
3. Resolved to approve Philip Facendola as Program Director for the Strengthening Families Program, at an hourly rate of \$47.90, not to exceed 14 hours.

5. Curriculum

Motion: Charles Vaccaro

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve the submission of the English Language Learner Three-Year Program Plans 2021-2024– Attachment 5.1
2. Resolved to approve the following workshops:

Destination	Date	Cost
2021 Annual NJEU Conference - Joshua Frisch	March 8, 2022	No Cost
Metropolitan Medical Corp. Pediatric First Aid & CPR Training – Pre-K staff: Katie Reilly, Allison Cuccarese, Lauren Barnaba, Jaimie Migliorino, Brenda Garcia, Melanie Vocaturo, Amanda Mulvaney, Dixie Romero	February 17, 2022	\$440.00 Training cost <u>\$385.00 Extra Pay</u> \$825 Total cost
NJSSNA Virtual Conference School Nurses “A Force for the Future” – Donna Gallo	March 19, 2022	\$99.00

6. Facilities

1. Resolved to approve the List of Items Being Discarded – Attachment 6.1

Motion: Charles Pallas

Seconded: Edmond Monti

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

7. Old Business None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

8. New Business

Mr. Pallas inquired about the 70% of 6th grade students making the honor roll and that with education backsliding due to Covid, he thinks this number seems very high. He asked Mr. Knipper if he would investigate this and report back at the next board meeting. Mr. Knipper informed him he would look into it.

9. Information Items
 1. Average Monthly Attendance from 1/1/22 – 1/31/22 – Attachment 9.1
 2. Monthly Report of Attendance Officer for the month of January 2022 – Attachment 9.2

10. Discussion Items

11. Public Comments No Public

12. Adjournment at 7:16 p.m.
Motion: Charles Pallas
Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro
Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurel Spadavecchia

Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary