

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

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Robert L. Craig School
Cafeteria
January 18, 2022

Call to order by Board President

Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: David Vaccaro
James Campbell
Matthew Vaccaro
Charles Pallas

Members Absent: Edmond Monti

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

1. Acceptance of Minutes of January 4, 2022, closed session, regular session, Re-Organization Meeting and Superintendent Report – Attachment 1.1

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: James Campbell

Action taken: 4 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion Approved.

- Acceptance of Correspondence None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

- Superintendent's Report

Mr. Knipper congratulated all the Students of the Month and thanked the parents for their hard work as well. He announced there was a slight Covid-related fallout in attendance but more and more students are attending in-

person daily and the district continues to educate all students in whatever platform is necessary. Our Saturday school is up and running offering free-tutoring in ELA and Math from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. We had 20 students in attendance the past Saturday. The district is also preparing for summer programming with morning academics and afternoon recreational activities. More information will be forthcoming.

Mr. David Vaccaro thanked everyone for coming out and for all the hard work that is put into the students’ education. He congratulated all the Students of the Month.

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro
 Seconded: Charles Pallas
 Action taken: 4 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion Approved.

▪ **Students of the Month**

<u>January</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Kevin Chimbay	Pre-Kindergarten
Majed Haddad	Kindergarten
Kasey Meyers	1st
Milan Gutierrez	2nd
Jacob Magbag	3rd
Kush Patel	4th
Genesis Grullon	5th
Angelina Nesheiwat	Middle School Science
Cristian Lopez	Middle School ELA
Julian Reyes	Middle School Math
Randy Izaguirre	Art

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

<u>Investigations</u>	<u>Confirmed Cases</u>
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- PRESENTATION – Start Strong Statewide Assessments – Dana Genatt

- 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: James Campbell

Action taken: 4 Ayes. 1 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 performed for January 2022 for a total of \$318,455.52 –Attachment 2.1
2. Resolved to approve the Check Register for December 2021 for \$149,859.77 - Attachment 2.2
3. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for January 14, 2022 for \$109,221.27 – Attachment 2.3
4. Resolved to acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for January 2022 that no budgetary line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in 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 for January 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 approve participation in the coordinated transportation between the Moonachie Public Schools and the Warren County Special Services School District for the 2022-2023 school year in consideration of pro-rated contract costs plus a 4% administrative fee – Attachment 2.6
7. Resolved to approve check #1169 to Carlstadt-East Rutherford Regional Board of Education in the amount of \$26,309.80 from the Milk and Lunch account for December 2021 meals.
8. Resolved to accept the Treasurer’s Report for month ending December 2021 – Attachment 2.8
9. Resolved to accept the Report of Secretary to the Moonachie Board of Education for month ending December 2021 – Attachment 2.9
10. Resolved to accept the Monthly Transfer Report for year to date transfers – Attachment 2.10

3. Policy

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: James Campbell

Action taken: 4 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve the Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff 2021-2022 School Year – Attachment 3.1

2. 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 3.2
3. Resolved to accept the 2020-2021 Incidents Report on Violence, Vandalism, Substances, Weapons, and HIB Confirmed for Report Period 1: September 1-December 31, 2020 – Attachment 3.3
4. Resolved to approve Dana Genatt as the District Anti-Bully Specialist for the 2021-2022 school year.

4. Personnel

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: Charles Pallas

Action taken: 4 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve the resignation of Blanca Diaz as Spanish Teacher – Attachment 4.1
2. Resolved to approve the job posting for the Spanish/ESL Teacher position – Attachment 4.2
3. Resolved to approve the Maternity Leave of Elizabeth Gonzales effective January 14, 2022.
4. Resolved to approve Rezarta Osmani as Classroom Aide at an hourly rate of \$14.00 pending outcome of the Criminal History Background Screening.

5. Curriculum None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

6. Facilities None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

7. Old Business None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

8. New Business None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

9. Information Items None.

10. Discussion Items

Mr. Pallas asked a question about the previous Superintendent's FYI regarding bias. Mr. Knipper explained that grades 6-8th are following best practices for language arts in which students are identifying authors' point of view based on primary and secondary sources in order to identify elicit bias. Mr. Pallas asked how students would be graded on this and Mrs. Genatt stated the lesson has a rubric that the teachers will follow for assessment.

11. Public Comments None.

Open: 7:09 p.m.

Closed: 7:10 p.m.

12. Adjournment at 7:11 p.m.

Motion: James Campbell

Seconded: Charles Pallas

Action taken: 4 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurel Spadavecchia

Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

