

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

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Robert L. Craig School

Cafeteria

January 4, 2022

Call to order by Board President

Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: David Vaccaro  
James Campbell  
Edmond Monti  
Matthew Vaccaro

Members Absent: Charles Pallas

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.

- Acceptance of Minutes of December 14, 2021 closed session and regular session, and Superintendent Report Minutes – Attachment 1.1

Motion: James Campbell

Seconded: Edmond Monti

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

- Acceptance of Correspondence None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

- Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Knipper congratulated Mr. Monti and Mr. Campbell on their successful reelection and stated their service to the community is greatly appreciated. He wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Motion: Edmond Monti

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

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

- Submission of HIB Cases – December 2021

Investigations

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Confirmed Cases

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

- Postponed until February 8, 2022 Board of Education Meeting

- 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: James Campbell

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

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 done and performed for December 2021 for a total of \$149,859.77 – Attachment 2.1
2. Resolved to approve the Check Register for the month of December 2021 for \$1,331,641.95 - Attachment 2.2
3. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for December 15, 2021 for \$101,2886.75 – Attachment 2.3
4. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for December 23, 2021 for \$99,146.62 – Attachment 2.4
5. Resolved to approve the revised Tuition Contract for Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities between the Moonachie Board of Education and Essex Valley School for the 2021-2022 school year – Attachment 2.5

6. Resolved to void check #1167 to Carlstadt -East Rutherford Regional for \$26,006.80 out of the Milk & Lunch account and reissue check #1168 for the same amount due to a clerical error.
3. Policy                      None.  
 Motion:  
 Seconded:  
 Action taken:
4. Personnel                    None.  
 Motion:  
 Seconded:  
 Action taken:
5. Curriculum  
 Motion:                          Matthew Vaccaro  
 Seconded:                       Edmond Monti  
 Action taken:                 4 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion Approved.  
 1. Resolved to approve the 2022-2023 Moonachie Board of Education Holiday Calendar – Attachment 5.1  
 2. Resolved to approve the 2022-2023 school year calendar – Attachment 5.2
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  
 1. Average monthly attendance from 12/1/21 – 12/30/21 - Attachment 9.1  
 2. Monthly report of attendance officer for the month ending December 2021 Attachment 9.2
10. Discussion Items  
 Mr. David Vaccaro stated he wished everyone a Happy New Year and noted to be careful out in public as the virus numbers are creeping back up. Mr. Monti

applauded Mr. Knipper and Mrs. Genatt for keeping the school open in these times and stated they have his complete faith in their decision making. Mr. David Vaccaro added that they are not only keeping the school open, but also educating the students as well. Mr. Campbell also noted what a great job administration did in keeping the school open most of last year and hopes that in the future we will all stay safe. Mr. Knipper asked if he could extend the Board's gratitude to the staff, to which they were all in favor. Mr. Monti asked a follow-up question regarding if the district had enough ppe supplies, to which Mr. Knipper replied that we have a good inventory but that we also have grant funds available to purchase more.

11. Public Comments None.

Open: 7:01 p.m.

Closed: 7:02 p.m.

12. Adjournment at 7:03 p.m.

Motion: Edmond Monti

Seconded: James Campbell

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

Respectfully Submitted,

*Laurel Spadavecchia*

Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary