

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

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Robert L. Craig School

Cafeteria

December 14, 2021

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

Members Absent: Matthew Vaccaro

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 November 16, 2021, closed session and regular session, and Superintendent Report – Attachment 1.1

Motion: Edmond Monti

Seconded: James Campbell

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

- Acceptance of Correspondence None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken

- Superintendent’s Report

Mr. David Vaccaro addressed the parents in attendance stating that the involvement they have with their children is unbelievable and so greatly valued and for how incredibly important it is to their children to know they have you as their support system and for their own personal growth. He thanked them once again and wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Motion: Edmond Monti
 Seconded: James Campbell
 Action taken: 4 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion Approved.

- **Students of the Month**

<u>November</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Aliza Rodriguez	Pre-Kindergarten
Logan Finch	Kindergarten
Travis Dokum	1st
Zaimon Avelenda	2nd
Mauro Arias	3rd
Melina Imasa	4th
Rocco Chandra	5th
Kavya Pandya	Middle School Social Studies
Austin Macalintal	Middle School ELA
Isabella Sexton	Middle School Math
Joanna Romero	Music

- **Submission of HIB Cases – November 2021**

<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: 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 November 2021 for a total of \$1,331,641.95– Attachment 2.1
2. Resolved to approve the Check Register for the month of November 2021 for \$691,591.52 - Attachment 2.2
3. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for November 15, 2021 for \$103,993.32 – Attachment 2.3
4. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for November 30, 2021 for \$100,557.42 – Attachment 2.4
5. Resolved to acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for December 2021 that no budgetary line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Moonachie Board of Education.
6. Resolved to acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for December 2021 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.
7. Resolved to accept the submission of the Certification of School District Superintendent or Business Administrator in Support of Receipt of FY2022 Funding for Return of Students capital projects grant and the subsequent funds in the amount of \$6,554 for the 2021-2022 school year- Attachment 2.7.
8. Resolved to approve Apple as a proprietary vendor with no direct competition and therefore the purchase of Apple equipment does not have the ability to secure competitive bids against.
9. Resolved to approve the FEMA Subgrant Application submission and accept the subsequent funds of \$29,111.48 for Covid-related expense reimbursement for the project period March 25, 2020 – September 25, 2020–Attachment 2.9
10. Resolved to approve the Tuition Contract Agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education for the 2021-2022 school year – Attachment 2.10
11. Resolved to accept the Treasurer’s Report for month ending October 2021 – Attachment 2.11
12. Resolved to approve the budgetary line-item transfers for October 2021 – Attachment 2.12
13. Resolved to approve the Report of Secretary to the Moonachie Board of Education for month ending October 2021 – Attachment 2.13

14. Resolved to approve the renewal of BrainPOP School Combo for the 2021-2022 school year – Attachment 2.14
15. Resolved to approve the Educational Services Contract between the Moonachie Board of Education and New Hope Residential Treatment Center for services rendered in the 2021-2022 school year – Attachment 2.15
16. Resolved to approve check #1167 to Carlstadt-East Rutherford Regional Board of Education in the amount of \$26,006.80 from the Milk and Lunch account for November 2021 meals.
17. Resolved to accept check #30481 in the amount of \$750.00 from the New Jersey Audubon Society for the STEAM Tank Award Program to be deposited in the Student Activities account.
18. Resolved to accept the Treasurer’s Report for month ending November 2021 – Attachment 2.18
19. Resolved to approve the Report of Secretary to the Moonachie Board of Education for month ending November 2021 – Attachment 2.19
20. Resolved to approve the Tuition Contract Agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and Little Ferry Board of Education for the 2021-2022 school year – Attachment 2.20

3. Policy

Motion: James Campbell

Seconded: Edmond Monti

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

1. Resolved to approve the following revised Regulation #5751– Attachment 3.1

4. Personnel

Motion: Edmond Monti

Seconded: James Campbell

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

1. Resolved to approve Amanda Sokol as an Afterschool Academy Teacher at an hourly rate of \$47.90 to be paid from the CRSSA ESSER II grant, for the 2021-2022 school year.

5. Curriculum

Motion: James Campbell

Seconded: Edmond Monti

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

1. Motion to approved the submission of the Updated American Rescue Plan Act LEA Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan – Attachment 5.1

6. Facilities

Motion: James Campbell

Seconded: Edmond Monti

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

Discussion of Field Operation Report from DMR Architects stating 5 clean-up issues to be resolved prior to the release of the retainer funds, upon which will finalize the close-out paperwork and all warranty information.

1. Resolved to approve the Strengthening Families Program 7 Week Family Program for Parents & Kids Ages 10-14 – Attachment 6.1

7. Old Business None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

8. New Business

Mr. Pallas started a discussion regarding the Report of the Honor Roll in which he stated that the number of students earning honor roll recognition was very high compared to what we have seen in past years, some grade levels reaching 70% of the class. He also noted that while he doesn't recall ever seeing such high numbers, the Moonachie students attending Wood Ridge High School are not making the honor roll. Mrs. Spadavecchia noted that the district has seen increasing numbers of students attending choice high schools and that the data from Wood Ridge might not be the best indicator. Mr. Monti added that more students are going to specialty high schools and the fact that they are being accepted in greater numbers is a truer indicator of their performance at the Robert L. Craig School. Mr. Pallas was satisfied with that response.

Mr. Pallas also inquired why the district doesn't collect data from neighboring schools regarding student performance. Mr. David Vaccaro and Mr. Monti replied that they do not want our administration to focus their attention on other districts' data. Mr. Knipper added that what other schools do with their data isn't clear or purposeful. He stated that our district takes the data and triangulates it with other assessment data and teacher input to create purposeful intervention groups and attendance in the afterschool academy. Mr. Pallas asked if anyone objected to him gathering other district's data, to which the board unanimously objected.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

9. Information Items

1. Average monthly attendance from 11/01/21– 11/30/21 - Attachment 9.1
2. Monthly report of attendance officer for the month ending November 2021
Attachment 9.2

10. Discussion Items

11. Public Comments

Mr. Tony Cirillo commented that the school is doing so well that he believes there's no need to gather information from other districts. He then wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Open: 7:07 p.m.

Closed: 7:08 p.m.

12. Adjournment at 7:10 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