

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

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Robert L. Craig School
Cafeteria

November 16, 2021

Call to order by Board President

Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: David Vaccaro
James Campbell
Charles Pallas
Matthew Vaccaro
Edmond Monti

Members Absent: None

Also Present: James Knipper, Superintendent
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 October 19, 2021, closed session and regular session, and Superintendent Report – Attachment 1.1

Motion: Edmond Monti

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

- Acceptance of Correspondence

- 2021 IDEA Final Report IDEA-B Application approval notification – Attachment 1.2

- ESEA Consolidated Grant Application final approval notification for the 2021-2022 school year – Attachment 1.3

- IDEA FY21 Final Expenditure Report approval notification – Attachment 1.4
- Title I Comparability Application approval notification the New Jersey Department of Education – Attachment 1.5
- District Plan for Virtual or Remote Instruction for the 2021-2022 school year approval letter – Attachment 1.6
- Moonachie Senior Club thank you letter – Attachment 1.7
- District Participation in the Spring 2022 English Language Arts (ELA) Field test – Attachment 1.8

Motion: James Campbell

Seconded: Charles Pallas

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

- Superintendent’s Report

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: Edmond Monti

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

Mr. David Vaccaro thanked the parents for being involved and congratulated all the students and the members of the STEAM team.

Mr. Knipper also thanked the parents and congratulated the students. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

- Students of the Month

<u>October</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Alejandro Perez	Pre-K
Valentina Zhinin-Munoz	K
Ian Murillo	1
Allyson Mosley	2
Eden Moore Lamy	3
Lyla Camporeale	4
Eileen Montero	5
David Carrion	MS Science
Graciela Rezabala	MS ELA
Max Arias	MS Math
Jessica Chimbay	Physical Education
Steam Team Robotics	2 nd Place State Championship

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

<u>Investigations</u>	<u>Confirmed Cases</u>
2	0

- 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: Edmond Monti

Seconded: James Campbell

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 performed for November 2021 for a total of \$691,591.52 – Attachment 2.1
2. Resolved to approve the Check Register for the month of July 2021 and Unposted Checks for \$26,188.63 - Attachment 2.2
3. Resolved to approve the Check Register for the month of September and Unposted Checks for \$307,414.58 – Attachment 2.3
4. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for October 31, 2021 for \$101,015.12 – Attachment 2.4
5. Resolved to acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for November 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 November 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 Treasurer's Report for month ending September 2021 – Attachment 2.7
8. Resolved to approve the budgetary line-item transfers for September 2021 – Attachment 2.8
9. Resolved to accept the Report of Secretary to the Moonachie Board of Education for month ending September 2021 – Attachment 2.9
10. Resolved to approve the Tuition Contract Agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and the Wood-Ridge Board of Education for the 2021-2022 school year for \$1,520,394 calculated by \$14,276 per student for an estimated 106.5 students attending Wood-Ridge High School. An additional \$78,103 is due to Wood-Ridge Board of Education

for prior year credit owed by the Moonachie Board of Education – Attachment 2.10

11. Resolved to approve the Addendum to the Tuition Contract Agreement to Provide One to One Aide and Related Services between the Moonachie Board of Education and the Wood-Ridge Board of Education for the 2021-2022 school year – Attachment 2.11
12. Resolved to approve the Child Study Team Shared Services Agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and the Wood-Ridge Board of Education for the 2021-2022 school year – Attachment to Follow
13. Resolved to accept the donation of socks from Mayor Dennis Vaccaro, Moonachie Borough and Mayor Michael Gonnelli, Secaucus Borough.
14. Resolved to approve the Legal Services Agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and Sciarrillo, Cornell, Merlino, McKeever & Osborne, LLC – Attachment 2.14
15. Resolved to approve the disposal of the Swingline paper shredder which is broken beyond repair, model #1757577A, serial #YK17706H.
16. Resolved to approve check #1165 to Carlstadt-East Rutherford Regional Board of Education in the amount of \$25,920.00 from the Milk and Lunch account for September 2021 meals.
17. Resolved to approve check #1166 to Carlstadt-East Rutherford Regional Board of Education in the amount of \$30,009.60 from the Milk and Lunch account for October 2021 meals.
18. Resolved to approve the Medical Staffing Agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and Ikhaya World, Inc. d/b/a/ BrightStar Care for the 2021-2022 school year – Attachment 2.18
19. Resolved to approve the submission of the American Rescue Plan ESSER III grant application and accept the subsequent award amount of \$821,307 for the project period March 11, 2021 – September 30, 2024 for the following:

ESSER	\$646,307
Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator Support Grant	\$50,000
Evidence-Based Summer Learning and Enrichment Activities Grant	\$40,000
Evidence-Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities Grant	\$40,000
NJTSS Mental Health Support Staffing Grant	\$45,000
Total Grant Allocation	\$821,307

20. Resolution Increasing the Bid Threshold— With QPA Purchasing Agent

WHEREAS, the State Treasurer, in consultation with the Governor and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-7 and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (b) has increased the bid threshold amount for school districts which have a Qualified Purchasing Agent, from \$40,000 to **\$44,000**, effective July 1, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Moonachie Board of Education would like to take advantage of the maximum statutory bid threshold amount of **\$44,000** for school districts who have a qualified purchasing agent;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Moonachie Board of Education, establishes and sets the bid threshold amount of **\$44,000** for the Board of Education, and further authorizes Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator and Board Secretary, as the Qualified Purchasing Agent for the Moonachie Board of Education to award contracts, in full accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (a), for those purchases that do not exceed in the aggregate the newly established bid threshold amount.

3. Policy

Motion: Charles Pallas

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve the School Safety and Security Plan Annual Review Statement of Assurance – Attachment 3.1

2. Resolved to Approve the following New & Revised Policies:

P1648.13	School Employee Vaccination Requirements	New
P5751	Sexual Harassment of Students	Revised
P2425	Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program	New

4. Personnel

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: James Campbell

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

Mr. Monti questioned 2.5 whether the police officers were still conducting the L.E.A.D. program to which Mr. Knipper replied yes, however Mr. Facedola supervises the program and acts as a liaison between the school and local law enforcement.

1. Resolved to approve Lynn Hernandez as Substitute Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year, pending outcome of the Criminal History Background Screening.

2. Resolved to approve Emily Rodriguez as Substitute Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year, pending outcome of the Criminal History Background Screening.
3. Resolved to approve Gilma Mejia as Non-Instructional Paraprofessional/ Translation Services at an hourly rate of \$15.00 to be paid from ARP ESSER III funds for the 2021-2022 school year, pending outcome of the Criminal History Background Screening.
4. Resolved to approve Stefano Cirillo for additional hours to facilitate Saturday School at an hourly rate of \$64.34 to be paid from ARP ESSER III grant for the 2021-2022 school year.
5. Resolved to approve Philip Facendola as L.E.A.D. Instructor at an hourly rate of \$47.90 for the 2021-2022 school year.
6. Resolved to approve Taylor Trause for Home Instruction at an hourly rate of \$47.90 for the 2021-2022 school year, effective October 28, 2021.
7. Resolved to approve Kim Samarelli for Home Instruction at an hourly rate of \$47.90 for the 2021-2022 school year.
8. Resolved to approve the resignation of Dawn Esposito as Part-Time Classroom Aide for the 2021-2022 school year.
9. Resolved to approve the resignation of Kaitlyn O’Shea as Substitute Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year.
10. Resolved to approve the following staff as Afterschool Academy Teachers at an hourly rate of \$47.90 to be paid from the CRSSA ESSER II grant, for the 2021-2022 school year:

Gabriela Vega	Allison Stanisci	Taylor Trause
Joan Boniello	Jason Selle	
Kelly Thomson	Lisa Perez	

5. Curriculum

Motion: Charles Pallas
 Seconded: Edmond Monti
 Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve the following workshops:

Destination	Date	Cost
Bureau of Education & Research “Making the Best Use of Google Classroom and Free G Suite Apps to Enhance Content Learning In-Person and Online - Greg Keelen	February 15, 2022	\$279.00
Metropolitan Medical Corporation Annual CPR Training - Joseph Gingerelli, Michael Lia, Valerie Kenny, Alyssa Spitaleri, Sandy Diaz	November 18, 2021	\$210.00

6. Facilities

1. Resolved that the Moonachie Board of Education approve the Long-Range Facility Plan Update completed by DMR Architects – Attachment 6.1
2. Resolved to approve the quote from O’Brothers Tree Service, LLC for the removal of 7 trees along the perimeter of the school grounds, stump removal and removal of all wood and brush. The cost will be split between the Moonachie School District and the Borough of Moonachie – Attachment 6.2

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: James Campbell

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

7. Old Business None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

8. New Business None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

9. Information Items

1. Average monthly attendance from 10/1/21 – 10/31/21 - Attachment 9.1
2. Monthly report of attendance officer for the month ending October 2021 Attachment 9.2

10. Discussion Items

Mr. David Vaccaro discussed board representation at Wood-Ridge Board of Education meetings. He inquired if our board could alternate representatives. Mr. Kimmel said that it might not be acceptable, and Mr. Knipper said he would call the Wood-Ridge Superintendent to see if they would have any objections to this.

Mr. Pallas asked for the Start Strong reports from Little Ferry and Woodridge. The Board had a discussion about this and all other members of the Board agreed that this information was not necessary to obtain.

11. Public Comments

Mr. Joshua Frisch thanked the Board for their support of the STEAM team. Mr. Anthony Cirillo wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Open: 7:10 p.m.

Closed: 7:12 p.m.

12. Adjournment at 7:13 p.m.

Motion: Edmond Monti

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurel Spadavecchia

Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary