

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

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Robert L. Craig School
Media Center
September 21, 2021

Call to order by Board President

Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Members Absent: None

Also Present: James Knipper, Superintendent
Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
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 September 7, 2021, closed session and regular session, and Superintendent Report – Attachment 1.1

Motion: Edmond Monti

Seconded: Charles Pallas

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

- Acceptance of Correspondence None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

- Superintendent's Report – Attachment 1.2

Mrs. Dana Genatt presented the Students of the Month for September.

Mr. Pallas commended all the students of the month and their parents and teachers for their hard work and stated their accomplishment was a direct reflection of the Superintendent and his staff.

Motion: Edmond Monti

Seconded: Charles Pallas

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

- Submission of HIB Cases – August & September 2021

Investigations

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Confirmed Cases

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Student of the Month

September

Grade

Sophia Smith	PreK
Annabella Mariluz	K
Ryan Olivares	1
Amy Cabrera	2
Diana Velecela Ludizaca	3
Eva Fernandez	4
Dominik Seyben	5
Isaiah Colon	Middle School Science
Hailey Friedman	Middle School ELA
Timothy Velez	Middle School Math
Prince Patel	Spanish

- **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: Matthew Vaccaro

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 September 2021 for a total of \$201,044.69 – Attachment 2.1
2. Resolved to approve the Check Register for the month of September 2021 for \$34,990.32 - Attachment 2.2

3. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for September 15, 2021 for \$95,307.21 – Attachment 2.3
4. Resolved to acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for September 2021 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 approve the Moonachie Board of Education to continue to participate as a member of the Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission for the purchase of goods and services for the 2021-2022 school year.
6. Resolved to approve the Moonachie Board of Education to participate as a member of the New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Alliance for the purchase of goods and services for the 2021-2022 school year.
7. Resolved to acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for September 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.
8. Resolved to accept the donation of school supplies from Nygala Corporation with a value of \$650.28 – Attachment 2.8
9. Resolved to accept the Treasurers Report July 2021– Attachment 2.9
10. Resolved to accept the Report of the Secretary of the Moonachie Board of Education for July 2021 – Attachment 2.10
11. Resolved to approve the submission of the American Recovery Plan IDEA grant and accept the subsequent funds of \$18,321 for ARP IDEA Basic and \$1,555 for ARP IDEA Preschool – Attachment 2.11
12. Resolved to approve check #1162 for \$204.19 from the Milk & Lunch account for the purchase of coolers and thermometers to contain the meals during distribution of breakfast and lunch.

3. Policy

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

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: James Campbell

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

4. Personnel

Motion: Edmond Monti

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve Alyssa Spitaleri as the district Homeless Liaison and Register as part of her annual salary for the 2021-2022 school year.
2. Resolved to approve Salvatore Esposito as Substitute Custodian at hourly rate of \$18.00 for the 2021-2022 school year.
3. Resolved to approve James Knipper as School Safety Specialist for the 2021-2022 school year.
4. Resolved to approve the following staff members for After-School Programs for the 2021-2022 school year to be paid at an hourly rate of \$47.90:

Position	Allotted Hours	Employee
RLC TV	85 hours	Greg Keelen
Performing Arts/Drama	70 hours	Greg Keelen
Yearbook	70 hours shared	Val Kenny/ Alyssa Spitaleri
Student Council	85 hours	Kathleen Kinsella
8 th Grade Advisors (2)	50 hours shared	Greg Keelen/Lisa Perez
Robotics Club	30 hours	Joshua Frisch

5. Curriculum

Motion: James Campbell

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to recognize the first week in October, the 4th – 8th, as the 2021 WEEK OF RESPECT in connection with the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying State Legislation.
2. Resolved that the Moonachie School District observe School Violence Awareness Week, October 18 – 22, 2021 in accordance with annual obligations as defined by the NJ State Department of Education.
3. Resolved to approve the 2021-2022 Moonachie School District Nursing Services Plan – Attachment 5.3

6. Facilities

Discussion of air conditioning upgrade estimate as part of the American Recovery Plan ESSER III grant – Attachment 6.1

The Board would like to submit the estimates of an upgraded air conditioning system as part of the American Recovery Plan ESSER III application. Mrs. Spadavecchia also noted that she and Mr. Knipper met with Scott Tumminello of Ben Schaffer Recreation for an estimate to have a 20’x44’ pavilion with a concrete slab installed as a covered outdoor space and his rough estimate was \$100,000 based on work recently completed at area schools and town halls. The Board would like to discuss this further at another meeting.

1. Resolved to approve the quote from Powers Service for the purchase and installation of an HVAC unit on the Pre-Kindergarten rooftop – Attachment 6.2

- Motion: Edmond Monti
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 None.
10. Discussion Items None.
11. Public Comments
Mr. Anthony Cirillo wanted to welcome everyone back to the start of a great new year.
Open: 7:05 p.m.
Closed: 7:06 p.m.
12. Adjournment at 7:07 p.m.
Motion: Matthew Vaccaro
Seconded: Edmond Monti
Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurel Spadavecchia

Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary