

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

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Robert L. Craig School

Cafeteria

August 24, 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:

Also Present: James Knipper, Acting 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.

• Resolved to move to Executive Session

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, the Moonachie Board of Education shall conduct a closed executive session pursuant to the exception(s) prescribed by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and legal matters which are attorney-client privileged. It is anticipated that the length of time of this executive session will be 30 minutes and that the discussion undertaken in this closed session can be made public at the time official action is taken.

Motion: James Campbell

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

- Acceptance of Minutes of July 13, 2021, closed session and regular session, and Superintendent Report – Attachment 1.1

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: Charles Pallas

Abstain: James Campbell

Edmond Monti

Action taken: 3 Ayes. 2 Abstain. Motion Approved.

- Acceptance of Correspondence

1. Thank You letters from students for graduation awards – 1.2

2. Department of Agriculture Sponsor Application Approval Letter – 1.3

Motion: Edmond Monti

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

- Superintendent’s Report - Attachment 1.4

Mr. David Vaccaro stated any construction work that needs to be completed on Saturday or Sunday needs to start after 10 am. He also asked if the parent portal of Realtime shows if a child is failing. Mr. Knipper responded that parents will have access to their child’s gradebook and that teachers can also send a push notification to the parent or have a response screen activated when the parent first logs in to notify them if their child is in danger of failing. Mr. David Vaccaro also asked if the HUB self-paced training has a deadline component for a completion date, to which Mr. Knipper answered yes.

Motion: Edmond Monti

Seconded: James Campbell

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

- 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: Matthew Vaccaro

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 August 2021 for a total of \$454,098.93 –Attachment 2.1

2. Resolved to approve the Check Register for the month of June 2021 for \$761,780.18 - Attachment 2.2
3. Resolved to approve the Check Register for the month of July 2020 for \$170,629.85 - Attachment 2.3
4. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for July 15, 2021 for \$71,597.48 (\$47,566.05 gross wages) including direct deposit for Teacher Summer Savings Plan – Attachment 2.4
5. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for July 31, 2021 for \$70,830.09 (\$46,900.21 gross wages) including direct deposit for Teacher Summer Savings Plan – Attachment 2.5
6. Resolved to acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for August 2021 that no budgetary line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Moonachie Board of Education.
7. Resolved to acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for August 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 approve the Special Education Tuition Contracts between the Moonachie Board of Education and The Community School, Inc. for the school year 2021-2022– Attachment 2.8
9. Resolved to approve the Special Education Tuition Contract Agreements between the Moonachie Board of Education and Ridgefield Public Schools for the 2021-2022 school year – Attachment 2.9
10. Resolved to approve the In-School 1:1 Nursing Services through Bayada Home Health Care, Inc. for a student attending ECLC of New Jersey for the 2021-2022 school year – Attachment 2.10
11. Resolved to accept the Extraordinary Aid State School Aid in the amount of \$88,501 for the 2020-2021 school year – Attachment 2.11
12. Resolved to accept the FY 21 Homeless Tuition Reimbursement in the amount of \$52,274 – Attachment 2.12
13. Resolved to approve the Reimbursement of Nonpublic School Transportation Costs in the amount of \$7,250 for the 2020-2021 school year – Attachment 2.13
14. Resolved to approve the following list of petty cash accounts to be used for small purchases only, not to exceed the total amount in the fund, and not to subvert the intent of the regular purchasing procedures. All expenditures shall be established by board approved vouchers and all unused cash will be returned to the depository at the close of the school year. The fund amounts and their custodians for the 2021 – 2022 school year are:

Board Secretary's Office	\$200.00	Business Administrator
Superintendent's Office	\$200.00	Superintendent

15. Resolved to approve the Special Education Tuition Contract between the Moonachie Board of Education and Carlstadt-East Rutherford Regional Board of Education for the 2021-2022 school year – Attachment 2.15
16. Resolved to approve the Annual Contract for Hospital Instruction between the Moonachie Board of Education and Bergen County Special Services School District for the 2021-2022 school year – Attachment 2.16
17. Resolved to approve the submission of American Rescue Plan ESSER III grant application and accept the subsequent award amount of \$430,570 available after May 24, 2021 and an additional \$215,284 pending U.S.S. Department of Education approval of the NJ Department of Education ARP ESSER III State Plan for a total \$645,854 for the project period March 11, 2021 – September 30, 2024 – Attachment 2.17
18. Resolved to approve the CarePlus New Jersey, Inc service agreement to provide mental health support to students in a shared service agreement with between the Moonachie Board of Education and the Wood-Ridge Board of Education using Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CRRSA) Act ESSER II funds in the amount of \$45,000 for the 2021-2022 school year – Attachment 2.18
19. Resolved to approve the submission of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) SIA Part A application and accept the grant award of these funds in the amount of \$10,000 upon subsequent approval.
20. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for August 15, 2021 for \$73,810.19 (\$50,797.99 gross wages) including direct deposit for Teacher Summer Savings Plan – Attachment 2.20
21. Resolved to approve check #1161 in the amount of \$18,112.55 from the Milk & Lunch account to Nu-Way Concessionaires for summer meals.
22. Resolved to approve the Special Education Tuition Contract between Moonachie Board of Education and Bergen County Special Services Board of Education (Visions Paramus Middle School) for the 2021-2022 school year – Attachment 2.22
23. Resolved to approve the Special Education Tuition Contract between Moonachie Board of Education and Bergen County Special Services Board of Education (Brownstone) for the 2021-2022 school year – Attachment 2.23
24. Resolved to approve the Special Education Tuition Contract between Moonachie Board of Education and N.A. Bleshman Regional Day School Board of Education for the 2021-2022 school year – Attachment 2.24
25. Resolved to approve the renewal of the Software Service Subscription between the Moonachie Board of Education and MyMedBot for a no-increase fee of \$1275.00 from August through January of the 2021-2022 school year.

26. Resolved to approve the Special Education Tuition Contract between Moonachie Board of Education and South Bergen Jointure Commission for the 2021-2022 school year – Attachment 2.26

3. Policy

Motion: Edmond Monti

Seconded: Charles Pallas

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve the following policy: Attachment 3.1

Policy #1648.11 The Road Forward Covid-19 – Health & Safety

2. Resolved implementing a policy pursuant to Executive Order 251

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2021, Governor Murphy issued Executive Order 251 ("EO 251 "), which provides that the District "must maintain a policy regarding mandatory use of face masks by staff, students, and visitors in the indoor portion of the school district premises;" and

WHEREAS, this resolution shall constitute and establish District policy concerning the implementation of EO 251.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Moonachie Board of Education approves that the following shall constitute the District's policy as required by EO 251:

A. Pursuant to EO 251, all staff, students, and visitors to the indoor premises of the school district shall be required to wear face masks, except in the following circumstances, which are each enumerated in EO 251:

1. When doing so would inhibit the individual's health, such as when the individual is exposed to extreme heat indoors.

2. When the individual has trouble breathing, is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a facemask without assistance.

3. When a student's documented medical condition or disability, as reflected in an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Educational Plan pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, precludes use of a facemask. An IEP or 504 plan may, but is not required to specifically provide that a mask is not required. Rather, a mask will not be required if:

4. When the individual is under two (2) years of age;

5. When the individual is engaged in activity that cannot physically be performed while wearing a mask, such as eating or drinking, or playing a musical instrument that would be obstructed by a facemask. Such activities also include, but are not limited to, lunch, snack, chorus/choir, Speech, and Occupational and Physical Therapy sessions which implicate the mouth or facial movement.

6. When the individual is engaged in high-intensity aerobic or anaerobic activity;
7. When a student is participating in high-intensity physical activities during a physical education class in a well-ventilated location and able to maintain a physical distance of six feet from all other individuals; or
8. When wearing a facemask creates an unsafe condition in which to operate equipment or execute a task.

B. Facemasks are optional in any outdoor areas on District premises.

C. The board believes strongly in proliferating an environment conducive to accelerated learning with a commitment to the mental health and social emotional learning of our students. To that end, there will be no tolerance for any harassment, intimidation, or bullying of, or retaliation against any individual in relation to their medical decisions regarding face masks and/or vaccines. The Board recognizes that vaccination decisions are the discretion of parents and their health care providers. As such, staff shall not discuss COVID-19 vaccination status, nor encourage or discourage vaccination at school, during extracurricular activities or at school-sponsored or sanctioned events on or off school premises. Notwithstanding, nothing in this resolution shall prohibit a school nurse or administrator from performing their duties and communicating with parents or appropriate State authorities.

D. Non-administrative personnel, excluding health office staff, shall not be advised about any individual's medical diagnosis or condition implicating one of the exemptions above. Rather, staff shall be informed only that the student or individual has a mask exemption;

E. All revisions to Orders affecting this resolution shall be reviewed by the Superintendent with the Board Attorney and Board of Education.

F. All students, parents, and staff members will be notified of any changes to school district-developed protocols implemented as a result of this Resolution, as appropriate.

4. Personnel

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: Edmond Monti

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve Amanda Leon as Teacher at step BA/1, effective September 1, 2021 for an annual salary of \$50,695 for the 2021-2022 school year.

2. Resolved to approve Caitlin Henrickson as Teacher at step MA/1, effective September 1, 2021 for an annual salary of \$55,600 for the 2021-2022 school year, pending outcome of the Criminal History Background Screening.
3. Resolved to approve Marialynn Sparacia as Part-Time Aide at an hourly rate of \$14.25 effective September 1, 2021 for the 2021-2022 school year, pending outcome of the Criminal History Background Screening.
4. Resolved to approve the resignation of Chaeyoung Lee as Part-Time Aide effective immediately.
5. Resolved to approve Brendalicia Garcia as Part-Time Aide at an hourly rate of \$13.75 effective September 1, 2021 for the 2021-2022 school year, pending outcome of the Criminal History Background Screening.
6. Resolved to approve the submission of Statement of Assurance: District Mentoring Plan.
7. Resolved to approve Walgreens Company to provide the Influenza Standard Injectable Quadrivalent immunization, Influenza High Dose 65+ immunization and Herpes Zoster (Shingrix) immunization to staff members on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 from 8:00 am – 10:00 am. Participants will need to provide a copy of their insurance card for payment purposes – Attachment 4.7
8. Resolved to approve the resignation of Salvatore Esposito as Custodian, effective August 30, 2021 – Attachment 4.8
9. Resolved to approve Raffaele Accetta as Custodian, at an annual salary of \$44,000 prorated for the 2021-2022 school year.
10. Resolved to reappoint Lucrezia Maurin as Attendance Officer/ Food Service Director and other duties as assigned for the 2021-2022 school year – Attachment 4.10
11. Resolved to accept the resignation of Nicole Meli as Part-Time Aide effective August 31, 2021 – Attachment 4.11
12. Resolved to approve Teresa Sculco as Substitute for the 2021-2022 school year pending outcome of the Criminal History Background Screening.
13. Resolved to approve Linda Esposito as Summer Clerical Help at an hourly rate of \$16.56, not to exceed \$500.
14. Resolved to approve movement of the salary guide for the following staff members effective September 1, 2021 upon completion of all coursework and submission of passing grades:

Employee	Step	2021-2022 Salary
Daniel Alonso	BA+15/ 7	\$62,255
Jessica Sansone	MA/4	\$58,240
Melissa Plaza	MA/2	\$56,160
Jason Selle	MA/4	\$58,240
Lisa Perez	MA+15/7	\$68,155

5. Curriculum

1. Resolved to approve the District Professional Development Plan – Statement of Assurance – Attachment 5.1
2. Resolved to approve the revised Moonachie Public Schools Calendar 2021-2022 – Attachment 5.2
3. Resolved to approve the revised Moonachie Board of Education 2021-2022 Holiday Schedule – Attachment 5.3
4. Resolved to approve the following workshop:

Destination	Date	Cost
NJ American Academy of Pediatrics NJAAP School Health Conference “Are We There Yet?” Virtual Workshop ~ Donna Gallo	10/20/21	\$85.00

Motion: James Campbell
Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro
Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

6. Facilities

1. Resolved to approve Karl Environmental EPA AHERA Six Month Surveillance Report – Attachment 6.1
2. Resolved to approve Karl Environmental Right To Know Survey Year 2020 Chemical Inventory Report – Attachment 6.2
3. Resolved to approve the list of Items Being Discarded – Attachment 6.3
4. Resolved to approve the Certificate of Inspection State of New Jersey Bureau of Boiler and Pressure Vessel Compliance – Attachment 6.4
5. Resolved to approve the Fire Protection Service Report and Site Survey Report from Cintas Fire Protection – Attachment 6.5

Motion: Edmond Monti
Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro
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

1. Discussion of American Rescue Plan Act funding

The Board discussed the allowable usage of the American Rescue Plan grant opportunity and prioritized the district's needs in relation to the grant. It was stated that heating/air conditioning/ air quality was the top priority of the district and Mrs. Spadavecchia will meet with Henry Ossi from DMR Architect to begin to plan for upgrades to the existing systems. The second priority was to purchase laptops for teachers as theirs are quite old and outdated. Thirdly, a discussion of creating an outdoor space with a pavilion and tables underneath was mentioned as a means to conduct more school activities outdoors. Mrs. Spadavecchia will secure quotes for the items mentioned and present to the Board over the next few Board meetings. The American Rescue Plan grant application deadline is November 24.

11. Public Comments None.

Open: 7:20 p.m.

Closed: 7:21 p.m.

12. Adjournment at 7:22 p.m.

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: Edmond Monti

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurel Spadavecchia

Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary