

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

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Robert L. Craig School

Cafeteria

December 10, 2024

Call to order by Board President

Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: David Vaccaro
 Edmond Monti
 Candace Tarabocchia
 Radley Macalintal

Members Absent: Matthew Vaccaro

Also Present: James Knipper, Superintendent
 Jaclyn Morgese, 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 12, 2024, closed session and regular session, and Superintendent Report – Attachment 1.1

Motion: Edmond Monti

Seconded: Candace Tarabocchia

Action taken: 4 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion Approved

- Acceptance of Correspondence

- NJ Department of Education 2025 ESEA Consolidated Application Approval – Attachment 1.2

Motion: Radley Macalintal

Seconded: Candace Tarabocchia

Action taken 4 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion Approved.

- Superintendent's Report

Motion: Candace Tarabocchia

Seconded: Edmond Monti

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

Mr. Knipper announced the Students of the Month. He stated that the Moonachie School District is a high performing B district. He thanked the PTO for their successful winter events. He updated the Board with the ongoing facilities projects. And lastly, he announced that chronic absenteeism is being reviewed across the state.

David Vaccaro congratulated the students of the month and thanked the parents for their involvement. He wished everyone a happy holiday season.

- **Students of the Month**

<u>December</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Adiel Chavez	5th
Grace Martinez	4th
Madison Luna	3rd
Zohaib Ahmad	2nd
Alexander Silvera	1st
Domenica Tripodi	Kindergarten
Dolunay Tunceroglu	Pre-Kindergarten
Alexis Patunas	Middle School Social Studies
Melina Imasa	Middle School ELA
Juan Barreto	Middle School Math
Noah Ramos	Music

- **Submission of HIB Cases – December 2024**

<u>Investigations</u>	<u>Confirmed Cases</u>	<u>Inconclusive Cases</u>
2	1	1

- **Accountability Profile/ DFG Presentation**

- Public Comments - (Agenda Items Only) None.

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: Radley Macalintal

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 2024 for a total of \$516,607.58 – Attachment 2.1
2. Resolved to approve the Check Register for the month of October and Unposted Checks 2024 for \$488,687.95 - Attachment 2.2
3. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for November 15, 2024 for \$126,244.15 with gross wages of \$219,432.28 – Attachment 2.3
4. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for November 30, 2024 for \$119,967.39 with gross wages of \$208,515.71 – Attachment 2.4
5. Resolved to acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for December 2024 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 2024 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 approve the renewal of Teaching Strategies Gold Bundle with the use of the PEA grant funds – Attachment 2.7
8. Resolved to approve the Tuition Contract for Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities between the Moonachie Board of Education and Windsor School - Attachment 2.8
9. Resolved to approve the Tuition Contract for Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities between the Moonachie Board of Education and Windsor Prep High School - Attachment 2.9
10. Resolved to approve the Consultant Services Agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and Brown & Brown Insurance Services Inc. effective January 1, 2025 – Attachment 2.10
11. Resolved to accept the donation of 384 backpacks and \$500 gift card from Costco Wholesale for the 2025 Backpack Program.
12. Resolved to approve the quote from Cintas for repairs to the waterflow switch in the boiler room – Attachment 2.12
13. Resolved to accept the grant award of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) amended application for Fiscal Year 2024 to

include the carryover funds of \$6,520.00 for Title I and \$1,988.00 for Title IV in the following amounts: - Attachment 2.13

Title I Part A	\$152,105
Title II Part A	\$17,929
Title III	\$3,385
Title III Immigrant	\$1,609
Title IV	\$12,258
Total Allocation	\$187,286

14. Resolved to accept the Bergen County Youth Services Commission Confidence Closet grant award of \$7,000.00 – Attachment 2.14
15. Resolved to accept the 2024 BCUA Recycling Awareness Challenge Grant in the amount \$1,000 – Attachment 2.15
16. Resolved to approve check #1210 from the Milk & Lunch account to Carlstadt-East Rutherford in the amount of \$14,338.12 for November 2024 Meals.
17. Resolved to approve the quote from PC University Distributors, Inc as the low cost vendor for the purchase, installation and 5 year warranty for 21 interactive SmartBoards – Attachment 2.17
Mr. David Vaccaro enquired about the purchase, to which Mr. Knipper stated this was discussed as a 5 year replacement initiative, but the district is in a financial position to acquire the much-needed SmartBoards earlier than expected while the price is lower than would be in the future.
18. Resolved to accept the additional \$1,606.00 funds for the High Impact Tutoring Grant for FY2025.
19. Resolved to accept the Treasurer's Report for month ending October 2024 – Attachment 2.19
20. Resolved to Report of Secretary to the Moonachie Board of Education for month ending October 2024 – Attachment 2.20
21. Resolved to approve the Monthly Transfer Report and budgetary line-item transfers for month ending October 2024 – Attachment 2.21

3. Policy

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

4. Personnel

Motion: Candace Tarabocchia

Seconded: Edmond Monti

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

1. Resolved to approve Paul Orlowicz as Part-Time Classroom Aide at an hourly rate of \$19.00 for the 2024-2025 school year, pending outcome of the Criminal History Background Screening.
2. Resolved to approve Allison Williams as Substitute Teacher, pending outcome of the Criminal History Background Screening.
3. Resolved to approve Joseph Angelo Scalzo as Part-Time Classroom Aide at an hourly rate of \$19.00 for the 2024-2025 school year, pending outcome of the Criminal History Background Screening.
4. Resolved to approve Fabiola Gonzalez Tapia as Part-Time Classroom Aide at an hourly rate of \$18.00 for the 2024-2025 school year, pending outcome of the Criminal History Background Screening.
5. Resolved to approve the stipend position of Head Custodian for Ryan Jones at \$250.00 per pay period for additional duties as assigned, effective January 1, 2025.
6. Resolved to approve the request for an unpaid Leave of Absence for Danielle DeStefano effective November 25, 2024 through January 10, 2025. The continuation of health benefits will apply along with the employee's remittance of their share health benefit contributions – Attachment 4.6
7. Resolved to approve the resignation of Yusra Ali effective December 20, 2024 – Attachment 4.7

5. Curriculum

Motion: Radley Macalintal

Seconded: Candace Tarabocchia

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

1. Resolved to approve the following workshops and field trips:

Destination	Date	Cost
Bergen Community College Meadowlands I & RS in Action Professional Development ~ Gabriela Vega, Taylor Trause	December 3, 2024	Travel costs only
National Theatre for Children Land of Smiles Dental Health Presentation ~Donna Gallo	March 11, 2024	Travel costs only
Metropolitan Medical Corporation CPR Certification for AED Response Team ~Sandy Diaz, Michael Lia, Greg Keelen	December 12, 2024	\$195.00
Statue of Liberty – 3rd Grade ~ Gianna Vitetta, Amanda Sokol, Michael Lia, Marialynn Sparacia	April 4, 2025	Tickets: \$230 Bus: \$650

6. Facilities

Motion: Radley Macalintal

Seconded: Candace Tarabocchia

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

1. Resolved to approve the Borough of Wood-Ridge facilities request for indoor recreation Travel Basketball practice in the gymnasium on Mondays and Fridays beginning on December 13, 2024.

7. Old Business None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

8. New Business None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

9. Information Items

1. Average monthly attendance from 11/01/24– 11/30/24 - Attachment 9.1

2. Monthly Report of Attendance Officer for month ending November 2024
-Attachment 9.2

10. Discussion Items

Mr. David Vaccaro announced that the Borough of Moonachie has applied for a grant to construct a road from the school to Teresa Court to allow buses to transport students in a one-way traffic pattern to alleviate congestion during drop-off and dismissal.

11. Public Comments None.

Open: 7:10 p.m.

Closed: 7:11 p.m.

12. Adjournment at 7:12 p.m.

Motion: Edmond Monti

Seconded: Candace Tarabocchia

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Jaclyn Morgese

Jaclyn Morgese