

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

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Robert L. Craig School

Cafeteria

January 6, 2026

Call to order by Board President Meeting opened at 6:45 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: David Vaccaro
Edmond Monti
Matthew Vaccaro
Radley Macalintal
Candace Tarabocchia

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Dennis McKeever, 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.

- Acceptance of Minutes of December 9, 2025 closed session and regular session, and Superintendent Report Minutes – Attachment 1.1

Motion: Radley Macalintal
Seconded: Candace Tarabocchia
Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

- Acceptance of Correspondence

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro
Seconded: Candace Tarabocchia
Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

1. NJ Department of Education Sending District Board Representation letter – Attachment 1.2

- Superintendent's Report

Motion: Radley Macalintal
Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro
Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

PRESENTATION: Annual Financial Audit of 2024-2025 – Paul Lerch, CPA

Paul Lerch, CPA, presented the annual financial audit of the 2024-2025 school year. Mr. Knipper wished everyone a happy new year and continued to thank everyone for making the Robert L. Craig School a success. He congratulated Radley Macalintal for his election win to another 3-year term as a Board of Education member. He congratulated Mrs. Spadavecchia and her team for another clean audit and thanked Paul Lerch and his team for their professionalism and advice during the audit.

- 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: Candace Tarabocchia

Seconded: Edmond Monti

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 done and performed for December 2025 for a total of \$385,474.68 – Attachment 2.1
2. Resolved to approve the Check Register for the month of December 2025 and Unposted Checks for \$649,302.93 - Attachment 2.2
3. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for December 15, 2025 for \$124,097.15 with gross wages of \$210,747.54 - Attachment 2.3
4. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for December 23, 2025 for \$125,231.76 with gross wages of \$211,579.42 – Attachment 2.4
5. Resolved that the Moonachie Board of Education accept the findings expressed by the auditing firm of Lerch, Vinci and Bliss, LLP as cited in their reports entitled Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and Auditor’s Management Report (AMR) for year ending June 30, 2025 – On file in the Business Office and Attachment 2.5

3. Policy

Motion: None.

Seconded:

Action taken:

4. Personnel

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: Edmond Monti

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve the salary rate increase to \$15.92 as the minimum wage rate effective January 1, 2026 for the following employee:

Erika Coreas

5. Curriculum

Motion: Candace Tarabocchia

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve the following updated Moonachie School District curricula and pacing guides for the 2025-2026 school year on display in the Curriculum Office:

Math K-8

English/Language Arts K-8

Visual & Performing Arts K-8

Comprehensive Health and Physical Education K-8

Science K-8

Social Studies K-8

World Language K-8

6. Facilities None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

7. Old Business None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

8. New Business None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

9. Information Items

1. Average monthly attendance from 12/1/25 – 12/30/25 - Attachment 9.1

2. Monthly report of attendance officer for the month ending December 2025
Attachment 9.2

10. Discussion Items None.

11. Public Comments None.

Open: 6:58 p.m.

Closed: 6:59 p.m.

12. Adjournment at 7:00 p.m.

Motion: Edmond Monti

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurel Spadavecchia

Laurel Spadavecchia, Board Secretary