

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

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Robert L. Craig School

Cafeteria

January 27, 2026

Call to order by Board President Meeting opened at _____

Roll Call

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

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Jaclyn Morghese, 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 January 6, 2026 Re-organization 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

Motion: Candace Tarabocchia

Seconded: Radley Macalintal

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve the NJ Department of Education Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement 2025-2026 approval letter – Attachment 1.2

▪ Superintendent’s Report

Motion: Radley Macalintal

Seconded: Candace Tarabocchia

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

Mr. Knipper thanked the students, staff and parents for their hard work and then announced the Students of the Month.

▪ **Students of the Month**

<u>January</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Eva Fernandez	MS Science
Jake Chan	MS ELA
Erick Romero	MS Math
William Yoon	CST
Sophia Brattoli	Spanish
Keira De Leon	Grade 5
Aamira Olmeda-El Helou	Grade 4
Daniella Ortiz Pedean	Grade 3
Giuliana Tripodi	Grade 2
Anais Dervishaj	Grade 1
Daleyza Gonzalez-Pacheco	Grade Kindergarten
Colson Cirincione	Grade Pre-K

▪ **Submission of HIB Cases – January 2026**

<u>Investigations</u>	<u>Confirmed Cases</u>
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▪ 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: 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 done and performed for January 2026 for a total of \$770,061.43 – Attachment 2.1

2. Resolved to approve the Check Register for the month of December 2025 for \$385,474.68 – Attachment 2.2
3. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for January 15, 2026 for \$127,646.33 with gross pay wages of \$217,472.40 – Attachment 2.3
4. Resolved to acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for January 2026 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 acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for January 2026 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.
6. Resolved to continue to participate as a member in the Educational Data Services Commission of New Jersey for cooperative purchasing for the 2025-2026 school year.
7. Resolved to approve the Treasurer's Report for month ending December 2025 – Attachment 2.7
8. Resolved to approve the Report of Secretary to the Moonachie Board of Education for the month ending December 2025 – Attachment 2.8
9. Resolved to approve the Monthly Transfer Report for December 2025 – Attachment 2.9
10. Resolved to approve check #1223 to Carlstadt-East Rutherford Regional Board of Education in the amount of \$12,765.90 from the Milk and Lunch account for November 2025 meals.
11. Resolved to approve the engagement letter for Lerch, Vinci & Bliss, LLP to provide auditing services for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 – Attachment 2.11
12. Resolved to approve the Right to Know Services Proposal from Karl Environmental for the 2025-2026 school year at a cost of \$1,095.00 – Attachment 2.12
13. Resolved to approve the donation of ice cream novelties for the students of the Robert L. Craig School from YCO Trucking.
14. Resolved to approve the Metropolitan Medical Corporation Basic First Aid/ CPR & AED Training Program Agreement for 2026-2028 – Attachment 2.14

3. Policy

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: Candace Tarabocchia

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to the Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff 2025-2026 School Year – Attachment 3.1

2. Resolved to approve the following policies:

P 0142.1	Nepotism	Revised
P 1220	Employment of Chief School Administrator	Revised
P 1552	Sexual Harassment	New
R 1552	Sexual Harassment	New
P 2530	Resource Materials	Revised
R 2530	Resource Materials	Revised
P 2535	Library Material	New
R 2535	Library Material	New
P 3362	Sexual Harassment	Abolished
R 3362	Sexual Harassment of Teaching Staff Members Complaint	Abolished
P 4352	Sexual Harassment	Abolished
R 4352	Sexual Harassment of Support Staff Members Complaint Procedure	Abolished
P 9130	Public Complaints	Revised
R 9130	Public Complaints	Revised

3. Resolved to accept the 2025-2026 Incidents Report on Violence, Vandalism, Substances, Weapons, and HIB Confirmed for Report Period 1: September 1-December 31, 2025 – Attachment 3.3

4. Personnel

Motion: Radley Macalintal

Seconded: Edmond Monti

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

- Resolved to approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for employee#4469 from January 29 through approximately February 18, 2026 with the ability to use accumulated sick time.
- Resolved to approve Natasha Dillon as the Title IX Coordinator for the 2025-2026 school year.
- Resolved to approve Ria Panchal as Substitute Teacher for the 2025-2026 school year.

5. Curriculum

Motion: Edmond Monti

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

- Resolved to approve following field trips/workshops:

Destination	Date	Cost
Doyle’s Farm 2 nd Grade Field Trip – Dominique Fina, Izabella Morra, Giuseppina Altilio, Allison Stanisci	May 28, 2026	Tickets \$200 Bus \$600

8 th Grade Philadelphia Trip – Greg Keelen, Giuseppina Altilio, Lee Ten Hoeve	May 15, 2026	Student Collected
Montclair State University Preschool Inclusion Leadership Conference ~Natasha Dillon, Allison Maccarrone	April 23, 2026	\$90.00 Ticket Plus travel cost
Systems 3000 Personnel Processing Annual Update Training Eatontown, NJ ~Sandy Diaz, Patricia Schomaker	May 12, 2026	Travel costs only

6. Facilities

Motion: Candace Tarabocchia

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

Discussion of Bathroom Renovations: The Board agreed to approve DMR Architects to draw the schematics for the renovations and begin the bid process.

Discussion of Boiler Room Sewer System: The boiler room sewer has been clogged and needed to be cleaned out. In doing so, it was discovered that a pump needs to be replaced. The Business Office has obtained one quote and is awaiting to other responses. The Board will be updated as soon as the quotes are obtained.

1. Resolved to approve the EPA AHERA Six Month Surveillance from Karl Environmental & Associates – Attachment 6.1
2. Resolved to approve the PEOSH Written In Door Air Quality Program and Inspection Report for the Moonachie School District from Karl Environmental & Associates – Attachment 6.2
3. Motion to approve the following facilities requests:

Event	Location	Organization	Date
SEPAG Meeting	Main Conference Room	SEPAG	2/17/26
Green Eggs & Ham	Cafeteria, Kitchen	PTO	3/3/26
Literacy Night	Gymnasium, Cafeteria	Preschool	3/12/26
Middle School Dance	Gymnasium, Kitchen	PTO	3/13/26
Public PTO Meeting	Cafeteria	PTO	4/1/26
Spring into STEM	Gym, Media Ctr, Cafeteria	MEA	4/16/26
Mothers' Day Flower Sale	Gymnasium, Half of Cafeteria	PTO	5/4-6/26
Power of Learning Expo	Hallways	Schoolwide	5/28/26
Fathers' Day Sale	Gymnasium, Half of Cafeteria	PTO	5/26-28/26

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 None.
Open: 7:04 p.m.
Closed: 7:05 p.m.
12. Adjournment at 7:06 p.m.
Motion: Matthew Vaccaro
Seconded: Edmond Monti
Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.