

MOONACHIE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary
MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
Robert L. Craig School
Cafeteria
June 9, 2026

Call to order by Board President Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: David Vaccaro

Matthew Vaccaro

Candace Tarabocchia

Radley Macalintal

Edmond Monti

Members Absent: None

Also Present: James Knipper, Superintendent

Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator

Marcie Mackolin, 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 May 5, 2026, and May 28, 2026 closed session and regular session, and Superintendent Report – Attachment 1.1

Motion: Edmond Monti

Seconded: Radley Macalintal

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

- Acceptance of Correspondence None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

- Superintendent's Report

Motion: Candace Tarabocchia

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

Mr. Knipper announced Ms. Genatt to give out the Student of the Month awards. He then congratulated the students for their hard work. He announced the school year is winding down and administration is busy preparing for the next school year. Summer Recreation will begin on June 23. NJSLA testing is completed and results should be available in August. He then thanked the Board and the community for giving him the opportunity to serve the community as the Superintendent.

Mr. David Vaccaro also congratulated the Students of the Month and thanked the parents for the work they do with their children. He then thanked Mr. Knipper for his years of service and awarded him a plaque in honor of his dedication to the Moonachie community. Mayor Dennis Vaccaro also spoke of the gratitude the community has for Mr. Knipper and all he has done for this community.

<u>Students of the Month- May</u>		<u>Grade</u>
Justin Zero		MS Science
Mauro Arias		MS ELA
Juan Barreto		MS Math
Anabelle Paz-Almanzar		Technology
Alison Batrez-Ortiz		ESL
Bolivar Rodriguez		5 th Grade
Parthi Patel		4 th Grade
Matthew Meyers		3 rd Grade
Keila Sanchez		2 nd Grade
Ezequiel Martinez Rosales		1 st Grade
Elliana Yoo		Kindergarten
Fatima Shah		Pre-Kindergarten

▪ **Submission of HIB Cases – April 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: Matthew Vaccaro

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 performed for June 2026 for a total of \$787,257.67 –Attachment 2.1
2. Resolved to approve the Check Register for the month of April and Unposted Checks for \$624,844.23 - Attachment 2.2
3. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for May 15, 2026 for \$122,425.05 with gross pay wages of \$205,425.11 – Attachment 2.3
4. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for May 31, 2025 for \$121,765.83 with gross pay wages of \$206,265.20 – Attachment 2.4
5. Resolved to acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for June 2026 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 June 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.
7. Resolved to approve the Special Education Tuition Contract Agreements between the Moonachie Board of Education and The South Bergen Jointure Commission for Summer 2026 - 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 ECLC of New Jersey for the 2026-2027 school year – Attachment 2.8
9. Resolved to approve the list of anticipated contracts as pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47; the Moonachie Board of Education intends to renew, award, or permit to expire during the 2026-2027 school year the following contracts previously awarded by the board of education. These contracts are, have been, and will continue to be in full compliance with all state and federal statutes and regulations; in particular, New Jersey Title 18A:18. Et. Seq. NJAC Chapter 6A:23A, and Federal Procurement Regulations 2CFR Part 200.317 et. Seq – Attachment 2.9
10. Resolved to approve the Robert L. Craig School 2026 Graduation Awards as follows:

First Honors	\$500.00	Eva Fernandez
Second Honors	\$300.00	Maya Gonzales
Third Honors	\$200.00	Joanna Romero
Edward G. Tarragni Memorial Scholarship:		
\$100.00 Alex Francisco Check #1034		

Charles Pallas Most Improved in Mathematics Scholarship:

\$250.00 Sophia Carasco

Mae Pallas Most Improved in English Language Arts Scholarship:

\$250.00 Sarai Rosas Juarez

Dr. Ponds Always Do Your Best Memorial Scholarship:

\$500.00 Alyen Jimenez

11. Resolved to approve the use of State Contracted vendors for the 2026-2027 school year.
12. Resolved to authorize the submission of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) application and accept the grant award of these funds for the 2026-2027 school year.
13. Resolved to authorize the submission of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) grant application for period July 1, 2026-September 30, 2027 and accept the grant award of these funds for the 2026-2027 school year.
14. Resolved to accept the Treasurer's Report for month ending April 2026 – Attachment 2.14
15. Resolved to accept the Report of the Secretary to the Moonachie Board of Education for month ending April 2026 – Attachment 2.15
16. Resolved to approve the Monthly Transfer Report and budgetary line-item transfers for April 2026 – Attachment 2.16
17. Resolved to approve check #1228 to Carlstadt-East Rutherford Regional Board of Education in the amount of \$19,930.20 from the Milk and Lunch account for March 2026 Meals.
18. Resolved to approve the White Rock Cybersecurity renewal for the 2026-2027 school year in the amount of \$2,864.50 – Attachment 2.18
19. Resolved to approve the Players Health Student Accident Coverage Proposal effective August 1, 2026-August 1, 2027 – Attachment 2.19
20. Resolved to approve the Linkage Agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and the South Bergen Jointure Commission for the 2026-2027 school year – Attachment 2.20
21. Resolved to approve the Addendum to the Linkage Agreement for the Use of Classrooms for the Extended School Year Program July 2026 between the Moonachie Board of Education and the South Bergen Jointure Commission – Attachment 2.21
22. Resolved to approve the Straus Esmay Associates, LLP School Policy and Regulation Consultants renewal for the 2026-2027 school year at a cost of \$2,775.00 – Attachment 2.22
23. Resolved to approve check #1376 from the Payroll Agency account to Danielle Abbruzzesi in the amount of \$1000.00 for mentor fees owed from Izabella Morra.

24. Resolved to approve check #1377 from the Payroll Agency account to Brian DeSantis in the amount of \$1000.00 for mentor fees owed from Nicholas Telle.
25. Resolved to approve check #1378 from the Payroll Agency account to Michael Lia in the amount of \$1000.00 for mentor fees owed from Molly Ward.
26. Resolved to approve check #1379 from the Payroll Agency account to Taylor Trause in the amount of \$250.00 for mentor fees owed from Colleen O'Neill.
27. Resolved to approve check #1380 from the Payroll Agency account to Kelly Thomson in the amount of \$38.75 for reimbursement of pension and contributory retro hold refund.
28. Resolved to approve the Shared Services Agreement for Technology Support Services between the Moonachie Board of Education and Bergen County Technical Schools Board of Education for the 2026-2027 school year – Attachment 2.28
29. Resolved to approve the Agreement to Renew Membership in the South Bergen Region VII Workers' Compensation Pool for a three-year period beginning July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029 – Attachment 2.29
30. Resolved to approve the renewal of Delta Dental of New Jersey, Inc. for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028 – Attachment 2.30
31. Resolved to approve the participation and renewal of the Educational Data Services and New Jersey Cooperative Supply Procurement System License and Maintenance Fee for co-op school supply purchasing services for the 2026-2027 school year at \$370.00 quarterly payments – Attachment 2.31
32. Resolved to approve the renewal of the School Alliance Insurance Fund Resolution Appointing a Risk Management Consultant for the 2026-2027 school year – Attachment 2.32
33. Resolved to approve carpet cleaning proposal from Sabatino's Carpet Cleaning in the amount of \$2175.00 for the 2026-2027 school year – Attachment 2.33
34. Resolved to approve Ritco Security Systems Annual Cleaning, Testing and Inspection of Fire Alarm System in the amount of \$800.00 – Attachment 2.34
35. Resolved to approve the Lead Testing submission and Statement of Assurance for the 2025-2026 school year – Attachment 2.35
36. Resolved to approve the submission of the 2025-2026 Tuition Reimbursement for State-Responsible Homeless Children.
37. Resolved to approve the SAVVAS Learning Company Quote Number Q-237824 enVision Math K-5 5 Year Curriculum Subscription in the amount of \$57,992.31 – Attachment 2.37

38. Resolved to approve the SAVVAS Learning Company Quote Number Q-237815 myView Literacy K-5 5 Year Curriculum Subscription in the amount of \$41,472.59 – Attachment 2.38
39. Resolved to approve Nu-Way Concessionaires, Inc. as the summer meals vendor at \$2.49 per breakfast, and \$4.89 per lunch, 50 Breakfast and 60 lunches per day for 31 days June 23 – August 6, 2026 – Attachment 2.39
40. Resolved to approve the National Junior Honor Society membership renewal for the 2026-2027 school year – Attachment 2.40
41. Resolved to approve the Chasan Lamparello Mallon & Cappuzzo Agreement to Provide Legal Services for the 2026-2027 school year.
42. Resolved to approve Cintas Annual Fire Extinguisher Inspection and Maintenance in the amount of \$1,760.00– Attachment 2.42
43. Resolved to approve the Home Instruction Placement Service Agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and LearnWell Academics Hospital Instruction – Attachment 2.43
44. Resolved to accept the Treasurer’s Report for month ending May 2026 – Attachment 2.44
45. Resolved to accept the Report of the Secretary to the Moonachie Board of Education for month ending May 2026 – Attachment 2.45
46. Resolved to approve the Monthly Transfer Report and budgetary line-item transfers for May 2026 – Attachment 2.46
47. Resolved to approve the Finalsite Core Communications Platform renewal for the 2026-2027 school year – Attachment 2.47
48. Resolved to approve the Tuition Contract for Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities between the Moonachie Board of Education and the Bergen Center for Child Development for the 2026-2027 school year – Attachment 2.48
49. Resolved to approve Ritco Security Systems, Inc. Central Station Monitoring Service for the fire alarm system at \$384.00 quarterly payments and Central Station Monitoring Service for the Cellular Signal Transmission for 3 units per quarter at \$120.00 quarterly – Attachment 2.49
50. Resolved for transfer of Current Year Surplus to Reserve

WHEREAS, NJSA 18A:21-2 and NJSA 18A:7G-13 permit a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at year end, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned statutes authorize procedures, under the authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permit a Board of Education to transfer anticipated excel current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts during the month of June by board resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Moonachie Board of Education wishes to deposit a portion of anticipated current year surplus into a Capital Reserve account at year end, and

WHEREAS, the Moonachie Board of Education has determined that an amount not to exceed the maximum amount of the District's Long Range Facility Plan is available for such purpose of transfer;

WHEREAS, the Moonachie Board of Education wishes to deposit a portion of anticipated current year surplus into a Maintenance Reserve account at year end, and

WHEREAS, the Moonachie Board of Education has determined that (an amount not to exceed) \$500,000 is available for such purpose of transfer;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Moonachie Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the district's School Business Administrator to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

51. Resolved to approve the Shared Service Agreement for a Spanish Teacher between the Moonachie Board of Education and North Arlington Board of Education for the 2026-2027 school year – Attachment 2.51

3. Policy

Motion: Candace Tarabocchia

Seconded: Radley Macalintal

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve that the Moonachie Board of Education approve the Comprehensive Equity Plan Statement of Assurance, Year 2 for School Year 2026-2027 – Attachment 3.1
2. Resolved to approve the School Security Drill Statement of Assurance – Attachment 3.2
3. Resolved to approve the McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program LEA General Intent to Collaborate for 2026-2027 between the Moonachie Board of Education and Bergen County Special Services – Attachment 3.3

4. Personnel

Motion: Edmond Monti

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

Action taken: 5 Ayes for motions 4.1-4.19, 4.22-4.23, 4.25;
1 Recused motions 4.20, 4.21. 4.24; Motion Approved.

Mr. Knipper congratulated Mrs. Dana Genatt in her new role as Superintendent/Principal. He is confident in her abilities as she has proven herself to be a higher level leader in the community and in the education field.

He noted her work with staff has allowed the district to grow into a high performing district.

1. Resolved to approve the Superintendent/Principal to emergent hire for personnel hired between June 10, 2026 – August 31, 2026 for school year 2026-2027.
2. Resolved to approve a salary increase of 3.5% for all non-affiliated Moonachie Education Association staff members for the 2026-2027 school year.
3. Resolved to reappoint the following Secretarial Staff for the 2026-2027 school year – Attachment 4.3
4. Resolved to reappoint the following Business Office Administrative Staff for the 2026-2027 school year – Attachment 4.4
5. Resolved to reappoint the following Custodians for the 2026-2027 school year – Attachment 4.5
6. Resolved to reappoint the following Classroom Aides for the 2026-2027 school year – Attachment 4.6
7. Resolved to reappoint the following School Aides for the 2026-2027 school year – Attachment 4.7
8. Resolved to reappoint the following Pre-School Classroom Aides for the 2026-2027 school year – Attachment 4.8
9. Resolved to approve the following list of Substitute Teachers for the 2026-2027 school year at a per diem rate of \$115.00 – Attachment 4.9
10. Resolved to reappoint Lucrezia Maurin as Attendance Officer/ Food Service Director/Facilities Administrative Assistant for the 2026-2027 school year – Attachment 4.10
11. Resolved to approve the Car Allowance Agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and Lucrezia Maurin, courier for the Robert L. Craig School for the 2026-2027 school year - Attachment 4.11
12. Resolved to reappoint Laurel Spadavecchia as Business Administrator/ Board Secretary and Qualified Purchasing Agent for the 2026-2027 school year – Attachment 4.12
13. Resolved to approve Susan Sartoga as School Aide Interventionist at an hourly rate of \$33.16 for the 2026-2027 school year – Attachment 4.13
14. Resolved to approve professional consulting fees and data coordinator services not to exceed \$6,500.00 for Jason Diaz for additional duties of data gathering and input as well as assisting with state reports for the 2026-2027 school year.
15. Resolved to reappoint Ernest Turner as Treasurer of School Monies for the 2026-2027 school year at the annual fee of \$6500.00.
16. Resolved to approve the termination for cause of employee #4404, effective June 4, 2026.
17. Resolved to approve Joey Formisano as Substitute Custodian at an hourly rate of \$17.00 for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year and the

- 2026-2027 school year, pending outcome of the Criminal History Background Screening.
18. Resolved to approve Rashalyns Villanueva as Substitute Custodian at an hourly rate of \$18.00 for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year and the 2026-2027 school year, pending outcome of the Criminal History Background Screening.
 19. Resolved to approve David Yanes as Custodian at a salary of \$48,000.00 for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year and the 2026-2027 school year, pending outcome of the Criminal History Background Screening.
 20. Resolved to approve the Superintendent evaluation for the 2025-2026 school year.
 21. Resolved to approve Meagan Macalintal as Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year at BA/Step 1 for an annual salary of \$56,000.
 22. Resolved to approve the resignation of Erika Coreas as Part-Time Classroom Aide effective May 27, 2026 - Attachment 4.22
 23. Resolved to approve the Maternity Leave of Absence for Taylor Trause commencing approximately on August 31, 2026 through October 28, 2026 per Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) regulations without pay, to be supplemented by use of sick leave after which time approval for request for New Jersey Family Leave to commence and run through January 31, 2027 – Attachment 4.23
 24. Resolved to approve Dana Genatt as Superintendent/Principal for the term of July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2030 at a starting salary of \$155,000 pending completion of certification – Attachment 4.24
 25. Resolved to approve Natasha Dillon as Director of Special Services for the 2026-2027 school year at an annual salary of \$108,675.00.

5. Curriculum None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

6. Facilities

Motion: Radley Macalintal

Seconded: Candace Tarabocchia

Action taken: 5 Ayes motions 6.1-6.4.

1 Abstention 6.5; Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to apply for approval of Toilet Room Facilities for Early Intervention, Pre-Kindergarten, and Kindergarten Classroom – Room 9 Multiply Disabled Program – K-2nd for the 2026-2027 school year for submission to the Executive County Superintendent – Attachment 6.1
2. Resolved to apply for approval of Toilet Room Facilities for Early Intervention, Pre-Kindergarten, and Kindergarten Classroom – Room 11

- Multiply Disabled Program – K-2nd for the 2026-2027 school year for submission to the Executive County Superintendent – Attachment 6.2
3. Resolved to apply for approval for Renewal of Temporary Instructional Space for the stage area of the gym to be used for instrumental music for the 2026-2027 school year for submission to the Executive County Superintendent – Attachment 6.3
 4. Resolved to apply for Renewal of Temporary Instructional Space for the room of the cafeteria to be used for music for the 2026-2027 school year for submission to the Executive County Superintendent – Attachment 6.4
 5. Resolved to approve the Facility Use Request from Wood-Ridge Recreation Indoor Soccer for Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. from January 5, 2027 through February 25, 2027 – Attachment 6.5
7. Old Business
Motion:
Seconded:
Action taken:
8. New Business
Motion: Edmond Monti
Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro
Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.
1. Motion to approve the change in the Board of Education July meeting date from July 14, 2026 to July 21, 2026.
9. Information Items
1. Average monthly attendance from 5/1/26 – 5/31/26 - Attachment 9.1
2. Monthly report of attendance officer for the month ending May 2026 Attachment 9.2
10. Discussion Items None.
11. Public Comments
Open: 6:58 p.m.
Closed: 6:59 p.m.
Mr. Anthony Cirillo, Borough Councilman, wished Mr. Knipper congratulations and good luck in his new district, stating it was a pleasure to work with him. He also congratulated Mrs. Genatt.

Mrs. Dana Genatt thanked everyone for the opportunity to work as Superintendent for our community.

12. Adjournment at 7:00 p.m.

Motion: Edmond Monti
Seconded: Radley Macalintal
Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurel Spadavecchia

Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary