

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

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Robert L. Craig School

Cafeteria

July 21, 2026

Call to order by Board President

Meeting opened at 6:30 P.M.

Roll Call

Members Present: David Vaccaro

Edmond Monti

Matthew Vaccaro

Radley Macalintal

Members Absent: Candace Tarabocchia

Also Present: Dana Genatt, Superintendent

Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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.

1. • Acceptance of Minutes of June 9, 2026, closed session and regular session, and Superintendent Report – Attachment 1.1

Motion: Radley Macalintal

Seconded: Edmond Monti

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

- Acceptance of Correspondence

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: Radley Macalintal

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

- Approval by the New Jersey Department of Education of the Temporary Instructional Space off the cafeteria – Attachment 1.2
- Approval by the New Jersey Department of Education of the Temporary Instructional Space on the gym stage – Attachment 1.3
- Approval by the New Jersey Department of Education of the Toilet Room Facilities Pre-K and Kindergarten Classrooms Room 9–Attachment 1.4

- Approval by the New Jersey Department of Education of the Toilet Room Facilities Pre-K and Kindergarten Classrooms Room 11–Attachment 1.5
- Board of Education Award Thank You Letter from Maya Gonzales – Attachment 1.6
- Board of Education Award Thank You Letter from Eva Fernandez – Attachment 1.7
- Board of Education Award Thank You Letter from Abby Vicioso – Attachment 1.8
- Board of Education Award Thank You Letter from Joanna Romero – Attachment 1.9
- Board of Education Award Thank You Letter from Nayab Chughtai – Attachment 1.10
- New Jersey Department of Agriculture School Food Authority to School Food Authority Final Approval Letter FY27 – Attachment 1.11
- NJ Department of Education School Aid Notice for Extraordinary Aid Award – Attachment 1.12
- NJ Department of Education School Aid Notice for Non-Public Transportation Award – Attachment 1.13

- Superintendent's Report

Motion: Edmond Monti

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

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

Mrs. Dana Genatt announced the students have been actively engaged in summer recreation and tutoring. She thanked the teachers for providing the ELA and Math enrichment program.

Mrs. Genatt also announced that the bathroom renovation project is well underway and making great progress. It is on track to be completed by the start of the school year.

Lastly, she announced that Family Fun Day will be held on August 1 from 1pm - 4pm.

- 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: Radley Macalintal

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

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 June 2026 for a total of \$803,841.41 – Attachment 2.1
2. 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 July 2026 for a total of \$409,038.61 – Attachment 2.2
3. Resolved to approve the Check Register for the partial month of June 2026 and Posted Checks for \$783,257.67 - Attachment 2.3
4. Resolved to approve the Check Register for the partial month of June 2026 and Posted Checks for \$803,841.41 - Attachment 2.4
5. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for June 15, 2026 for \$125,674.83, with gross pay wages of \$208,868.90 – Attachment 2.5
6. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for June 30, 2026 for \$143,241.49, with gross pay wages of \$233,301.30 – Attachment 2.6
7. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for July 15, 2026 for \$84,697.32, with gross pay wages of \$40,378.85 to include Summer Savings payouts of \$56,038.91 – Attachment 2.7
8. Resolved to acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for July 2026 that no budgetary line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Moonachie Board of Education.
9. Resolved to acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for July 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.
10. Resolved for the submission and acceptance of the grant award of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) application for Fiscal year 2027 of \$5,926 for Pre-School and \$112,257 for Basic allocations.
11. Resolved to accept the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) grant award of the following for the 2026-2027 school year:

Title IA	\$130,234
Title IIA	\$15,730
Title III	\$7,503
Title III Immigrant	\$3,890
Title IVA	\$10,000

12. Resolved to approve check #1229 to Carlstadt-East Rutherford Regional Board of Education in the amount of \$47,170.60 from the Milk and Lunch account for April 2026 meals \$14,577.00, May 2026 meals \$19,094.50 and June 2026 meals 13,499.10.
13. Resolved to approve check #1230 in the amount of \$2,383.96 from the Milk & Lunch account to Payschools for the Annual Software/Hardware Maintenance Annual Agreement – Attachment 2.13
14. Resolved to approve the following insurance policies through Polaris Galaxy Insurance for the 2026-2027 school year:

Policy Type	Company	Cost
Property, Boiler & Machinery, Crime, Cyber and Environmental Impairment Liability	SAIF	\$57,792
School Board Legal & Excess	SAIF	\$20,720
Xs School Board Legal	SAIF	\$1,444
NJUEP Catastrophic Excess Commercial Umbrella	Acrisure NJ Partners Insurance Services	\$21,597
Travel Accident Policy	Polaris AC Newman	\$1,000
Commercial Flood Insurance	Voyager Indemnity	\$22,207
Surety Bond: Spadavecchia	Acrisure	\$1000
Surety Bond: Turner	Acrisure	\$1000

15. Resolved to approve the Tuition Contract for Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities between the Moonachie Board of Education and the Windsor School for the 2026-2027 school year – Attachment 2.15
16. Resolved to approve the Tuition Contract for Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities between the Moonachie Board of Education and the Windsor Bergen Academies for the 2026-2027 school year – Attachment 2.16
17. Resolved to approve the donation of musical instruments to include 49 pairs of rhythm sticks, 12 egg shakers, 7 pairs of yarn mallets and 3 sets of boomwhackers from Make Music Day in Fair Lawn in appreciation for music instruction provided by our Music Teacher, Kimberly Schmidt.
18. Resolved to approve the Renaissance Star Assessments for Math, Language Arts and Reading Subscription for the 2026-2027 school year – Attachment 2.18
19. Resolved to approve the agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and Kid Clan Services, Inc. to provide Bilingual and Monolingual Evaluations, IEP Attendance and BT Supervision for the 2026-2027 school year – Attachment 2.19
20. Resolved to approve the agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and Care Plus NJ, Inc. for School Clearance/ Evaluations/

Substance Abuse Testing Services for the 2026-2027 school year – Attachment 2.20

21. Resolved to approve the Medical Staffing Agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and Ikhaya World, Inc. d/b/a BrightStar Care Greater Hackensack for the 2026-2027 school year – Attachment 2.21
22. Resolved to approve Karl Environmental Group to conduct the AHERA 6 Month Surveillance Program & Indoor Air Quality Inspection for the 2026-2027 school year.
23. Resolved to accept the Treasurer's Report for month ending June 2026 – Attachment 2.23
24. Resolved to accept the Report of the Secretary to the Moonachie Board of Education for month ending June 2026 – Attachment 2.24
25. Resolved to approve budgetary line-item transfers for June 2026 and Transfer Report 2025-2026 – Attachment 2.25

3. Policy

Motion: Edmond Monti

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

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

1. Resolved to approve the Local Educational Agency Guidance for Chapter 27 Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Programs for the 2026-2027 School Year – Attachment 3.1
2. Resolved to approve the submission of the 2025-2026 School Register Summary Data Collection through the NJ Homeroom online platform to satisfy school enrollment and attendance reporting requirements – Attachment 3.2
3. Resolved to approve the submission of the Student Safety Data System and accept the 2025-2026 Incidents Report on Violence, Vandalism, Substances, Weapons, and HIB Confirmed for Report Period 2 Final Report: January 1-June 30, 2026 – Attachment 3.3
4. Resolved to approve the following policies:

P 1230	Superintendent's Duties	Revised
P 0162	Notice of Board Meetings	Revised
P 0162.01	Legal Notices	New
P 1643	Family Leave	Revised
P 2200	Curriculum	Revised
R 2200	Curriculum Content	Abolished
P 2260	Equity in School and Classroom Practices	Revised
R 2460.30	Additional/Compensatory Special Education and Related Services	Abolished
P 2411	Career Education and Academic Counseling	Revised

R 2411	Guidance Counseling	Abolished
P 5111.13	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students-Choice School District	New
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P 5561	Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion Techniques for Students with Disabilities	Revised
P 6112	Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures	Revised
R 6115.01	Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls- Allowability of Costs	Revised
P 6115.02	Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls-Mandatory Disclosures	Revised
P 6311	Contracts for Goods or Services Funded by Federal Grants	Revised
P 8561	Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs	Revised

4. Personnel

Motion: Edmond Monti

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

Action taken: 4.6 Radley Macalintal recused;

All other motions: 4 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve Marialynn Sparacia as Administrative Assistant at an annual salary of \$40,000.00 for the 2026-2027 school year, effective and prorated as of July 16, 2026, pending certification and the outcome of the Criminal History Background Screening.
2. Resolved to approve the resignation of Dixie Romero as Full-Time Aide, effective July 30, 2026.
3. Resolved to approve the resignation of David Yanes as Custodian, effective July 10, 2026.
4. Resolved to approve Maria Reiner as Part-Time Aide for the 2026-2027 school year, at an hourly rate of \$17.00, pending outcome of the Criminal History Background Screening.
5. Resolved to Approve Alyssa Patunas as Part-Time Aide for the 2026-2027 school year, at an hourly rate of \$18.00, pending outcome of the Criminal History Background Screening.
6. Resolved to approve Natasha Dillon as Director of Curriculum and Instruction at an annual salary of \$113,000.00 for the 2026-2027 school year – Attachment 4.6
7. Resolved to revise the maternity leave return date for Lise Selle to return on August 31, 2026, earlier than originally requested.
8. Resolved to approve Mercedes Haines as Instructional Paraprofessional at a per diem rate of \$250, not to exceed 140 days for the 2026-2027 school year.
9. Resolved to approve summer hours for child study team members Yahnique Dawson and Deborah Maiorano, not to exceed 10 hours each.

10. Resolved to approve Frederick Carter as Custodian at a salary of \$52,000.00 for the 2026-2027 school year, effective and pro-rated as of August 17, 2026, pending outcome of Criminal History Background Screening.
11. Resolved to approve Ria Panchal as Full-Time Aide for the 2026-2027 school year at an annual salary of \$22,000.00.
12. Resolved to approve Betty Bello as Part-Time Aide at an hourly rate of \$17.00 for the 2026-2027 school year, pending outcome of Criminal History Background Screening.
13. Resolved to approve Megan Beiermeister as Director of Special Services for the 2026-2027 school year at an annual salary of \$75,000.00 prorated pending an effective start date and outcome of the Criminal History Background Screening.
14. Resolved to approve Jennie Griffin as Preschool Master Teacher at step MA/9 for an annual salary of \$77,795 for the 2026-2027 school year, pending outcome of the Criminal History Background Screening.
15. Resolved to approve a salary increase for additional administrative duties for Melanie Vocaturo to \$48,000.00 for the 2026-2027 school year, effective August 1, 2026.

5. Curriculum None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

6. Facilities

Motion: Radley Macalintal

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

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

Mr. David Vaccaro updated the Board on the bathroom renovation project.

1. Resolved to accept the Limited Suspected Asbestos-Containing Material (ACM) Sampling Report from Karl Environmental Group—Attachment 6.1
2. Resolved to approve the quote from Aeromark Mechanical, Inc. for the quarterly filter change and maintenance of 9 rooftop HVAC units for the 2026-2027 school year – Attachment 6.2

7. Old Business None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

8. New Business None.
Motion:
Seconded:
Action taken:
9. Information Items
1. Average monthly attendance from 6/1/26 – 6/30/26 - Attachment 9.1
2. Monthly report of attendance officer for the month ending June 2026
Attachment 9.2
3. 2025-2026 School Year Attendance Report – Attachment 9.3
10. Discussion Items
11. Public Comments None.
Open: 6:38 p.m.
Closed: 6:39 p.m.
12. Adjournment at 6:40 p.m.
Motion: Edmond Monti
Second: Matthew Vaccaro
Action Taken: 4 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurel Spadavecchia

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Business Administrator/ Board Secretary