

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

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Robert L. Craig School
Cafeteria
March 28, 2023

Call to order by Board Secretary

Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: David Vaccaro
James Campbell
Matthew Vaccaro
Charles Pallas
Edmond Monti

Members Absent: None

Also Present: James Knipper, Superintendent/Principal
Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Dana Genatt, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Jaclyn Morgese, Esq., 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.

• Resolved to move to Executive Session

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act, the Moonachie Board of Education shall conduct a closed executive session pursuant to the exception(s) prescribed by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and legal matters which are attorney-client privileged. It is anticipated that the length of time of this executive session will be 30 minutes and that the discussion undertaken in this closed session can be made public at the time official action is taken.

Motion: Edmond Monti

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

- Acceptance of Minutes of March 14, 2023, closed session and regular session, and Superintendent Report – Attachment 1.1

Motion: James Campbell
 Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro
 Action taken: 4 Ayes. 1 Abstain. Motion Approved.

- Acceptance of Correspondence

- Congratulatory letter from Anthony Albro, Superintendent of the Wood-Ridge Public Schools to Mr. Charles Pallas – Attachment 1.2

Motion: James Campbell
 Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro
 Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

- Superintendent’s Report

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro
 Seconded: Edmond Monti
 Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

Mr. Knipper introduced Mayor Dennis Vaccaro who bestowed a proclamation upon Mr. Charles Pallas, recognizing him for his 100th birthday and with respect and admiration for his services to the community for over 50 years.

Mr. Knipper held a moment of silence for the tragedy that occurred in the Nashville school shooting. He then announced that last day of school is changed to June 14 after giving back 3 snow days. The State of New Jersey has cancelled the spring Start Strong Assessments and the school is busy preparing for the summer. Budget planning is going well for next year. The 3rd grade trip to the Statue of Liberty went extremely well and the kids had such a great time.

Mr. David Vaccaro congratulated the Students of the Month and thanked the parents for supporting their children academically, noting what a big difference it makes in their education and daily lives.

Mrs. Dana Genatt announced * **Students of the Month**

<u>March</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Domenica Tripodi	PK
Kaden De Leon	K
Elizabeth Tamargo	1
Julie Tamargo	2
Daniella Scheuer	3
Eden Moore Lamy	4
Justin Zero	5
Luis Tapia Pacheco	Science MS
Isaac Aulestia Andrade	Math MS
Briana Cerna	ELA MS

▪ Submission of HIB Cases – March 2023	
<u>Investigations</u>	<u>Confirmed Cases</u>
1	1

- **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: James Campbell
 Seconded: Charles Pallas
 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 March 2023 for a total of \$171,856.69 –Attachment 2.1
2. Resolved to approve the Check Register for the month of February 2023 for \$622,854.98 - Attachment 2.2
3. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for March 15, 2023 for \$113,290.15 with gross wages of \$197,629.92 – Attachment 2.3
4. Resolved to approve check #1184 to Carlstadt-East Rutherford Regional Board of Education in the amount of \$21,029.10 from the Milk and Lunch account for January 2023 meals.
5. Resolved to approve the Bill of Sale between the Moonachie Board of Education and Sabino Cirillo for the purchase of a used scissor lift upright UL-20 in “as-is” condition in the amount of \$3000.00 – Attachment 2.5
6. Resolved to approve check #1185 to Carlstadt-East Rutherford Regional Board of Education in the amount of \$18,835.80 from the Milk and Lunch account for February 2023 meals.
7. Resolved to approve a Moonachie Board of Education \$1,000.00 Scholarship for a Moonachie student graduating Wood Ridge High School in June, 2023. The Board will be notified of the recipient when the award winner is determined.
8. Resolved to acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for March 2023 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 March 2023 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 to approve the transportation contract between the Moonachie Board of Education and South Bergen Jointure Commission, an approved Coordinated Transportation Services Agency, for the purposes of transporting students in accordance with Chapter 53, P.L. 1997 for the school year 2023-2024. The services to be provided include, but are not limited to, The Coordinated Transportation for non-public, out of district special education, vocational and summer programs. Be it further resolved, that the Moonachie Board of Education agrees to abide by the Transportation Services Agreement as published by the South Bergen Jointure Commission and attached to this resolution – Attachment 2.10
11. Resolved to accept the Treasurer's Report for month ending February 2023 – Attachment 2.11
12. Resolved to accept the Report of the Secretary to the Moonachie Board of Education for month ending February 2023 – Attachment 2.12
13. Resolved to approve the budgetary line-item transfers for February 2023 – Attachment 2.13

3. Policy None.
 Motion:
 Seconded:
 Action taken:

4. Personnel
 Motion: Matthew Vaccaro
 Seconded: Edmond Monti
 Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve Angelina Hernandez-Aguilar as Substitute Teacher for the 2022-2023 school year pending outcome of the Criminal History Background Screening.

5. Curriculum
 Motion: Charles Pallas
 Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro
 Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve the revised Moonachie Public Schools 2022-2023 Calendar – Attachment 5.1
2. Resolved to approve the following field trips:

Destination	Date	Cost
9/11 Memorial & Museum	5/20/22	Bus cost \$925.00

7th Grade Staff to attend: Greg Keelen, Daniel Alonso, Valerie Kenny, Donna Gallo		\$257.00 Tickets (27 students @\$2.00 each plus 4 staff and 3 parents)
NJASBO Annual Conference - Laurel Spadavecchia	June 6-9, 2023	\$275 Registration \$384 Hotel

6. Facilities

1. Resolved to approve Pennetta Industrial Automation, LLC, as the vendor to replace the HVAC condenser unit for the server room – Attachment 6.1

Motion: James Campbell
 Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro
 Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

7. Old Business None.

Motion:
 Seconded:
 Action taken:

8. New Business None.

Motion:
 Seconded:
 Action taken:

9. Information Items None.

10. Discussion Items

Mr. David Vaccaro led the discussion of hanging banners for the graduation high school seniors in our district. Wood-Ridge hangs banners for their seniors on their main thoroughfare and offered to include our students for a cost of \$15.00 per student. The Board discussed having the banners hung in our town instead and Mr. Knipper provided the cost as \$48 for a single banner or \$92 for a double banner. Mayor Dennis Vaccaro added that there is also a cost for labor as well as approval from Verizon to attach the banners to the telephone poles. Mrs. Spadavecchia recommended having the banners in both locations, with only WRHS students hung in Wood-Ridge while the entire senior class will be on display in Moonachie. The Board agreed to move forward with this recommendation and Mr. Knipper will contact the Mayor to begin the process.

11. Public Comments

Ms. Gina Semioli of 4 Diamond Way and Catalina Tamargo of 13 Lincoln Place asked about school security and officers on school grounds all day. Mr. Knipper, Police Chief Behrens and Mayor Vaccaro announced that they have been in communications regarding school security.

Open: 6:44 p.m.
 Closed: 7:01 p.m.

12. Adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Motion: James Campbell
Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro
Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurel Spadavecchia

Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary