

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

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Robert L. Craig School
Cafeteria
November 12, 2024

Call to order by Board Secretary

Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Members Absent: None

Also Present: James Knipper, Superintendent/Principal
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 October 15, 2024, closed session and regular session, and Superintendent Report – Attachment 1.1

Motion: Edmond Monti

Seconded: Candace Tarabocchia

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

- Acceptance of Correspondence

- NJ Department of Education ARP Consolidated Final Expenditure Report approval letters for ARP ESSER III, ARP Instruction, ARP Summer, ARP Afterschool, and ARP Emergency – Attachment 1.2

- NJ Department of Education Title I Comparability Application approval letter – Attachment 1.3

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

- Superintendent’s Report

Motion: Edmond Monti
 Seconded: Candace Tarabocchia
 Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

Mr. Knipper announced the Students of the Month and state that parent conferences will take place this week. 1st marking period report cards were published yesterday and parents were informed to check their portal. 22 Students attended Saturday school last week. He thanked the PTO and the Borough of Moonachie for a successful Trunk a Treat and Halloween dance. He announced events that will take place in November include Food Drive and movie night. He wished everyone a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

▪ Students of the Month:	<u>November</u>	<u>Grade</u>
	Leon Jakupovic	Pre-K
	Ezequiel Martinez Rosales	K
	Tian Dervishaj	1
	Zyriel Avila	2
	Gabriel Acevedo	3
	Stella Vocaturo	4
	Miamari Nunez-Ramos	5
	Genesis Grullon	MS ELA
	Jake Chan	MS Math
	Lyla Camporeale	MS Science
	Joseph Acevedo	Physical Education

ESL Graduation

Rafaela Urgilez	8
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- **Submission of HIB Cases – November 2024**

<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: Radley Macalintal

Seconded: Candace Tarabocchia

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 November 2024 for a total of \$488,687.95 –Attachment 2.1
2. Resolved to approve the Check Register for the month of September and Unposted Checks for \$435,077.88 – Attachment 2.2
3. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for October 31, 2024 for \$124,359.29 with gross pay wages of \$210,826.34– Attachment 2.3
4. Resolved to void check #1208 from the Milk and Lunch account due to clerical error and approve check #1209 to Carlstadt-East Rutherford Regional Board of Education in the amount of \$22,172.58 for the October 2024 meals.
5. Resolved to acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for November 2024 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 November 2024 that no budgetary line item account has been over-expended ad 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 submission of the NJ Department of Education FY24 Projected Preschool Enrollment 2025-2026 and Statement of Assurance.
8. Resolved to approve the submission of Preschool Program 3-Year Plan and Annual Update.
9. Resolved to approve the submission of the NJ Department of Education Confidence Closet grant in the amount of \$5,000.
10. Resolved to approve the Contracted Services Agreements between the Moonachie Board of Education and the South Bergen Jointure Commission for the 2024-2025 school year – Attachment 2.10
11. 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 2024-2025 school year – Attachment 2.11

12. Resolved to approve the Delta-T Group Substitute and Nursing Services Agreement for the 2024-2025 school year – Attachment 2.12
13. Resolved to approve check #1207 to Staples Advantage in the amount of \$235.79 from the Milk and Lunch account for the purchase of an APC- UPS battery backup for the cash register.
14. Resolved to approve the Cintas Semi-Annual Sprinkler Inspection for 8 wet systems – Attachment 2.14
15. Resolved to approve Document AIA Standard Form of Agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and Hear Construction, Inc. to perform the masonry restoration project of the Robert L. Craig School – Attachment 2.15
16. Resolved to accept the Treasurer’s Report for month ending September 2024 – Attachment 2.16
17. Resolved to accept the Report of Secretary to the Moonachie Board of Education for month ending September 2024 – Attachment 2.17
18. Resolved to approve the Monthly Transfer Report and budgetary line-item transfers for month ending September 2024 – Attachment 2.18

3. Policy

Motion: Edmond Monti

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve the School Safety and Security Plan Annual Review Statement of Assurance – Attachment 3.1
2. Resolved to approve a request from a senior high school student #7195772331 to continue to attend Wood-Ridge High School for the duration of the 2024-2025 school year until graduation while his family is relocating out-of-district in November.

4. Personnel

Motion: Radley Macalintal

Seconded: Candace Tarabocchia

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to rescind the offer of employment to Jaclyn Kim as Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.
2. Resolved to accept the resignation of employee #4085, Teacher, effective June 30, 2025 – Attachment 4.2
3. Resolved to approve Sandra Degirolamo as Leave Replacement Teacher at BA Step 1 at an annual salary of \$52,500 prorated for the 2024-2025 school year, effective November 16, 2024.
4. Resolved to approve Nayeli Mendoza for the Student Teacher Experience through the University of Phoenix for the Spring semester of the 2024-

2025 school year at no cost to the Board, pending outcome of the Criminal History Background Screening.

5. Curriculum

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: Edmond Monti

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve the following workshops and field trips:

Destination	Date	Cost
Montclair State University/ Prism Introduction to the NGSS & NJSLA for K-5 Teachers ~Brian DeSantis	January 8, 2025	\$200.00 plus travel
Montclair State University/ Prism Introduction to the NGSS & OpenSciEd for Administrators ~Dana Genatt	December 13, 2024	\$200.00 plus travel
University Hospital Training Center; Passaic County Community College Wanaque, NJ “Stop the Bleed, Train the Educator” Program ~Donna Gallo	December 12, 2024	Travel costs only
Annual Bilingual/ESL Conference; William Paterson University ~Luz Johnson	December 13, 2024	Travel costs only
Doyle’s Farm – 2nd Grade ~ Danielle Abbruzzesi, Michael Lia, Liliana Bravo, Dominique Fina	May 29, 2025	Tickets: \$260 Bus: TBD

6. Facilities

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: Candace Tarabocchia

Abstain: Edmond Monti

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

1. Resolved to approve Parent Door as the lowest cost quote for the replacement of five older metal doors – Attachment 6.1
2. Resolved to approve the Borough of Wood-Ridge facilities request for indoor recreation soccer practice in the gymnasium on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning on January 7, 2024-February 27, 2025.

7. Old Business None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

8. New Business

Candace Tarabocchia is working with the PTO to celebrate the 70th birthday bash for the Robert L. Craig School. She will coordinate with Mrs. Spadavecchia and Mr. David Vaccaro to obtain historical data.

9. Information Items
1. Average monthly attendance from 10/1/24 – 10/31/24 - Attachment 9.1
 2. Monthly Report of Attendance Officer for the month ending October 2024 Attachment 9.2
10. Discussion Items None.
11. Public Comments
- Open: 6:54 p.m.
Closed: 6:55 p.m.
- Mr. Nunzio Cervone, 215 E. Park Street, asked the Board about its residency policy as he has noticed a student taking a bus to Wood-Ridge High School that he believes does not live in Moonachie. The Board explained the process to verify residency and then directed him to speak with Mrs. Spadavecchia regarding the situation for her to investigate the matter.
12. Adjournment: 6:58 p.m.
Motion: Edmond Monti
Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro
Action taken: 5 Ayes. Motion Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurel Spadavecchia

Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary