

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

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Robert L. Craig School

Cafeteria

December 10, 2019

Call to order by Board President

Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: David Vaccaro

Charles Pallas

Matthew Vaccaro

Edmond Monti

Members Absent: James Campbell

Also Present: Dr. Jonathan Ponds, Superintendent/Principal

Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

James Knipper, Director of Curriculum & Instruction

Jillian Freda, 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: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: Edmond Monti

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

- Acceptance of Minutes of November 12, 2019, closed session and regular session, and Superintendent Report – Attachment 1.1

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro
 Seconded: Edmond Monti
 Action taken: 4 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion Approved.

- Acceptance of Correspondence

Motion:
 Seconded:
 Action taken:

- Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Ponds and Mr. Knipper presented the Students of the Month and announced that student scores have increased 30% in ELA and 18% in Math over a span of 5 years. They would like to thank parents, teachers and staff for all their hard work. The new goal is to attain 90% proficiency in both ELA and Math scores.

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro
 Seconded: Edmond Monti
 Action taken: 4 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion Approved.

- Students of the Month

<u>November</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Amber Collado	1
Ethan Montero	3
Jerry Rivera	8

- **Submission of HIB Cases – November 2019**

<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: Charles Pallas
 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 November 2019 for a total of \$561,302.05 – Attachment 2.1
2. Resolved to approve the Check Register for the month of October 2019 for \$390,431.67 - Attachment 2.2
3. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for November 15, 2019 for \$98,837.68 – Attachment 2.3
4. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for November 30, 2019 for \$93,020.49 – Attachment 2.4
5. Resolved to accept the Treasurer’s Report for month ending October 2019 – Attachment 2.5
6. Resolved to approve the budgetary line-item transfers for October 2019 – Attachment 2.6
7. Resolved to accept the Report of Secretary to the Moonachie Board of Education for month ending October 2019 – Attachment 2.7
8. Resolved to acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for December 2019 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 December 2019 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 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) carryover funds for the 2019-2020 school year in the following amounts:

Title I A	\$1597.00
Title I SIA Part A	\$11,200.00
Title IIA	\$932.00
Title IV Part A	\$748.00

11. Resolved to approve check #1134 to Carlstadt-East Rutherford Regional Board of Education in the amount of \$20,719.00 from the Milk and Lunch account.
12. Resolved to approve the Renewal Agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and Xtel Communications for a 36-month term effective December 12, 2019 – Attachment 2.12

13. Resolved to approve the Special Education Tuition Contract between the Moonachie Board of Education and Paradigm Therapeutic Day School for the 2019-2020 school year – Attachment 2.13

3. Policy

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: Edmond Monti

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

1. Resolved to approve the Uniform Memorandum of Agreement between education and law enforcement officials for the 2019-2020 school year – Attachment 3.1

4. Personnel

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: Edmond Monti

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

1. Resolved to approve the following staff to work at the Preschool Family Nights from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm on November 21, 2019, February 6, 2020, April 2, 2020 and June 2020 (date to be determined) at an hourly rate of \$44.30:

Kathleen Reilly

Allison Cuccarese

Donna Gallo

Kathleen Kinsella

Mr. David Vaccaro wanted to ensure that this be approved on an annual basis. Mrs. Spadavecchia stated it would be required to have board approval every year.

2. Resolved to approve Linda Esposito as Classroom Aide at an annual salary of \$20,000.00 effective January 2, 2020, pro-rated for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.
3. Resolved to accept the resignation of Laurie Scarvaglione as School Aide – Attachment 3.3

5. Curriculum

Motion: Charles Pallas

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

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

1. Resolved to approve field trips:

Destination	Date	Cost
Liberty Science Center – 1 st Grade Natasha Dillon, Sarah Rothchild, Jessica Sansone	March 17, 2020	Bus: \$325.00 Parking: \$10.00 Tickets: \$150.00

2. Resolved to approve workshops:

Destination	Date	Cost
NJAH PERO Annual Convention – Joseph Gingerelli	February 24-26, 2020	No cost except travel
Orton Gillingham Training – Allison Stanisci and Danielle Carrione	Stanisci – March 16-20 Carrione – May 11-15	Stanisci \$1,175.00 Carrione \$1,175.00 Total cost to be paid for from the Title I SIA Part A Grant

6. Facilities

Motion: 6.1-6.3 Edmond Monti; 6.4 Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: 6.1-6.3 Matthew Vaccaro; 6.4 Edmond Monti

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

1. Resolved to approve the use of the school gymnasium to host a Robotics Competition in conjunction with the South Bergen Jointure Commission on Wednesday, January 22, 2020 from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
2. Resolved to approve the Fire Sprinkler System Annual Inspection Report – Attachment 6.2
3. Resolved to approve the repair and replacement of deficiency items as noted in the Fire Sprinkler System Annual Inspection Report – Attachment 6.3
4. Resolved to approve the Rutgers Institute of Reading Summer 2020 classroom rental – Attachment 6.4

7. Old Business None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

8. New Business None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

9. Information Items

1. Average monthly attendance from 11/1/19 – 11/30/19 - Attachment 9.1
2. Monthly report of attendance officer for the month ending November 2019 Attachment 9.2

10. Discussion Items

Mr. David Vaccaro requested permission from the Board to participate in the Audit Exit Conference. The Board approved. Mr. David Vaccaro also thanked

everyone for their hard work and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

11. Public Comments

Open: 6:45 p.m.

Closed: 6:47 p.m.

Mr. Anthony Cirillo thanked the Board and the staff for their hard work and he is spreading all the good news regarding the school throughout the community. Mr. David Vaccaro mentioned that he would like to see more of the district's successes published in the media for our community members to be informed.

12. Adjournment at 6:48 p.m.

Motion: Edmond Monti

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

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

Respectfully submitted,

Laurel Spadavecchia

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Board Administrator/Board Secretary