

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

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Robert L. Craig School

Cafeteria

February 20, 2024

Call to order by Board President

Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: David Vaccaro

Matthew Vaccaro

Candace Tarabocchia

Members Absent: Edmond Monti

Radley Macalintal

Also Present: James Knipper, Superintendent/Principal

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.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Dennis McKeever, Esq. is hereby appointed to act as the Board of Education Secretary *pro tem* for the February 20, 2024 Board of Education meeting.

- Acceptance of Minutes of January 30, 2024 closed session and regular session, and Superintendent Report Minutes – Attachment 1.1
Motion: Matthew Vaccaro
Seconded: Candace Tarabocchia
Action taken: 3 Ayes. 2 Absent. Motion Approved.
- Acceptance of Correspondence None.
Motion:
Seconded:
Action taken:
- Superintendent's Report

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro
 Seconded: Candace Tarabocchia
 Action taken: 3 Ayes. 2 Absent. Motion Approved.

▪ **Students of the Month**

<u>February</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Isabella Franco	Pre-K
Alexandra Perez	Kindergarten
Zyriel Avila	1
Tayra Cutz Camaja	2
Anabelle Paz-Almanzar	3
Eyvaa Rivas	4
Daniella Migliorino	5
Penelope Jaconetta	MS Social Studies
Viraj Phonsia	MS ELA
Sarai Juarez	MS Math
Alison Carrion	Spanish

ESL Graduate Recognition:

Kilian Rodriguez	K
Emely Gonzalez	1
Alison Carrion	2
Tayra Cutz Camaja	2
Valentina Zhinin-Munoz	2
Mathias Diaz Ramirez	2

▪ **Submission of HIB Cases – February 2024**

<u>Investigations</u>	<u>Confirmed Cases</u>
2	2

• **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: Candace Tarabocchia
 Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro
 Action taken: 3 Ayes. 2 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 done and performed for January 2024 for \$91,338.91–Attachment 2.1
 2. Resolved to approve the Check Register for the month of January 2024 for \$421,322.00 – Attachment 2.2
 3. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for January 31, 2024 for \$112,678.17 with gross pay wages of \$195,713.13 – Attachment 2.3
 4. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for February 15, 2024 for \$121,062.25 with gross pay wages of \$207,875.53 – Attachment 2.4
 5. Motion that the Moonachie Board of Education request that the County Executive Superintendent of Schools grant a waiver of compliance with respect to the district’s participation in Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program for the 2024-2023 school year – Attachment 2.5
 6. Resolved to approve check #1197 to Carlstadt-East Rutherford Regional Board of Education in the amount of \$19,206.20 from the Milk and Lunch account for January 2024 meals.
 7. Resolved to acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for February 2024 that no budgetary line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Moonachie Board of Education.
 8. Resolved to acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for February 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.
 9. Resolved to approve the Classroom Rental Agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and the Meadowlands Area YMCA – Attachment 2.9
 10. Resolved to approve the Teo Technologies Change Order 002 acknowledging the Contract Sum will be decreased by this Change Order in the amount of \$18,829.00 – Attachment 2.10
 11. Resolved to approve the submission of the Division of Early Childhood Services 2024-2025 Enrollment and Budget Workbook and 2024-2025 Budget Narrative Amendment.
3. Policy None.
 Motion:
 Seconded:
 Action taken:

4. Personnel

Motion: Candace Tarabocchia

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

Action taken: 3 Ayes. 2 Absent. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve Liliana Bravo as Part-Time Aide at an hourly rate of \$17.00 for the 2023-2024 school year, pending outcome of the Criminal History Background Screening.
2. Resolved to approve Nataly Guerrero as Substitute Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year, pending outcome of the Criminal History Background Screening.
3. Resolved to approve Leslie Sierra as Administrative Assistant for the 2023-2024 school year, at a salary of \$42,500 prorated for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year pending outcome of the Criminal History Background Screening.
4. Resolved to approve a Family Leave Act (FMLA) leave of absence for Anne Marie Frascella commencing on February 12, 2024 following FMLA regulations without pay, to be supplemented by use of earned sick leave – Attachment 4.4

5. Curriculum

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: Candace Tarabocchia

Action taken: 3 Ayes. 2 Absent. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve the 2024-2025 school year calendar – Attachment 5.1
2. Resolved to approve the following field trips:

Destination	Date	Cost
9/11 Memorial & Museum 7th Grade Staff to attend: Greg Keelen, Valerie Kenny, Ms. Trause, Donna Gallo, Ms. Henrickson	5/29/24	Bus cost \$650.00 Tickets not to exceed \$420 (37 students @\$2.00 each plus 5 staff and 3 parents)

6. Facilities

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: Candace Tarabocchia

Action taken: 3 Ayes. 2 Absent. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve, at the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Moonachie Board of Education authorize DMR Architects to prepare and submit to the New Jersey Department of Education documentation for the MASONRY RESTORATION PROJECT at the ROBERT L. CRAIG SCHOOL IN MOONACHIE, NEW JERSEY. THE PROJECT WAS PREVIOUSLY SENT TO THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND WAS NOT APPROVED FOR GRANT FUNDING as a tier 1 project.

WHEREAS, this project requires the preparation of schematic drawings, and schematic Re-submission to the State of New Jersey Department of Education for the purpose of review and approval as an “Other Capital Project” which is NOT seeking state grant funding.

WHEREAS, this project is consistent with the current Long-Range Facilities Plan. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Moonachie Board of Education authorizes DMR Architects to prepare and submit the New Jersey Department of Education documentation for Masonry Restoration Project at the Robert L. Craig School.

7. Old Business None.
Motion:
Seconded:
Action taken:
8. New Business None.
Motion:
Seconded:
Action taken:
9. Information Items
 1. Average Monthly Attendance from 1/1/24 – 1/31/24 – Attachment 9.1
 2. Monthly Report of Attendance Officer for the month of January 2024 – Attachment 9.2
10. Discussion Items None.
11. Public Comments None.
Open: 6:52 p.m.
Closed: 6:53 p.m.
12. Adjournment 6:54 p.m.
Motion: Matthew Vaccaro
Seconded: Candace Tarabocchia
Action taken: 3 Ayes. 2 Absent. Motion Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurel Spadavecchia

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