

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

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Robert L. Craig School

Media Center

September 4, 2018

Call to order by Board President Meeting opened at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Dr. Jonathan Ponds, Superintendent/Principal
Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary
James Knipper, Director of Curriculum
Kathleen Nestor 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.

• Motion 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: James Campbell

Seconded: Charles Pallas

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Approved.

- Acceptance of Minutes of August 14, 2018, closed session and regular session, and Superintendent Report – Attachment 1.1
 Motion: James Campbell
 Seconded: Charles Pallas
 Action taken: 5 Ayes. Approved.
- Acceptance of Correspondence None.
 Motion:
 Seconded:
 Action taken:
- Superintendent’s Report
 Dr. Ponds announced that today was the first day of school for the 2018-2019 school year and everything went smoothly. Staff was trained on the new security measures that will be in effect immediately. Also, student growth was achieved as measured by student PARCC scores which will be made available in an upcoming Board of Education meeting presentation.
 Motion: Matthew Vaccaro
 Seconded: Edmond Monti
 Action taken: 5 Ayes. Approved.
- 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: James Campbell
 Action taken: 5 Ayes. 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 August 2018 for a total of \$114,678.45—Attachment 2.1
2. Resolved to approve the revised Bills and Claims against the Board of Education for equipment, materials and supplies furnished and delivered, and for work performed for August 2018 for a total of \$77,206.32 due to a vendor credit –Attachment 2.2
3. Resolved to approve the Check Register for the month of August 2018 for \$77,206.32 - Attachment 2.3

4. Resolved to approve the revised Monthly Transfer Report for the month of June 2018 – Attachment 2.4
5. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for August 15, 2018 for \$34,109.45 – Attachment 2.5
6. Resolved to accept the Treasurers Report for July 2018 – Attachment 2.6
7. Resolved to accept the Report of the Secretary of the Moonachie Board of Education for July 2018 – Attachment 2.7
8. Resolved to approve the Monthly Transfer Report for July 2018 – Attachment 2.8
9. Resolved to approve the Techbook Purchase Agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and Discovery Education, Inc. for the 2018-2019 school year – Attachment 2.9
Mr. David Vaccaro asked if this was a new subscription or a renewal and Mr. James Knipper replied it is a renewal and it is being actively used in the district on a daily basis.
10. Resolved to approve the Smartsheet Engage '18 quote for the Business 5 Starter Pack Core Platform and Professional Support – Attachment 2.10
Mr. David Vaccaro requested additional information regarding the use of Smartsheet Engage '18 and Dr. Jonathan Ponds replied that it's a tool to aide the administrative team in organizing data.
11. Resolved to approve the Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and the Carlstadt-East Rutherford Regional Board of Education for the 2018-2019 school year – Attachment 2.11
12. Resolved to approve the Special Education Tuition Contract Agreements between the Moonachie Board of Education and South Bergen Jointure Commission for the 2018-2019 school year – Attachment 2.12
13. Resolved to authorize the submission of the Preschool Education Expansion Aide (PEEA) application for Fiscal Year 2019 and accept the grant award of these funds upon subsequent approval of the FY2019 PEEA application at a rate of \$13,047 per student with anticipation of 25 students.
14. Resolved to approve check number #157 as a replacement to lost check #142 to Nicole Wohlrab in the amount of \$1,808.70 from the Summer Savings account.
15. Resolved to approve the Special Education Tuition Contract Agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and Bleshman Regional Day School Board of Education for the 2018-2019 school year – Attachment 2.15
16. Resolved to approve the Special Education Tuition Contract Agreements between the Moonachie Board of Education and Bergen County Special Services Board of Education for the 2018-2019 school year – Attachment 2.16

3. Policy
Motion: Matthew Vaccaro
Seconded: Edmond Monti
Action taken: 5 Ayes. Approved.
1. Resolved to approve the Comprehensive Equity Plan Annual Statement of Assurance – School Year 2018-2019 – Attachment 3.1

4. Personnel
Motion: Edmond Monti
Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro
Action taken: 5 Ayes. Approved.
1. Resolved to approve travel to the New Jersey School Board Association Workshop in Atlantic City from October 22-25, 2018 for a group rate of \$1600.00 for the following:
Jonathan Ponds David Vaccaro James Campbell
Charles Pallas Edmond Monti Matthew Vaccaro
Laurel Spadavecchia
2. Resolved to approve Jason Selle, 3rd Grade Teacher at BA Step 1 for an annual salary of \$49,045 for the 2018-2019 school year.
3. Resolved to approve Denise Wicki as Part-Time Teacher Aide at a rate of \$14.11 for the 2018-2019 school year.
4. Resolved to approve to approve Romina Grisha as a Part-time Teacher Aide at a rate of \$11.00 per hour, pending Criminal History Background Screening.
5. Resolved to approve to approve Laurie Scarvaglionone as a Part-time Teacher Aide at a rate of \$14.11 per hour, pending Criminal History Background Screening.
6. Resolved to approve a Leave of Absence for Nicole Jennosa for the 2018-2019 school year, to return to work effective September 1, 2019.
7. Resolved to approve the posting of a Reading & Test Coordinator stipend position for the 2018-2019 school year as per the Moonachie Education Association collective Bargaining Agreement at an annual rate of \$1,476.12.
8. Resolved to accept the donation of two palates of paper from 4over Super Trade Printer, 4 Empire Boulevard, Moonachie.

5. Curriculum None.
Motion:
Seconded:
Action taken:

6. Facilities
Motion: James Campbell

Seconded: Charles Pallas
Action taken: 5 Ayes. Approved.

1. Discussion of quote from J.P. Patti Tecta America for the repair of the roof/flashing operations – Attachment 6.1

The Board discussed the quote and will reexamine the issues presented periodically throughout the school year.

2. Resolved to approve the List of Items Being Discarded – Attachment 6.2

7. Old Business None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

8. New Business None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

9. Information Items None.

10. Discussion Items None.

11. Public Comments

Open: 6:47 p.m.

Closed: 6:48 p.m.

Kathleen Kinsella, 31 Oak Street, suggested the Board investigate going out for a bond regarding the problems with the roof. The Board recommended seeking a recommendation from DMR Architects which the Business Administrator will secure.

David Vaccaro announced that Back to School Night will be held on September 13 followed by a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Garden Project. All are encouraged to attend.

12. Adjournment from Public Session at 6:50 p.m.

Motion: James Campbell

Seconded: Charles Pallas

Action taken: 5 Ayes. Approved.

No further closed session took place.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurel Spadavecchia

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Business Administrator/Board Secretary