

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

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Robert L. Craig School  
Cafeteria

February 21, 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

Members Absent: Edmond Monti

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

- Acceptance of Minutes of January 31, 2023 closed session and regular session, and Superintendent Report Minutes – Attachment 1.1

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

- Acceptance of Correspondence

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

- Superintendent's Report

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

Mr. Knipper announced the new playground installation had begun and should be ready for the Spring. Mrs. Genatt has been busy with benchmark testing and the leadership team is preparing for summer and the next school year.

Mr. David Vaccaro congratulated the students of the month and thanked them and their parents for their hard work.

▪ **Students of the Month**

<u>January</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Liam Dentzau	Pre-K
Hailey Alpaca	Kindergarten
Elizabeth Tamargo	1
Xander Bautista	2
Miguel Olivares	3
Michael Kwless	4
Ana Velez	5
Santiago Somoza	MS Social Studies
Vivian Camacho	MS ELA
Kyleigh Alpaca	MS Math
Ambar Avila	Spanish
Daniela Ortiz Padeana	ESL

▪ **Submission of HIB Cases – January 2023**

<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 done and performed for January 2023 for a total of \$912,911.25 – Attachment 2.1

2. Resolved to approve the Check Register for the month of January 2023 for \$784,700.33 – Attachment 2.2
3. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for January 31, 2023 for \$108,771.72 with gross pay wages of \$185,584.79 – Attachment 2.3
4. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for February 15, 2023 for \$114,891.74 with gross pay wages of \$196,412.62 – Attachment 2.4
5. Resolved 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 2023-2024 school year – Attachment 2.5
6. Resolved to approve check #1361 from the Payroll Agency account in the amount of \$103.91 to Emily Rodriguez as a refund to a returned direct deposit for the January 31, 2023 payroll.
7. Resolved to approve the donation of \$1500.00 from the Moonachie Education Association to be used for the Robert L. Craig School Store.
8. Resolved to approve check #1183 to Carlstadt-East Rutherford Regional Board of Education in the amount of \$16,554.90 from the Milk and Lunch account for December 2022 meals.
9. Resolved to acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for February 2023 that no budgetary line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the amount appropriated by the Moonachie Board of Education.
10. Resolved to acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for February 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.
11. Resolved to approve the Contracted Services Agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and the South Bergen Jointure Commission for the 2023-2024 school year – Attachment 2.11
12. Resolved to approve the Contracted Services Agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and the South Bergen Jointure Commission for Summer 2023 – Attachment 2.12
13. Whereas, The Moonachie Board of Education recognizes that Governor Murphy signed P.L 2022, c.18 on June 30, 2022, that the State of New Jersey, Department of Education, is accepting applications for grant funding for school facilities projects in regular operating districts (ROD).

Whereas, The Moonachie Board of Education acknowledges that the required documentation must be submitted to New Jersey Department of Education to apply for Grant Funding for the Masonry Restoration Project

at Robert L. Craig School, 20 West Park Street, Moonachie, New Jersey, which is consistent with the current approved LRFP.

Whereas, The Moonachie Board of Education acknowledges that the local matching funds for the balance of the project will be funded out of Capital Reserve.

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Moonachie Board of Education authorizes DMR Architects to prepare and submit to the New Jersey Department of Education documentation for Grant Funding for the Masonry Restoration Project at The Robert L. Craig School.

14. Resolved to approve DMR Proposal #M-2023-053 for the masonry restoration project – Attachment 2.14

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

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

1. Resolved to approve Valerie Kenny for the Robotics/ STEAM Team Club to be paid at an hourly rate \$49.43 not to exceed 30 hours from the ARP ESSER III grant for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.

2. Resolved to approve Justin Bronner as a Technology Teacher effective April 7, 2023 at step MA/8 for an annual salary \$68,705 prorated for the remainder of the 2022-2023 pending outcome of the Criminal History Background Screening.

3. Resolved to approve the movement of Dixie Romero from Part-Time Aide to Full-Time Aide effective March 1, 2023 at an annual salary of \$20,000 pro-rated for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year, to be paid from the Preschool Education Aid grant.

4. Resolved to approve Caitlyn Henrickson for Extra-Curricula Student Council at an hourly rate of \$49.43 not to exceed 30 hours.

5. Curriculum  
Motion:                      Charles Pallas  
Seconded:                  Matthew Vaccaro  
Action taken:              4 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion Approved.

1. Resolved to approve the following workshop:

<b>Destination</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Sterling Hill Mining 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Trip ~ Jean Gaito, Brian Desantis, Joan Boniello	April 4, 2023	\$218 board share of tickets Bus Cost TBD

6. Facilities

1. Resolved to approve the Karl & Associates Environmental Protection Agency Six Month Surveillance for February 2023 – Attachment 6.1

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

7. Old Business None.

Motion:  
 Seconded:  
 Action taken:

8. New Business None.

Motion:  
 Seconded:  
 Action taken:

9. Information Items

1. Average Monthly Attendance from 1/1/23 – 1/31/23 – Attachment 9.1  
 2. Monthly Report of Attendance Officer for the month of January 2023 – Attachment 9.2

10. Discussion Items None.

11. Public Comments None.

Open: 6:50 p.m.  
 Closed: 6:51 p.m.

12. Adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

*Laurel Spadavecchia*

Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary