

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

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Robert L. Craig School

Cafeteria

May 23, 2023

Call to order by Board Secretary

Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: David Vaccaro
James Campbell
Charles Pallas
Edmond Monti

Members Absent: Matthew Vaccaro

Also Present: James Knipper, Superintendent/Principal
Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

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 May 9, 2023, Regular session, and Superintendent Report – Attachment 1.1
Motion: Edmond Monti
Seconded: James Campbell
Action taken: 4 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion Approved.
- Acceptance of Correspondence None.
Motion:
Seconded:
Action taken:
- Superintendent's Report
Mr. Knipper announced the Students of the Month and stated that every award winner should be proud as not every child gets a trophy, they have to work very hard to earn it. He also announced today was the last day of regular state testing and once data is released, it is analyzed as it drives instruction. He will then present it to the Board.

He announced the last day of school will be June 14 as a half day, the 8th grade graduation will be June 13, the 8th grade dance is tomorrow night and Student in Government Day is June 25. At the Memorial Day service on Saturday May 27, students will be singing and reading their poetry.

Mr. David Vaccaro echoed Mr. Knipper’s sentiment that students earn the Student of the Month award and he thanked the students for their hard work as well as the parents who support their children. He asked parents to continue to stay involved in the children’s lives as it makes a big difference in their education and personal lives.

Motion: Edmond Monti
 Seconded: James Campbell
 Action taken: 4 Ayes. 1 Absent. Motion Approved.

▪ **Students of the Month**

<u>May</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Monroe Minervini	Pre-K
Audrey Cirincione	K
Logan De La Cruz	1
Stella Vocaturo	2
Zaimon Avelenda	3
Dionelys James	4
Nicholas Izaguirre	5
Dayana Arias	Middle School Science
Matthew Arnone	Middle School ELA
Antonio Regus	Middle School Math
Martina Goicoechea	Music

▪ **Submission of HIB Cases – May 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: James Campbell
 Seconded: Charles Pallas
 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 May 2023 for a total of \$782,261.14 –Attachment 2.1
2. Resolved to approve the Check Register for the month of April 2023 for \$101,923.51 - Attachment 2.2
3. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for May 15, 2023 for \$115,234.42 with gross pay wages of \$196,234.04 – Attachment 2.3
4. Resolved to acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for May 2023 that no budgetary line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which total exceed the amount appropriated by the Moonachie Board of Education.
5. Resolved to acknowledge receipt of the monthly certification of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary of May 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.
6. Resolved to approve the Zurich American Insurance Company Business Travel Accident Insurance application effective July 1, 2023 to July 1, 2026 - Attachment 2.6
7. Resolved to approve the Special Education Tuition Contract Agreements for Summer 2023 between the Moonachie Board of Education and the South Bergen Jointure Commission – Attachment 2.7
8. Resolved to approve check #1187 to Carlstadt-East Rutherford Regional Board of Education in the amount of \$15,606.00 from the Milk & Lunch account for April 2023 meals.
9. Resolved to approve Nu-Way Concessionaires, Inc. as the summer meals vendor at \$2.15 per breakfast, and \$3.62 per lunch, 100 Breakfast and 100 lunches per day for 33 days June 19 – August 4, 2023 – Attachment 2.9
10. Resolved to accept the Treasurer’s Report for month ending April 2023 – Attachment 10
11. Resolved to accept the Report of Secretary to the Moonachie Board of Education for month ending April 2023 – Attachment 11
12. Resolved to approve the budgetary line-item transfers for April 2023 – Attachment 12

3. Policy
Motion:
Seconded:
Action taken:

4. Personnel
Motion:
Seconded:
Action taken:

1. Resolved to approve the position of Licensed Social Worker for the 2023-2024 school year as a shared service between the Moonachie Board of Education and the Wood-Ridge Board of Education – Attachment 4.1
2. Resolved to approve the Licensed Social Worker Shared Services Agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and the Wood-Ridge Board of Education for the 2023-2024 school year – Attachment 4.2
3. Resolved to approve Carolina Mendizabal as Licensed Social Worker for the 2023-2024 school year at an annual salary of \$62,500, pending outcome of the Criminal History Background Screening.
4. Resolved to approve the Summer Extended School Year 2023 Staff – Attachment 4.4
5. Resolved to approve Linda Esposito as Administrative Assistant effective June 1, 2023 at an annual salary of \$42,000 prorated for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.

5. Curriculum

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

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

Destination	Date	Cost
Moonachie Park and Police Station Kindergarten ~Kim Samarelli, Allison Cahill, Dixie Romero, Allison Stanisci	5/25/23 9:30 am – 12:00pm	No cost

6. Facilities

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

1. Resolved to approve the 2022-2023 Submission of Lead Testing Statement of Assurance for a Lead Testing Year – Attachment 6.1

7. Old Business

8. New Business

9. Information Items

10. Discussion Items

Mr. Pallas noted that Antonio Regus who won the Math Student of the Month award is also a member of the Chess Club. The fact that chess helps improve math abilities, Mr. Pallas asked Mr. Knipper to continue to encourage participation in the Chess Club amongst our student population.

Mr. David Vaccaro announced that the public is welcome to attend the Student in Government Day on Thursday, May 25 and the Memorial Day service on Saturday, May 27.

11. Public Comments None.

Open: 6:50 p.m.

Closed: 6:51 p.m.

12. Adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Motion: Charles Pallas

Seconded: James Vaccaro

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurel Spadavecchia

Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary