

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

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING

Robert L. Craig School
Cafeteria
September 12, 2023

Call to order by Board Secretary

Meeting opened at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Members Present: David Vaccaro
Matthew Vaccaro
Edmond Monti

Members Absent: None.

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

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.

- Acceptance of Minutes of August 23, 2022, closed session and regular session, and Superintendent Report – Attachment 1.1

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: Edmond Monti

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

- Acceptance of Correspondence None.

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken:

- Superintendent's Report

Mr. Knipper announced the school has had a great start to the new year. Tutoring and intervention meetings have already begun as well as Common Planning Time meetings between classroom teachers. STAR testing will

begin this week. He also announced the YMCA program has launched this week and is going very well.

Mr. Knipper also thanked Mayor Dennis Vaccaro for a beautiful September 11 Ceremony. He also thanked the three guest students who read their poetry as well as Ms. Kimberly Schmidt and her students for the music they provided for the ceremony.

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: Edmond Monti

Action taken: 3 Ayes. 2 Vacant. Motion 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: Edmond Monti

Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro

Action taken: 3 Ayes. 2 Vacant. 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 August 2023 for a total of \$92,690.88–Attachment 2.1
2. Resolved to approve the Check Register for the month of August 2023 for \$463,532.43 - Attachment 2.2
3. Resolved to approve the Payroll Check Register for August 31, 2023 for \$72,804.75 with gross pay wages of \$34,668.75 to include \$50,404.07 in Summer Savings Payroll – Attachment 2.3
4. Resolved to approve the Special Education Tuition Contracts between the Moonachie Board of Education and the South Bergen Jointure Commission for the 2023-2024 school year – Attachment 2.4
5. Resolved to approve Amendment #1 to the Business Associate Agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and Brown & Brown Benefit Advisors, Inc. This Addendum adds wording to the Agreement regarding the definition of the word “Affiliate.” All other terms and conditions of the Agreement remain the same – Attachment 2.5

3. Policy

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro

Seconded: Edmond Monti

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

- Resolved to approve the following New & Revised Policies and Regulations – Attachment 3.1:

P1642.01	Sick Leave	New
R1642.01	Sick Leave	New
P2419	School Threat Assessment Teams	Revised
R2419	School Threat Assessment Teams	New

4. Personnel

Motion: Edmond Monti
 Seconded: Matthew Vaccaro
 Action taken: 3 Ayes. 2 Vacant. Motion Approved.

- Resolved to approve Roy Krieger as Substitute Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year pending outcome of the Criminal History Background Screening.
- Resolved to approve Jessica Kulsha as Substitute Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year pending outcome of the Criminal History Background Screening.
- Resolved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and Montclair State University to provide practicum experience to students enrolled in the MSW program – Attachment 4.3
- Resolved to approve travel to the New Jersey School Board Association Workshop in Atlantic City from October 23-26, 2023 for a group rate of \$2,100.00 for the following:

James Knipper	David Vaccaro	Edmond Monti
Matthew Vaccaro	Candace Tarabocchia	TBD
Laurel Spadavecchia		
- Resolved to approve Cheryl Segro as School Aide at an hourly rate of \$16.00 for the 2023-2024 school year pending outcome of the Criminal History Background Screening.

5. Curriculum

Motion: Matthew Vaccaro
 Seconded: Edmond Monti
 Action taken: 3 Ayes. 2 Vacant. Motion Approved.

- Resolved to approve the following workshops and field trips:

Destination	Date	Cost
Camp Bernie 8 th Grade Field Trip ~Greg Keelen, Lisa Selle, Donna Gallo, Paula Hill, Deborah Maiorano	November 3, 2023	Tickets: \$150 Bus Cost:1,800

6. Facilities None.
Motion:
Seconded:
Action taken:

7. Old Business None.
Motion:
Seconded:
Action taken:

8. New Business None.
Motion:
Seconded:
Action taken:

9. Information Items
Mr. David Vaccaro announced that Back to School Night will be held on September 13, 2023 at 6:30 and encouraged all Board Members to attend.

10. Discussion Items

11. Public Comments
Open: 6:43 p.m.
Closed: 6:44 p.m.

Mr. Antony Cirillo congratulated the district on a great start to the school year. He recognized the absences of Mr. James Campbell and Mr. Charles Pallas as Board members and thanked them for their years of service and wished them good luck for their future.

12. Adjourned at 6:47 p.m.
Motion: Matthew Vaccaro
Seconded: Edmond Monti
Action taken: 3 Ayes. 2 Vacant. Motion Approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurel Spadavecchia

Laurel Spadavecchia, Business Administrator/Board Secretary