

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

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Robert L. Craig School  
Cafeteria  
September 13, 2016

Call to order by Board President

Meeting opened at 6:30 PM

Roll Call

Members Present: David Vaccaro, James Campbell, Sheila King, Charles Pallas  
Member Absent: Melissa Rose  
Also Present: Dr. Jonathan Ponds, Superintendent/Principal  
Dr. Vincent Occhino, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Board Attorney, Nicholas Savio, Esq  
Staff members Greg Keelen and Kathy Kinsella

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, 2016 - closed session and regular session, and Superintendent Report – Attachment 1.1

Motion: James Campbell

Seconded: Sheila King

Action taken: Approved Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1

- Acceptance of Correspondence

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken: No Correspondence

- Superintendent's Report

Motion: Charles Pallas  
Seconded: James Campbell  
Action taken: Approved Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1

- Activities for the student first day.

- 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.

Open at 6:35 PM No Comments Closed at 6:38 PM

2. Finance

Motion: James Campbell  
Seconded: Charles Pallas  
Action taken: Approved Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1

1. Resolve that the Moonachie Board of Education approve the Bills and Claims against the Board of Education for equipment, materials and supplies furnished and delivered, and for work done and performed from August 25, 2016 through September 8, 2016. (Attachment 2.1)
2. Resolve that the Moonachie Board of Education approve the tuition contract between Windsor Learning Center and the Moonachie Board of Education for the school year 2016-2017.  
(Attachment 2.2)

3. Policy

Motion: James Campbell  
Seconded: Charles Pallas  
Action taken: Approved Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1

1. Resolve that the Moonachie Board of Education approve the 2015-2016 HIB Survey.

4. Personnel

Motion: Sheila King  
Seconded: James Campbell

Action taken Motion #1:

Ayes 3 Nays Mrs. King Absent 1

1. Resolve that the Moonachie Board of Education approve Ernest Turner as Treasurer of School Monies at the annual salary of \$6,000 paid over 24 equal installments beginning July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. (Attachment 4.1)

Action taken Motion #2 through 8:

Approved Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1

2. Resolve that the Moonachie Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to hire two part-time clerks, 6 hours per day, at \$18.00 per hour with no benefits.
3. Resolve that the Moonachie Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to hire substitute teachers and substitute teacher aides.
4. Resolve that the Moonachie Board of Education approve the job description for Special Education Teacher Assistant. (Attachment 4.2)
5. Resolve that the Moonachie Board of Education accept the resignation of Michael Lia effective September 16, 2016.
6. Resolve that the Moonachie Board of Education accept the resignation of Melissa Katchen effective September 16, 2016.
7. Resolve that the Moonachie Board of Education approve the job description for Special Education Teacher Assistant. (Attachment 4.3)
8. Resolve that the Moonachie Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to hire two special education teacher assistants at \$13.00 per hour with no benefits to replace Michael Lia and Melissa Katchen.

5. Curriculum

Motion: James Campbell

Seconded: Charles Pallas

Action taken: Approved Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1

1. Resolve that the Moonachie Board of Education approve the new Visual Arts Curriculum for grades K-8 revised September 2016

6. Facilities

Motion:

Seconded:

Action taken: Tabled

1. Resolve that the Moonachie Board of Education approve the Health and Safety Evaluation of School Buildings Checklist. (Attachment 6.1)

7. Old Business

No Old Business

8. New Business

No New Business

9. Information Items

No Information Items

10. Discussion Items

David Vaccaro mentioned that Back to School Night is scheduled for 6:30pm Thursday, September 15, 2016.

11. Public Comments

Open at 7:05 PM

Greg Keelen, Moonachie, teacher commented on the successful opening of school.

Closed at 7:08 PM

12. Adjournment 7:10 PM

Motion: Sheila King

Seconded: Charles Pallas

Action taken: Approved Ayes 4 Nays 0 Absent 1

Respectfully submitted,

*Vincent J. Occhino*

Dr. Vincent Occhino

Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary