

To: Parents/Guardians
From: Mark Solimo ~ ^
Date: February 25, 2010
Re: Board Meeting of February 23, 2010

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Superintendent's Report

Mr. Facendola reports, Michael Spadavecchia is a student who has always shown special talent in his academic subjects. In the second grade he shocked his teachers with his ability to solve algebraic equations! He has maintained high honor status through his years so far at the Robert L. Craig School. Now to add to his tremendous list of accomplishments, Michael has begun to play the guitar. Like the rest of his academics, he puts 100% effort into learning this new skill and has once again astounded his fellow students, parents, teachers, and community members with his ability to quickly learn to play numerous songs on the guitar. He is also takes an active part in his PE Classes, Rec. Nights and Bowling Trips. His multifaceted talents are remarkable and un-rivaled!

Reading Workshop appears to be a "hit" with the upper grade students. All of them seem more eager to read when they can choose books at their own level. Even reluctant readers have shown an interest to read without being told.

During the first two marking periods of this year, there were some amazing results:

Grade 8 - Four students that read 8, 9, 11, & 12 books each!

Grade 7 - Four students read 5 books, one student read 6 books, and one student read 7 books

Grade 6 - One student read 5 books, two students read 6 books, and two students read 10 books.

While there are still many facets of the program to be implemented and improved, the overall consensus among the 6, 7, & 8th graders is that they enjoy reading. Mrs. Orofino's students also love the fact that the class read a novel together, as well as, reading their independent novels in class and at home.

Finance

1. Approved the time of poll openings for the next annual school board election, scheduled for Tuesday, April 20, 2010 from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
2. Approved the Wednesday, March 10, 2010 drawing (if needed) to be held by the Secretary of the Board for position on the ballot through random drawing at 4:00 p.m. in the Robert L. Craig Conference Room, for the next annual school board election scheduled for April 20, 2010 with all candidates entitled to attend.
3. Approved Tuesday, March 30, 2010, as the date for the Moonachie Board of Education public budget hearing to be held in the Robert L. Craig Library at 7:00 p.m.
4. Approved the 2010 Budget/Election calendar.

Policy

1. Approved the following new and revised policies and procedures:

#3351 Healthy Workplace Environment (new)	#4351 Healthy Workplace Environment (new)
#5338 Diabetes Management (new)	#R5338 Diabetes Management (new)
#5512.01 Harassment, Intimidation & Bullying (revised)	#5583 Pupil Smoking (revised)
#R5583 Pupil Smoking Procedure (revised)	#6360 Political Contributions (revised)
#6660 Student Activity Fund (revised)	#7434 Smoking on School Grounds (revised)
#8461 Reporting Violence, Vandalism & Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (revised)	#9700 Special Interest Groups (revised)