

To: Parents/Guardians
From: Mark Solimo **F.Y.I.**
Date: March 31, 2011
Re: Board Meeting of March 29, 2011

Superintendent's Report

Tonight the Moonachie Board of Education will adopt the 2011-2012 budget for submission to the voters.

Moonachie's annual school board election is **Tuesday, April 27, 2011**. On that day, Moonachie voters must select School Board members and vote upon the current expenses budget. The budget takes effect on July 1, 2011 and runs through June 30, 2012. Registered voters have an obligation to vote on April 27th and an obligation to become knowledgeable about the school budget so that they can cast an informed vote. The voting booths will be open at the Robert L. Craig School gymnasium from 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

The 2011-2012 total tax levy (general fund), if approved on the average home assessed at \$388,741 by **\$5.42** per month or **\$65.00** for the year.

The Moonachie School District for the 2011-2012 Budget includes the following cost saving measures:

- Continuation of Pre-School Disabled Program
- Continuation of the Pre-K Inclusive Program
- Continuation of the Multiply Disabled Class
- Continuation of the South Bergen Jointure Commission Linkage Agreement
- Allocation of \$252,641 from June 30, 2010 surplus
- Projected 11-12 tuition revenue of \$417,268 – 16 students

An approved budget will maintain the following programs and services:

- After School Programs
- Summer Tutoring
- CST Services
- Field Trip Transportation
- Support Services

Students in Ms. Lanzerotti's math class recently celebrated Pi Day on Monday, March 14, 2011. Students learned about the history of the number pi, used the approximation of pi (3.14) to calculate the area and circumference of round objects in the classroom, and enjoyed the story of Sir Cumference and the Dragon of Pi. They feasted on a circular culinary cuisine that included bagels, pizza and of course pie. Congrats to our Overall Champion, Franchesca Macalintal who memorized 55 digits of pi. Coming in at Class Champions – Julian Alvarez (46 digits of pi), Briana Marte (34 digits of pi), and Marly Valiente (30 digits of pi).

Ms. Lanzerotti's Algebra I students have just finished a unit on graphing linear equations and are moving on to systems of linear equations. Pre-Algebra students are working on geometric concepts such as triangles, squares, pentagons, and other polygons. They have recently completed a project on M.C. Escher and his artistic tessellations as well as creating their own tessellation. The 6th graders are working on ratios, proportions and percents. They have just

completed a scale drawing using a comic strip which will be displayed around the room for all to see.

The students in Mrs. Freda’s class are very excited about reading and writing this school year. All her Kindergartners are involved in a daily Reader’s Workshop. Many of the students entered her class with some knowledge of letters and sounds. They are now all reading in levels from A to F books. Mrs. Freda is extremely excited and proud of them! They are reading independently and have also made the sound-symbol connection in their writing. In writing, the children are beginning to attempt to write two or more sentences on their own each day! This is challenging for some children and other students are really excelling with it! Level books are specifically selected to support small increments of reading. Mrs. Freda measures their success on the amount of progress that each student has made throughout the school year.

Finance

1. Approved to adopt FY 2011-2012 school district budget for submission to the voters as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
Total General Fund	7,744,116	6,652,366
Total Special Revenue Fund	205,998	N/A
Total Debt Service Fund	367,103	367,103
Totals	8,317,217	7,019,469

Policy

1. Approved the to following policies and procedures:

- 0141.1 Board Members & Term (Revised)
- 1230 Superintendent’s Duties (Revised)
- 1522 School-level Planning (Revised)
- 2132 School District Goals & Objectives (Revised)
- 2414 Programs & Services for Pupils in High Poverty & in High Need School Districts (Revised)
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- 2440 Summer Session (Revised)
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- 2461 Special Education/Receiving Schools (Revised)
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- R2461.02 Special Education/Receiving School – Suspension (Revised)
- R2461.04 Special Education/Receiving Schools- Special Education/Related Services (Revised)
- R2461.05 Special Education/Receiving Schools – IEP Compliance (Revised)
- R2461.06 Special Education/Receiving Schools – Highly Qualified & Appropriately Certified Staff (Revised)
- R2461.07 Special Education/Receiving Schools- Termination of Placement (Revised)
- R2461.08 Special Education/Receiving Schools – In-Service Training (Revised)
- R2461.09 Special Education/Receiving Schools – Statewide & District-wide Assessment Programs (Revised)
- R2461.10 Special Education/Receiving Schools-Full Educational Opportunity
- R2461.11 Special Education/Receiving Schools- Staff Consultation (Revised)
- R3144 Certification of Tenure Charges (Revised)

5561	Use of Physical Restraint (New)
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6150	Tuition Income (Revised)
6220	Budget Preparation (Revised)
6311	Contracts for Goods or Services Funded by Federal Grants (New)
6820	Financial Reports (Revised)

Personnel

1. Authorized the Superintendent to hire personnel on an emergent basis for the following positions: Substitute Teachers
2. Approved the 2011-2012 Moonachie School District Professional Development Plan
3. Approved attendance for Sue Anne Mather for New Jersey ASBO 2011 Association Conference to be held on June 1, 2, and 3, 2011 in Atlantic City and to be reimbursed in compliance with State travel payment guidelines.
4. Approved the following 2011-2012 student teaching placements:

Student	College	Cooperating Teacher	Date
Monica Surdyka	Felician College	Joan Boniello	Tuesdays Sept. 20, 2011 – Dec. 6, 2011
Victoria Militello	Felician College	Kathy Kinsella	Tuesdays Sept. 20, 2011 – Dec. 6, 2011
Victoria Scillia	Felician College	Debra Finch	Tuesdays Sept. 20 2011-Dec. 6, 2011
Berna Demirbulakli	Felician College	Danielle Carrione	Tuesdays Sept. 20, 2011 – Dec. 6, 2011
Kaycee Concannon	Felician College	Jennifer Duff	Tuesdays Sept. 20, 2011 – Dec. 6, 2011

Curriculum

1. Approved the revised Moonachie School District 2010-2011 calendar.

Facilities

1. Discussed boiler project

Old Business

1. Discussed 100th Anniversary activities

New Business

1. Wood-Ridge Awards Program – June 8, 2011