

To: Parents/Guardians
From: Mark Solimo
Date: April 14, 2011
Re: Board Meeting of April 12, 2011

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Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Reilly's Pre-K class has been grateful to receive a SMART Board as a new addition to the classroom this year. The children have been excited about the new technology and have enjoyed singing songs, listening to stories, and interacting with SMART Board learning games. Each morning the class circle time is conducted on the SMART Board with the calendar, the weather, days of the week, numbers, and letters all getting a fun technological boost.

SMART technology is truly helping the children to master pre-reading and pre-math skills. As a class the children have learned new songs such as "Do You Know Your Letter Sounds?", "A is for Apple", and "26 Letters from A to Z" to help them to master letters and letter sounds. The children have also been using a multisensory approach to learning letters by watching the alphabet in American Sign Language. In terms of math, the "Five Little Monkeys", "Ten Little Teddy Bears", and "Ten Little Numbers" songs have been helping with number identification and matching numbers to quantities.

The SMART Board has been an excellent tool for building literacy as well. The Pre-K children recently completed a week-long unit on fairytales and were able to watch each fairytale story come to life in class. Many of the students' favorite stories including Brown Bear Brown Bear, Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, The Mitten, The Snowy Day, and Harold and the Purple Crayon are all available to watch in class. Mrs. Reilly and her children would like to express their thanks to all who made the SMART Board technology possible in the Pre-K classrooms.

The students in Ms. Schnug's class are working on a special unit for the curriculum expo devoted to the Moonachie Centennial. The students counted to 100, wrote personal stories about what 100 things they would purchase, created math problems that resulted in 100, and also illustrated what they think they would look like in 100 year. The class is very excited to be able to display their work for their family and friends at the expo April 14th. The students are progressing nicely in their independent reading skills, and are also making significant advances in their math work. In writing students recently wrote a short non-fiction story about a topic that they have become an expert in. They will be celebrating their stories and sharing with Mrs. Boniello's class as a celebration of their writing masterpieces this upcoming week. Ms. Schnug is proud of all her students and is honored to be a member of the Robert L. Craig family.

Finance

1. Approved the transportation contract between the Moonachie Board of Education and the South Bergen Jointure Commission, an approved Coordinated Transportation Services Agency, for the purposes of transporting students in accordance with Chapter 53, P.L. 1997 for the school year 2011-2012. The services to be provided include, but are not limited to, The Coordinated Transportation for non-public, out of district special education, vocational and summer programs.
2. Approved participation in New Jersey Cooperative Bidding Program through Educational Data Services for the 2011-2012 school year.
3. Motion to approve transfer of funds from Capital Reserve account for the boiler replacement project.
4. For the past 5 years Educational Data Services Cooperative Bidding efforts have produced a total district dollar savings to date of \$66,939.

Policy

1. Approved Moonachie Board of Education Holiday Calendar for 2011-2012.

Personnel

1. Approved Edmund Towle as a substitute teacher for the 2010-2011 school year.
2. Approved the following student teaching placement for the 2011-2012 school year:

Name	College	Teacher	Dates
Hollie Martinez	Ramapo College	Kathy Kinsella	Sept. 6, 2011 – Dec. 2, 2011

- Authorized the following staff members to participate in “Handle with Care” recertification and certification trainings:

Recertification Program

Lucrezia Maurin	Francine Pergolizzi
Jessica Salamone	Donna Vega
Phil Facendola	Lucy Trano
Patricia Little	Katie Reilly - Trainer

Certification Program

Silvia Raguseo	Samantha Mickendrow
Michele Collins	Natasha Dillon
Brian DeSantis	Katie Reilly – Trainer

- Approved the following to work in the 2011 Extended Year Program from July 5, 2011 – August 4, 2011 on an hourly as needed basis:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>
Katie Reilly	Teacher
Allison McGorry	Teacher
Sheila Berni	Aide
Michelle Collins	Aide
Austria Cabrales	Aide
Laurie McGahn	Aide
Donna Gallo	School Nurse
Suzanne Goldenbaum	Substitute Teacher
Tara Champion	Substitute Teacher

- Approved the elimination of the Moonachie Board of Education Speech Language Specialist position effective July 1, 2011 for reasons of economy.
- Approved Staff Non-Renewal list for the 2011-2012 school year.
- Approved the contract of employment between the Board of Education of Moonachie and Dr. Jill Mortimer in accordance with N.J.A.C.6A:23A-3.1. to employ Dr. Mortimer as the Superintendent/Principal for the period from July 1, 2011 to July 1, 2015.

Facilities

- Approved to apply for approval of temporary instruction space for the 2011-2012 school year for submission to the County Superintendent of Schools as follows:
 - Renewal application for temporary instructional space – Room 11 Multiply Disabled Program Services
 - Renewal application for temporary instructional space – room off cafeteria for ESL, Basic Skills and Gifted and Talented
 - Renewal application for temporary instructional space – CST office for counseling services
 - Toilet room facilities for early intervention, pre-kindergarten & kindergarten classrooms – Room 11 Multiply Disabled Program – K-2nd
- Approved boiler replacement project.
- Approved proposal for asbestos design, monitoring and reporting for HVAC upgrade.

Old Business

- Discussed the scanner used for the breakfast and lunch program.

New Business

- Discussed possible donation of two lock boxes for equipment storage.