

To: Parents/Guardians
From: Mark Solimo
Date: May 5, 2011
Re: Board Meeting of May 3, 2011

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Superintendent's Report

In addition to World Language classes in Grades 6, 7, 8, this year students have been busy acquiring foreign language skills in Grades 1 through 5. These Enrichment classes have been successful in reinforcing the Spanish language for heritage speakers (refining grammar usage, spelling and adding supplemental words to an already existing vocabulary). The classes have also provided beginners an introduction to some basic concepts in the target language and culture. The children have been enjoying songs, games, videos, stories and many "hands on" activities. Some themes include: shapes, colors, numbers (both large and small), alphabet, holiday vocabulary, days, dates, and seasons, to name a few. Many children have had limited previous exposure to the language and the heritage speakers are great assets to the class adding their special insight to the language/culture through personal experiences. The children are enjoying these weekly lessons, and Mrs. Ipolysagi is sure they will continue to grow in appreciation of other languages and cultures throughout the world. Mrs. Ipolysagi is proud of their success thus far and the progress they have made.

Mrs. Sullivan's success story is about D. M. now in fifth grade. Mrs. Sullivan had D. M. for two years as a science student and Mrs. Sullivan states she can see a real maturity in D.M. He does his homework, participates in class, asks questions and takes the class seriously. Mrs. Sullivan remembers D. M. being sent to her for Basic Skills back in second grade. The change in D. M. has been amazing and rewarding to see.

Student "A" is a first grade ESL student who arrived from her native country in September. When she entered school, she could say "Hello", "yes" and "no". That was it! For the first few months, she participated as much as possible but for the most part, quietly listened to her classmates and teachers. With a positive attitude and strong parental support, Student "A's" progress has been spectacular. Her reading of a brand new language is at least on grade level and beyond. Her willingness to work hard, complete her homework and get along with her peers have all contributed to her outstanding progress!

Finance

1. Approved the renewal of transportation contract for routes RLC1, RLC2, WRHS1, and WRHS2 for the 2011-2012 school year with 1.23% increase based on the 2010-2011 school year's prices between the Moonachie Board of Education and First Student.
2. Approved contract between the Moonachie Board of Education and the Wood-Ridge Board of Education for high school tuition for the 2011-2012 school year.
3. Discussed 2011-2012 Breakfast and Lunch Program costs.

Policy

1. Approved the revised 2011-2012 Moonachie Board of Education Holiday Schedule.

Personnel

1. Authorized the Superintendent to hire personnel on an emergent basis for the following positions:
Substitute Teachers
2. Approved to add the following staff members to participate in "Handle with Care" training:

Val Kenny

Allison McGorry

Danielle Carrione

3. Approved substitute teachers for the 2011-2012 school year.
4. Approved the following substitute School Nurses for the 2011-2012 school year.
Diane Meyers, RN Marilyn Ladas, RN
5. Authorized certified Classroom Aides and School Aides to work as substitute teachers for the 2011-2012 school year.
6. Approved non-tenured professional staff who will not receive tenure during school year 2011-2012.
7. Approved to reappoint tenured professional staff for school year 2011-2012.
8. Approved to reappoint Custodians for school year 2011-2012.
9. Approved to reappoint tenured secretarial staff, for school year 2011-2012.
10. Approved to reappoint tenured secretarial staff, on an hourly, as needed basis for school year 2011-2012.
11. Approved to reappoint tenured attendance officer, for 10-month contract for school year 2011-2012.
12. Approved to reappoint tenured Assistant to Business Administrator, for school year 2011-2012.
13. Approved to reappoint Sue Anne Mather as School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, for school year 2011-2012.
14. Accepted the resignation of Kerry Salerno, Supervision of Curriculum and Instruction effective June 30, 2011.
15. Approved the Agreement between the Moonachie Board of Education and Linda Lemongello, Attendance Officer/Courier for the Robert L. Craig School.
16. Approved Corey H. Sherman as summer and custodial help for the 2011-2012 school year.
17. Approved Corey M. Sherman as substitute custodian and landscaping for the 2011-2012 school year.
18. Approved the following as teachers for the Afterschool Tutoring Program for the 2010-2011 school year.

Tara Campion Brianne Sorondo

19. Approved Jessica Salamone as a substitute teacher for the 2011 Extended Year Program.
20. Approved the following student field placement:

Name	College	Teacher	Date
Gary Miller	Fairleigh Dickinson	Greg Keelen	May 9, 2011 – June 3, 2011

21. Approved to remove Patricia Gallegos as substitute teacher for the remainder of the 2010-2011 school year effective April 28, 2011.

22. Approved the following workshop:

Workshop	Date	Attendee
Strategies that Work with Significant Challenging Behavior Problems	5/18/2011	Judith Sullivan

Curriculum

1. Approved the 2011-2012 Moonachie School District calendar.
2. Confirmed Wood-Ridge/Moonachie Articulation meeting – May 18, 2011 – Time 4:15 p.m.

Facilities

1. Discussed status on boiler project.

Old Business

1. Two Lock Boxes will be donated to store recreational materials.
2. Discussed 100th Anniversary – May 14, 2011 activities.