

TOWN OF BOONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
436 Lathrop Avenue
Boonton, NJ 07005
February 26, 2018

A regular meeting of the Town of Boonton Board of Education was held on February 26, 2018, at Boonton Board of Education Annex Building, 436 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, New Jersey, and was called to order at 7:32 pm by the Board President, Ms. Linda Glosinski.

Mr. Gardberg read the following statement: This is the February 26, 2018, meeting of the Boonton Board of Education. Pursuant to Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting was provided to the Daily Record and the Citizen, and also distributed to The Neighbor News, the Boonton Town Clerk, and posted at the Board of Education Building at 434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, New Jersey.

The members present at roll call were Mr. Chris Cartelli, Mrs. Jennifer Darling, Mrs. Elaine Doherty, Mr. Bob Ezzi, Mr. Joe Geslao, Mr. Jack Gibbons, Ms. Linda Glosinski, Mr. Patrick Joyce, Mrs. Irene LeFebvre and Mrs. Jennifer Shollenberger.

Also present were Mr. Robert Presuto, Superintendent and Mr. Steven Gardberg, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mrs. Doherty and seconded by Mr. Geslao, the following motion was presented for approval to enter Executive Session at 7:33 pm. All present voted in favor.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following portion of this meeting dealing with the following generally described matters shall not be open to the public:

- Personnel matters
- Current or Potential Litigation
- Matters of Attorney/Client Privilege

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is anticipated that the matters to be considered in private may be disclosed to the public at a later date when confidentiality is no longer required.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that private consideration is deemed required and is permitted because of the following noted exceptions set forth in the Open Public Meetings Act:

- Would constitute an unwarranted invasion of individual privacy.
- Related to investigation of violations or possible violations of the law.
- Related to pending/anticipated litigation or contract negotiations in which the Public body is or may be a party.
- Falls within the attorney-client privilege and confidentiality is required.

ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

Administrators Present: Mr. Presuto, Mr. Gardberg

Having no further business in closed executive session, at 7:57 pm a motion was made by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Mrs. Doherty to adjourn executive session and return to open session. All present voted in favor.

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:00 pm, called for a moment of silence (in honor of the Parkland, FL, shooting victims) and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 25 members of the public were in attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Presuto commented on the positive letter about school security from BHS students.

LIAISON REPORTS

John Hill School (student representative): Alexander Paulozzo reported on the March Madness bucket, Spring dance on March 23 and Talent show on June 14.

Boonton High School (student representative): Saadet Ceynek reported on the dress rehearsals scheduled for March 2-4; GSA program; Spring pep rally; and Open mic night on April 23.

Home School Association 9-12: Gabriele reported on an assembly with NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking; a bank's outreach program; and Socks for Soldiers collection program.

Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8: Amy Melgaard reported on the Dr. Seuss/Read Across America day on March 2; and Multicultural night on March 13. Mr. Presuto thanked the PTA for paying for a new PA system at School Street School.

Board of Aldermen Representative: Alderman Edina Renfro-Michel reported on the Mayor's reminder to sign up for Nixl; the Mayor's proclamation for students who made donations; appointments of new members of the volunteer Fire Department; approval to match funds for a County grant; and the Town's budget process. Mr. Presuto thanked the Police for being so responsive.

CHANGE THE ORDER OF THE DAY

On a motion by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Mrs. Shollenberger and with all in favor, order of the day was approved.

MINUTES

On a motion by Mrs. Doherty and seconded by Mr. Geslao, minutes from previous sessions were presented for approval:

- a. Regular and Executive session: January 22, 2018
- b. Regular and Executive session: February 12, 2018

On roll call, the minutes were approved. Voting yes were Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Mr. Gibbons, Ms. Glosinski, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. LeFebvre and Mrs. Shollenberger.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Presuto and school principals introduced and spoke about each staff person being recognized as 2017-2018 Teachers and Educational Service Professionals of the Year. Mr. Presuto then reported on school security improvements and reiterated the administration's commitment to support students and staff who want to express their views about gun violence.

School Street School:

Catherine Bruseo - Teacher of the Year

Patricia Tromba - Educational Service Professional of the Year

John Hill School:

Marybeth Comer - Teacher of the Year

Denise Robinsky - Educational Professional of the Year

Boonton High School:

Melissa Bialick - Educational Professional of the Year

ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. LeFebvre reported that the committee met two weeks ago, when they discussed issues for next year, including staffing, programs, calendar and preschool registration, which is full.

K-8 Issues

Approval of resolutions XI.B.K-8.1 through XI.B.K-8.10 was moved by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Mr. Cartelli. On roll call, the resolutions were approved. Voting yes were Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Ms. Glosinski, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. LeFebvre and Mrs. Shollenberger. Mr. Gibbons abstained.

1. Approval of Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 6962093758-B, for up to 10 hours per week beginning 2/9/18, with instructional services to be provided by American Tutor at a rate of \$58.00 per hour.
2. Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Staff Member #141 effective June 30, 2018, for the purpose of retirement.
3. Clinical and Student Teaching Assignment: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a clinical and student teaching assignment for Dylan Capalbo, Fairleigh Dickinson University, at John Hill School, for the 2018-2019 school year, pending receipt of substitute certificate, under the supervision of Zachary Sabatino.
4. Speech Pathology Student Teaching Assignment: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Kelly Mattsson, Kean University, a speech pathology student teaching assignment at School Street School/John Hill School, from September 4, 2018 through December 21, 2018, under the supervision of Valerie Gould-Wasserman.

5. Start Date for Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the start date for Kelly Liberati, ELL Teacher John Hill School, to be May 21, 2018 and that her salary of \$72,829 (Step 15 MA 30) be prorated from that date for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.
6. 8th Grade Overnight Field Trip: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the 8th grade overnight field trip to Washington, DC for April 25-27, 2018.
7. Bridges to Learning After School Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Maureen Cosentino as a Paraprofessional for the Bridges to Learning After School Program at the Early Childhood Learning Center at School Street School and John Hill School at a rate of \$18.00 per hour, for the 2017-2018 school year.
8. Long-Term Leave Replacement BSI Teacher: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Janet Hunter as Long-Term Leave Replacement BSI Teacher, John Hill School, at a salary of \$53,957 (Step 1 BA), pro-rated from February 20, 2018 to a date to be determined.
9. Paraprofessional: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Stephen Petonak to the position of Paraprofessional, John Hill School, at a salary of \$32,316 (Step 4), pro-rated from February 27, 2018 for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.
10. Field Trip: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destination for the 2017-2018 school year:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Destination</u>
Grades 6-8	School Street School (Read Across America)

K-12 Issues

Approval of resolutions XI.B.K-12.1 through XI.B.K-12.7 was moved by Mrs. Doherty and seconded by Mrs. LeFebvre. On roll call, the resolutions were approved. Voting yes were Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Mr. Gibbons, Ms. Gloshinski, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. LeFebvre and Mrs. Shollenberger.

1. Volunteer Musical Advisors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following to serve as volunteer musical advisors for the Boonton High School Musical Production, pending outcome of background check:
 - Foster, Ford
 - Malyszko, Dave
2. District-Wide Volunteers: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Amanda Bulkeley and Vicky Pereira to serve as district-wide volunteers for the 2017-2018 school year.

3. Crowd Control and Clock Operator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Jim Drury for crowd control and clock operator as required during the 2017-2018 school year.
4. Field Trips: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destinations for the 2017-2018 school year:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Destination</u>
Grades 9-12	Swartswood State Park, Six Flags Great Adventure, Mount Olive Performing Arts Center

5. Additions to Substitute List: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following additions to the 2017-2018 substitute list, pending outcome of criminal background check:

<u>Substitute Teacher / Aide:</u> Donohue, Rebecca Manley, Adrienne	<u>Substitute Secretary:</u> Lisa Santoro
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6. Long-Term Leave Replacement Special Education Teacher: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Deborah Pawlikowski as Long-Term Leave Replacement Special Education Teacher, Boonton High School, at a salary of \$58,757 (Step 1 MA), pro-rated from February 12, 2018 to a date to be determined.
7. Student Music Observation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Lauren Mann, Caldwell College, for a student music observation at John Hill School and Boonton High School, for 9 total hours by May 2018, under the supervision of Edward Haddad, Alan Masters, Yvonne Manca and Kristen Houser, pending outcome of criminal background check.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Gardberg reported that administrators and staff have been especially helpful in preparing next year's budget; the lighting project at Boonton HS is almost complete; and research about implementing a common lunch at Boonton HS is far along.

OPERATIONS

Mr. Geslao reported on the budget process, roofing and fencing projects at School Street School; and donations being approved tonight.

K-12 Issues

Approval of resolutions XI.D.1 through XI.D.7 was moved by Mr. Geslao and seconded by Mrs. LeFebvre. On roll call, the resolutions were approved. Voting yes were Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Mr. Gibbons, Ms. Glosinski, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. LeFebvre and Mrs. Shollenberger.

1. Bills List: The Board approves the Bills List of February 26, 2018, in the total amount of \$511,839.49, consisting of \$487,775.20 from the General Fund, and \$24,064.29 from the Cafeteria Fund, and that copies be attached to the minutes.
2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending January 31, 2018, and that copies be attached to the minutes.
3. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer: The Board approves the reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending January 31, 2018, and that a copy be attached to the minutes.
4. Acceptance of Donation: The Board approves a donation of *Centered on Learning* items valued at \$598, and *Listening – Learning – Playing – Sharing* books on CD and board games valued at \$323, from School Street School teacher Amanda Bulkeley.
5. Acceptance of Donation: The Board approves a donation of \$500 by Roma Pizzeria and Restaurant of Boonton, NJ, funds to be used for a graduating senior scholarship award.
6. Employee Travel and Related Expense Reimbursements:
Whereas, the following employees, are attending the conference, convention, staff training, seminar or workshop as indicated; and Whereas, the attendance at the stated function was previously approved by the Chief School Administrator for the date as indicated on their completed Professional Absence Form, as being work related and within the scope of the work responsibilities of the attendee; and Whereas, the attendance at the function was approved as promoting the delivery of instruction or furthering efficient operation of the school district, and fiscally prudent; be it Resolved the Board of Education approves and finds the travel and related expense particular to attendance at the approved function necessary and/or unavoidable, and that the travel and related expense are justified and therefore reimbursable in accordance with OMB Guidelines, State travel regulations and/or employee contracts.

Name	Date (s)	Workshop / Conference	Registration Fee Paid by BOE	Mileage/ Tolls / Other
Coleman, Jennifer	03/16/18	NJ Special Education Council, Edison	\$0	\$22.45
Forman, Edward	03/05/18	NJDOE PARCC Training, Monroe Twp.	\$0	\$33.98
Gleeson, Deborah	04/11/18 & 04/12/18	RTI Strategies Program, Edison <i>* approved previously 2/12/18 – re-approved to correct mileage amount</i>	\$595	\$57.04 *

Hughen, Bevin	03/20/18	ELA Middle School Best Practices Program, Succasunna	\$0	\$12.28
Laderach, Natasha	03/02/18	Design It Training, Rutgers, University New Brunswick	\$0	\$26.04
Matarazzo, Daniel	03/16/18	Safety Workshop for STEM Educators, Ewing	\$100	\$37.70
Schreiber, Laura	03/03/18	Readers Workshop Program, New York, NY	\$0	Bus - \$16 * Taxi - \$60 * * Estimated travel

7. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the use of District Facilities to organizations, provided all required documents are submitted:

USE OF FACILITIES
February 26, 2018

Permit #	Requested by / Facility / Dates
17/18-0077	Boonton Parks & Recreation/Municipal Alliance- Dangers of Vaping Program Boonton High School- Auditorium Wednesday, April 11, 2018 (6:30 - 8:45 PM)
17/18-0078	Amateur Baseball Association - Baseball League BHS – Varsity Field Sundays, May 13 – Aug 26, 2018 (4:00 - 7:00 PM)
17/18-0079	Boonton Rotary Club – Pancake Breakfast Boonton High School - Cafeteria Sunday, March 25, 2018 (7:00 AM - 12:30 PM) **Board agrees to waive all applicable fees as defined in policy 7510
17/18-0080	Let'em Play LLC – Clinic BHS Turf Field Sunday, April 8, 2018 (12:00 - 3:00 PM)
17/18-0081	Boonton High School Boys LAX – Parents Meetings Boonton High School – Library Tuesday 2/27 & Wednesday 5/9/2018 (7:00 - 8:30 PM)
17/18-0082	Boonton High School Boys LAX – Team Dinner Boonton High School – Cafeteria Tuesday, March 27, 2018 (4:00 - 8:00 PM) Saturday, April 14, 2018 (10:00 AM - 2:30 PM)

17/18-0083 Boonton High School Boys LAX – Snack Sales
BHS Concession Stand,
Home Games & Tournaments 2017-2018 Season

17/18-0084 Butler High School – Spring Musical
BHS Auditorium & 1 classroom
Sunday, March 11, 2018 (1:00 - 6:00 PM)
Mon-Thurs, March 12-15, 2018 (3:00 - 9:00 PM)
Fri-Sat, March 16-17, 2018 (5:00 - 11:00 PM)
Sunday, March 18, 2018 (12:00 - 7:00 PM)

BHS/BMS TEAM SPORTS HAVE PRIORITY

No activities on Days school is Closed

Use of all gyms and fields are to be coordinated with Mr. Hughen

**ABOVE PERMITS ARE PENDING BUILDING ADMINISTRATION
FINAL APPROVAL AND RECEIPT OF DOCUMENTATION**

POLICY

Mr. Cartelli reported that the committee met tonight to review new and revised policies, and will vote on first readings on March 12.

REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

HS Committee: The committee will next meet on March 7. Mr. Klebez reported that Mr. Hurd was accepted into a White House program in July; Mr. Dunn is receiving an award from the NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial; a student scored in the top 2.5% among Hispanic students; March 5 is PD in the afternoon; on 3/12 is a presentation on moving to a new schedule next year; the spring pep rally is coming up.

Communications: Mr. Gardberg reported that the State budget address is postponed to March 13.

ESC: None

MCSBA: Mrs. LeFebvre reported the topic for March's meeting may change to security issues.

NJSBA: A program for new Board members was held last weekend.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Amy Melgaard asked about the ALICE method, and both Mrs. LeFebvre and Mr. Presuto about this response to an active shooter: Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate.

Edina Renfro-Michel asked about older textbooks being used, and Mr. Presuto responded that the social studies series is budgeted for replacement.

DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT

On a motion by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Mrs. Doherty, the Board agrees to affirm the findings and recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying complaints: BHS #7-9 and JHS #8.

On roll call, the motion was approved. Voting yes were Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Mr. Gibbons, Ms. Glosinski, Mrs. LeFebvre and Mrs. Shollenberger. Abstaining were Mr. Cartelli and Mr. Joyce.

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

None

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Mr. Ezzi to adjourn at 9:14 pm. All present voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: