

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

February 11, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Boonton Town Board of Education, of Morris County, New Jersey, held a meeting at 7:30 pm on February 11, 2019, at the Annex Building, 436 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, New Jersey

II. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

Mr. Joseph Geslao, Board President, called the meeting to order, and Mr. Steven Gardberg, Board Secretary, read the following statement: This is the February 11, 2019, 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.

III. ROLL CALL

Members present at roll call were Mr. Chris Cartelli, Mrs. Jennifer Darling, Mrs. Elaine Doherty, Mr. Bob Ezzi, Mr. Joe Geslao, Mr. Patrick Joyce, Mrs. Jennifer Shollenberger, Mr. Robert Stager. Absent was Mrs. Irene LeFebvre.

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

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 7:32 pm by Mrs. Doherty and seconded by Mrs. Darling, all present voted to enter Executive Session.

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; and 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; and Falls within the attorney-client privilege and confidentiality is required.

ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

Having no further business in closed executive session, at 8:00 pm a motion was made by Mrs. Doherty and seconded by Mrs. Shollenberger to adjourn executive session and return to open session. All present voted in favor. Mrs. LeFebvre was absent.

V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:01 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately five members of the public were in attendance, as well as the administrators Felicia Kicinski, Jason Klebez, Alison Schessler, Judy Sorochny and Thomas Valle.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

None

VII. LIAISON REPORTS

1. John Hill School (student representative): Mr. Valle reported the student dance was successful.
2. Boonton High School (student representative): Mr. Klebez reported on the school store; winter sports teams making the playoffs; and the Senior Advisory Committee's plan to have a picnic and bonfire before graduation.
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8: Steve Bossen reported on Penny Wars, Valentine's Dance and Dinners-to-Go.
4. Home School Association 9-12: None
5. Board of Aldermen Representative: Alderman Mike Cardillo reported on the 2019 budget, which will be lower and pay down debt; impact of \$15 minimum wage on summer camp; improvements to dispatch; shortage of crossing guards; Town conversations about law enforcement officers in schools; portable speed bumps/strips; ParkMobile for Main Street residents; code enforcement; library's 125th anniversary; new truck for the fire department; fire extinguisher simulator at Avalon Bay; new playground at Grace Lord Park; Parkwoods Estates development; Trails at Jersey City Water Works at Grace Lord Park; and potential combined meeting of the Town and BOE.

VIII. CHANGE THE ORDER OF THE DAY

On a motion by Mr. Ezzi and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos and with all in favor, order of the day was approved.

IX. MINUTES

None

X. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

XI. ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. SUPERINTENDENT

After Mrs. Schessler presented about i-Ready assessments, Mr. Presuto reported on Jessica Harbeson starting as the Preschool Master Teacher; achievements by students in the Boonton HS fine arts department; and State legislation about silent alarms and maintaining video surveillance footage.

B. ADMINISTRATION

PK8 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-7 was moved by Mrs. Doherty and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. Shollenberger. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Mr. Stager. ABSENT: Mrs. LeFebvre,

1. Bridges to Learning Before/After School Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following for the Bridges to Learning Before/After School Program at School Street School and John Hill School for the 2018-2019 school year:

Paraprofessional – \$18 per hour: (Pending outcome of background check)

Debora Thompson

Ellen Bomser

College Student - \$12 per hour:

Ashley Briggs

High School Student - \$10 per hour:

Haely Robles

2. Bridges to Learning Enrichment Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following for the Bridges to Learning Enrichment Staff to be paid \$40 - \$60 per class, based upon enrollment:

Enrichment Staff

Laura Baseil

Nicole Pollina

Doreen Ohlott

Enrichment Substitutes

Natasha Laderach

Catherine Bruseo

3. Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a leave of absence for Diana Melione, Elementary Teacher School Street School, effective May 8, 2019, through the 2nd marking period of the 2019-2020 school year (January 2020), utilizing a total of 30 days of accumulated sick days, followed by an unpaid leave of absence.

4. Curriculum: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the adoption of the following curriculum, for Grades Pre-K-8, as per the attached:

Curriculum

Technology

Grades

Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grades

5. Non-Certified Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Raymundo Calderon to the position of Custodian, John Hill School at a salary of \$36,427 (Step 1), prorated from first day employment (pending background approval) through June 30, 2019.

6. Shadow Assignment: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Nicole Krozser, Boonton High School Student, to shadow Mary Guenther at John Hill School for one day during the 2018-2019 school year for a college experience.
7. Practicum Assignment: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a practicum assignment for Bianca DiFulco, Montclair State University, a practicum assignment for 120 hours at School Street School/John Hill School, under the supervision of Toni DeCotiis, pending receipt of background check.

PK12 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK12 resolutions #1-10 was moved by Mrs. Doherty and seconded by Mrs. Shollenberger. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. Shollenberger, Mr. Stager. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. LeFebvre.

1. Approval of Renewal of Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the renewal of the Annual Review and Agreement to the Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement, as per the attached.
2. Field Trips: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destinations for the 2018-2019 school year:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Destination</u>
Grades K-12 CBI	The Growing Stone
Grades 9-12 CBI	Home Depot
Grades 11-12 CBI	William Patterson
Grades 9-12	Great Adventure, Harrah's (FBLA State Leadership Conference), County College of Morris, Mt. Olive High School, Various High Schools in Morris, Sussex and Essex Counties, Boardwalk Hall (Atlantic City)

3. Amend Employment Contract: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to amend the employment contract for Sandra Seegers, Paraprofessional with teaching time, to \$41,690 (65% Step 4 Para + 35% Step 2BA+15, retroactive to September 1, 2018).
4. Volunteers: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following to serve as district-wide volunteers during the 2018-2019 school year:

Sara Cantrella	Thomas Melito
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5. Volunteer Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves Peter DeCilla as a volunteer baseball coach at Boonton High School for the 2018-2019 school year, pending receipt of substitute certificate.

6. Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves Matthew Testa as Assistant Boys Lacrosse Coach at Boonton High School, at a stipend of \$7,112 (Step 4) for the 2018-2019 school year.
7. District's Fire Drill and On-Roll Reports: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Fire Drill and On-Roll Reports for the month of January 2019, as per the attached.
8. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 5993563384-B, for up to 10 hours per week beginning January 22, 2019, with instructional services to be provided by Learn Well at \$47 per hour.
9. Additions to Substitute List: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following additions to the substitute list for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year:

<u>Substitute Teacher/Aide:</u>	Drew Cyburt	Bridget Burke Weiss
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10. Extra Hours: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves an extra 2.5 hours for Doris Yanez on 1/30/2019 at Boonton High School at \$38.89 per hour.

C. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Gardberg reported on preschool facility upgrades, free furniture from School District of the Chathams for School Street School; warranty repairs for the Safe Routes to School project; and the preschool expansion budget.

D. OPERATIONS

Mrs. Darling reported on the Boonton HS bathroom bid and the FY20 budget process.

Approval of Operations resolutions #1-10 was moved by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Shollenberger. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling (except #6), Mrs. Doherty (except #6), Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. Shollenberger, Mr. Stager. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Mrs. Darling (#6), Mrs. Doherty (#6). ABSENT: Mrs. LeFebvre,

1. Bills List: The Board approves the Bills List of February 11, 2019, for \$624,930.22

10 General	\$568,371.44
20 Special Revenue	21,291.98
30 Capital Projects	6,987.00
60 Cafeteria	27,303.45
61 Bridges	976.35
2. Check Register: The Board approves the check register of February 4, 2019, for \$7,420.25.

10 General	\$7,420.25
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3. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending December 31, 2018.
4. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer: The Board approves reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending December 31, 2018.
5. Payroll Related Expenses: The Board approves the following payroll expenses:

1/15/19	\$534,497.74
1/30/19	838,165.77
6. Professional Development: The Board approves these professional development expenses, 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
Bahl, Nupur	2/21/19, 4/18/19, 6/20/19	Mercer County Bilingual/ESL Consortium Meetings, West Windsor	\$0.00	\$108.25
Barreto, Wayne	2/7/19	NJIT - How to Study Physics, Newark	\$50.00	\$12.59
Brady, Heidi	2/13/19	Vaping: The Impact on Students and Schools, Morristown	\$0.00	\$7.25
Chauhan, Janet	2/13/19	The Role of the School Climate Team, New Brunswick	\$0.00	\$31.50
Clowers, Lee	3/19/19	Autism Interventions, Edison	\$199.99	\$23.13
Darling, Jennifer	2/9/19	NJSBA Making Meetings Matter, Montville	\$50.00	\$0.00
Doney, Reid	2/28/19- 3/2/19	NJSIAA State Wrestling Championship, Atlantic City	\$0.00	\$365.32
Doherty, Elaine	2/9/19	NJSBA Making Meetings Matter, Montville	\$50.00	\$0.00
Harbeson, Jesica	2/13/19	The Role of the School Climate Team, New Brunswick	\$0.00	\$31.50
Hughen, David	2/28/19- 3/2/19	NJSIAA State Wrestling Championship, Atlantic City	\$0.00	\$2,463.32
Gardberg, Steve	2/21/19	NJSBA School Finance Conference, West Windsor	\$99.00	\$32.24

Mauriello, Linda	2/25/19	Autism NJ Transition Conference, Iselin	\$129.00	\$21.95
Mischell, Tracy	5/29/19-5/30/19	NJTESOL/NJBE 2019 Spring Conference, New Brunswick	\$279.00	\$66.84
Nosal, Peter	2/13/19	Vaping: The Impact on Students and Schools, Morristown	\$0.00	\$7.25
Nosal, Peter	3/15/19	NJ Middle Level Conference, Union	\$99.00	\$15.44
O'Dell, Terrence	3/15/19	NJ Middle Level Conference, Union	\$99.00	\$0.00
Sabatino, Zachary	2/28/19	Strategies & Structures for Teaching, Reading and Writing, Livingston	\$249.00	\$7.81
Sayle, Marianne	5/30/19	NJTESOL/NJBE 2019 Spring Conference, New Brunswick	\$234.00	\$25.54
Shovlowsky, Anthony	2/28/19-3/2/19	NJSIAA State Wrestling Championship, Atlantic City	\$0.00	\$365.32
Sorochynskyj, Judith	3/14/19	Simple Machines, Squishy Circuits & Robotics, William Paterson, Wayne	\$0.00	\$9.55
Wolk, Rachel	2/5, 3/12, 5/15, 2019	Lead Teacher Program for Reader's/Writer's Workshop, Maplewood, West Windsor and Florham Park	\$0.00	\$56.42

7. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of February 11, 2019, to organizations, provided all required documents are submitted:

Permit #	Requested by / Facility / Dates
1811-0003	Boonton Parks & Recreation – Summer Camp JHS – Gym, Cafeteria, Art Room, Computer Lab, Music Suite 13 Classrooms (TBA) Playground, Outdoor Fields, Turf**, Concession Bathrooms** Mondays-Fridays 6/24 – 8/2/2019 (7:00 AM – 6:00 PM) ** PENDING ATHLETIC DEPT APPROVAL/AVAILABILITY
1812-0007	Boonton PTA – Mother’s Market Fundraiser JHS- Cafeteria & Gym Saturday 4/6/2019 (7: 00 AM – 4:00 PM)

- 1812-0012 Just Dance Academy – Dance Recital
 BHS Auditorium & Music Room
 Saturday 5/18/2019 (8:00 AM – 12:00 PM) Rehearsal
 Sunday 5/19/2019 (8:45 AM – 12:30 PM) Recital
- 1812-0015 Boonton Hills & Valley LAX - Clinic
 School Street School - Gym
 Fridays 1/ 4 – 4/12/2019 (6:15 – 8:15 PM)
- 1901-0001 Boonton Hills & Valley LAX - Clinic
 John Hill School - Gym
 Tuesdays 1/29 – 3/26/2019 (6:00 – 7:30 PM)
- 1901-0010 NJ Interscholastic LAX Officials Assoc. (NJILOA)
 JHS – Music Suite
 3/14, 3/28, 4/11, 4/25/2019 (7:15 – 9:45 PM)
- 1901-0011 Boonton PTA – Book Fair
 SSS – Multi-Purpose Room
 Monday 4/29 – Friday 5/3/2019 (8:00 AM – 3:30 PM)
 Wednesday 5/1/2019 (8:00 AM – 7:30 PM)
- 1901-0013 Boonton High School Boys LAX – Snack Sales
 BHS Concession Stand,
 Home Games & Tournaments 2018-19 Season
- 1901-0014 Boonton High School Boys LAX – Team Dinner
 Boonton High School – Cafeteria
 Tuesday 3/26 & 4/25/2019 (4:30 – 8:30 PM)
- 1901-0015 Boonton High School Boys LAX – Parents Meetings
 Boonton High School – Room 14
 2/26, 2/28, 3/18, 4/23, 5/14/2019 (7:00 – 9:00 PM)
- 1901-0000 Boonton PBA – 5K Run
 Boonton High School – Gym, Locker Rooms, Parking Lot
 Board agrees to waive all applicable fees as defined in policy 7510
 Sunday 5/5/2019 (6:00 AM – 1:00 PM)
- 1902-0001 Boonton Parks & Recreation – Youth Track Program
 BHS Track
 Sundays 4/21 – 6/30/2019 (12:00 – 3:00 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**

8. Cancel Outstanding Checks: The Board approves to cancel outstanding checks in the total amount of \$2,191.00, per the attached lists, from the John Hill and Boonton High School Athletics accounts.
9. Rejection of Construction Project Bids: Whereas the following sealed bids were opened on December 11, 2018, for the Boonton High School Bathroom Renovation project, the Board approves to reject all bids because all the bids exceeded the budgeted appropriation, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-22.

Contractor	Bid	Contractor	Bid
Goksu Construction	\$174,850	L&T Inc.	\$258,000
R.J. Michaels	199,959	Northeastern Interior	260,000
GL Group	226,500	Aero Plumbing	369,416
Accurate Construction	229,750		

10. School Facility Projects: The Board approves the school facilities projects:
 - a. New Toilet Room at John Hill School, State Plan #0450-030-19-1000
 - b. Renovations to the Annex Building, State Plan #0450-X03-19-1000

Whereas, the Board now seeks to take the initial steps in order to proceed with the Project. Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Education of Boonton Town, in the County of Morris, State of New Jersey, as follows:

Section 1: In accordance with the requirements of Section 6A:26-3 of the New Jersey Administrative Code, the Board hereby approves the Schematic and Final Plans prepared in connection with the Projects and the Board further authorizes the submission of same to the Morris County Superintendent of Schools and the New Jersey Department of Education for approval. These projects are designated "Other Capital," and the Board is not seeking State funding.

Section 2: The Board hereby authorizes the amendments to its Long-Range Facilities Plans in order to reflect the proposed Project.

Section 3: The School Administration and such other officers and agents of the Board as are necessary, including the Board attorney, bond counsel and architect, are hereby authorized to perform such other acts, to execute such other documents and to do such other things as are necessary to implement the determinations of the Board set forth in this resolution. The District is not seeking a Grant.

Section 4: This resolution shall take effect immediately.

E. POLICY

There were no Policy motions to move. Mr. Cartelli reported that policies were distributed for the committee to review them on February 25.

F. REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1. HS Committee: None.
2. Communications/Legislation: Mrs. LeFebvre is attending a meeting tonight.
3. ESC: None
4. MCSBA: Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty and Mrs. Shollenberger attend the January meeting, when Mrs. LeFebvre was elected County President.
5. NJSBA: None.
6. DEAC: None.

XII. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Cardillo shared the concern from Board of Alderman members, including himself, about online availability of curriculum.

Steve Bossen commented on Multicultural Night, March 14.

XII. DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT

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

On roll call, the motion was approved. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. Shollenberger. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Mr. Stager. ABSENT: Mrs. LeFebvre.

XIV. OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

None

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mr. Cartelli to adjourn at 9:21 pm. All present voted in favor. Mrs. LeFebvre was absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: