

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

February 25, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Boonton Town Board of Education, of Morris County, New Jersey, held a meeting at 7:32 pm on February 25, 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 25, 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: Mr. Chris Cartelli, Mrs. Jennifer Darling, Mr. Bob Ezzi, Mr. Joe Geslao, Mr. Patrick Joyce, Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Mrs. Jennifer Shollenberger, Mr. Robert Stager. Absent: Mrs. Elaine Doherty. (Mr. Stager left at 8:40 pm)

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

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 7:35 pm by Mrs. LeFebvre 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 7:57 pm a motion was made by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Mrs. Darling to adjourn executive session and return to open session. All present voted in favor.

V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 10 members of the public were in attendance, as well as the administrators Sara Brogan, Felicia Kicinski, Peter Nosal, Jason Klebez, Alison Schessler, Judy Sorochynskyj and Thomas Valle.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Luke Warbeck.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

None

VII. LIAISON REPORTS

1. John Hill School (student representative): None
2. Boonton High School (student representative): Maliha Rahaman reported on the pickleball tournament. Maliha and another student commented on student frustration with the administration regarding the passing of Luke Warbeck.
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8: Justine Cirinelli reported on two assemblies at the schools; Valentine's Dance; Multicultural Night on March 14; "Hate Has No Home" signs for sale; Gertrude Hawk fundraiser; Dr. Seuss Day; 7th Grade Literacy Night; next meeting on March 5.
4. Home School Association 9-12: None
5. Board of Aldermen Representative: Alderman Mike Cardillo commented on the passing of Luke Warbeck and his father; town budget's focus on paying down debt; Parkwoods development in planning; and Packard development.

VIII. CHANGE THE ORDER OF THE DAY

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

IX. MINUTES

Approval of minutes from previous meetings was moved by Mrs. LeFebvre, seconded by Mrs. Shollenberger, and approved on roll call. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Shollenberger, Mr. Stager. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Doherty.

1. Regular and Executive session: January 28, 2019
2. Regular and Executive session: February 11, 2019

X. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

XI. ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. SUPERINTENDENT

After commenting on the impact on students and staff of Luke Warbeck's passing, Mr. Presuto and the school principals presented Teacher of the Year and Educational Professional of the Year awards, and the meeting took a 10-minute break for refreshments.

- School Street: Jessica Harbeson and Neda Pourki-Deak
- John Hill: Lorraine Kiernan and Christine Maier
- Boonton HS: Vicki Cornell and Leah Birchler

B. ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. LeFebvre reported on committee discussion about personnel plans for 2019-2020, curriculum updates and the Rubikon system.

PK8 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-6 and PK12 resolutions #1-3 was moved by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Mrs. Darling. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Shollenberger (except PK12 #1). NO: None. ABSTAIN: Mrs. Shollenberger (PK12 #1). ABSENT: Mr. Stager.

- 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 (* pending outcome of background check).

Lead Teacher - \$30 per hour: Kristen Cacciabeve

Paraprofessional – \$18 per hour: Elizabeth DeVincenzo

College Student - \$12 per hour: Motaleb Taher* Olivia Danzi

- 2. Observation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a speech observation for Devin Violette, Loyola University of Maryland, for one day on March 7, 2019, at John Hill School under the supervision of Maria Scavone.

- 3. 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>
PreK	Roma Pizzeria
Grades 3, 4 5	Morristown Unitarian Fellowship
Grades 6, 7, 8	Morristown Auditorium
Grade 8	Firemen’s Home

- 4. Out-of-District Placement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the out-of-district placement of Student State ID# 9460157166-B, at ECLC of New Jersey at tuition rate of \$291.33 per day and 1:1 aide rate of \$187.50 per day beginning March 4, 2019, through the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year.

- 5. 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 at John Hill School, at a salary of \$55,462 (Step 2 BA), prorated from March 8, 2019, for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year.

6. Certified Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Brittany DeMaio to the position of Special Education Teacher, School Street School, at a salary of \$60,742 (Step 7 BA+15) prorated from first day of employment (upon clearance of background check) for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year.

PK12 Resolutions

1. 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:

Paula Geleailen	Farah Machigua
Imre Scharf	Eric Shollenberger
2. Certified Staff Appointment: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves Priscilla Nunez to the position of American Sign Language Teacher, Boonton High School, at a salary of \$60,762 (Step 1 MA), pending receipt of certification, effective September 1, 2019 for the 2019-2020 school year.
3. Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts the resignation of employee #2220 effective June 30, 2019, and authorizes the Board President to execute the Memorandum of Agreement concerning employee #2220.

C. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Mr. Gardberg reported on progress with the 2019-2020 budget, acceptance of the 2018 audit and financial impact of preschool expansion.

D. OPERATIONS

Approval of Operations resolutions #1-8 was moved by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. LeFebvre. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Shollenberger. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Stager.

1. Bills List: The Board approves the Bills List of February 25, 2019, for \$376,777.34.

10 General	\$305,190.58
20 Special Revenue	40,538.43
30 Capital Projects	0.00
60 Cafeteria	30,512.34
61 Bridges	535.99
2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending January 31, 2019.
3. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer: The Board approves reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending January 31, 2019.
4. 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
Balaban, Lane	4/12/19	Annual NJ School Counselor Conf., Kean Univ., Union	\$35.00	\$14.82
Bialick, Melissa	3/19/19	Middle/High School Peer Mediation, New Brunswick	\$0.00	\$33.60
Bialick, Melissa	5/10/19	Helping the Capable, But Unmotivated & Disorganized Child, Mt. Arlington	\$0.00	\$10.23
Harbeson, Jessica	3/5/19	Early Childhood School Visit, West New York	\$0.00	\$19.22
Liberati, Kelly	5/29/19-5/30/19	NJTESOL/NJBE 2019 Spring Conference, New Brunswick	\$314.00	\$67.09
Soni, Samantha	4/12/19	Annual NJ School Counselor Conf., Kean Univ., Union	\$35.00	\$16.06
Sorochynsky, Judith	2/26/19	District Director AVID Meeting, Herbert Hoover Middle School, Edison	\$0.00	\$22.51
Sorochynsky, Judith	3/4/19	NJDOE Curriculum Units Project: How Will That Impact You?, FEA Conf. Center, Monroe	\$0.00	\$34.16
Valle, Thomas	3/7/19	Role of the School Climate Team, New Brunswick	\$0.00	\$26.60

5. Submission of IDEA FY19 Grant: The Board approves the submission of the amended Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Grant Fiscal Year 2019, to include carry-over, in the following amounts.

Title	Original Award	FY18 Carryover	Amended Award
Part B	\$339,453	\$13,700	\$353,153
Preschool	11,678	1,935	13,613

6. Disability Insurance Plans: The Board approves the following vendors to participate in Disability/Life Insurance Plans with District employees for January – December 2019: Aflac, Allstate and Prudential.

7. Accept FY2018 Audit: The Board accepts the FY2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Auditors Management Report (AMR).
8. Agreement for Professional Development: The Board approves an agreement with William Paterson University's College of Education Professional Development School Network to provide professional development and a Professor-in-Residence services, effective January thru June 2019 for \$5,000.

E. POLICY

The committee having met this evening, Mr. Cartelli reported that the next Board meeting agenda will include approval of first readings of five policies, and that the committee will schedule another meeting to continue reviewing new and revised policies. There were no Policy motions to move.

F. REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1. HS Committee: Mrs. Shollenberger reported that the committee is meeting on Wednesday.
2. Communications/Legislation: Mrs. LeFebvre reported there are printed copies of NJSBA's Legal Updates available.
3. ESC: Mrs. LeFebvre reported that a building is for sale, and the next meeting is on March 13.
4. MCSBA: None
5. NJSBA: Mrs. LeFebvre reported that new-member training was held this past weekend.
6. DEAC: None

XII. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Justine Cirinelli asked about a policy or expectation for teachers entering grades into the student information system.

XIII. DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT

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

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

XIV. OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Mr. Cartelli: The district is looking to start a coed mountain biking club for grades 7-12.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: