

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

March 18, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Boonton Town Board of Education, of Morris County, New Jersey, held a meeting at 6:00 pm on March 18, 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 March 18, 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 Star-Ledger; distributed to 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. Loren Katsakos, Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Mr. Robert Stager. Mrs. Jennifer Shollenberger arrived at 6:02 pm.

Approximately one member of the public was in attendance. Also present were Mr. Robert Presuto, Superintendent and Mr. Steven Gardberg, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Steve Bossen asked about the meeting being listed on the district website. Mr. Gardberg responded that the meeting was announced at the meeting on March 11 and was advertised in two daily newspapers but unfortunately was not added to the website.

VI. ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Gardberg provided an overview of the FY20 preliminary budget: 2.99% overall tax levy increase, comprised of the statutorily allowed 2% increase, healthcare adjustment and banked cap. Included in the FY20 budget are increases for payroll, healthcare and special education; new social studies textbooks for K-8; One-to-one Chromebooks starting a year younger (7th grade); curriculum writing; replacement of windows in the Annex for preschool; and online systems to streamline curriculum mapping and payroll.

D. OPERATIONS

Approval of Operations resolutions #1-3 was moved by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Doherty. 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, Mr. Stager. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

1. 2019-2020 Tentative Budget: The Board approves adoption of the 2019-2020 tentative budget using the state aid; use of healthcare adjustment of \$135,513 to cover additional healthcare expenses and banked cap of \$55,170 to achieve instructional goals; submission of the tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools, in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:7F-5 and 18A:7F-6; to advertise the tentative budget in The Citizen newspaper; and to hold a public hearing at the regularly scheduled meeting on April 29, 2019, at the Board Annex, 436 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ.

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Total
Budget	\$28,583,414	\$2,222,999	\$1,484,750	\$32,189,215
Tax Levy	19,738,328	0	1,104,997	20,843,325

2. Professional Services: The Board approves the following maximum dollar limits for professional services and public relations, as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-9.3(c)14, for the 2019-2020 school year; the School Business Administrator to track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded; and, if the need arises, to adopt a dollar increase in the maximum amount through formal board actions.

Architecture/Engineering:	\$15,000
Legal:	\$45,000
Audit:	\$32,000
Physician:	\$17,300
For a total amount of:	\$109,300

3. Maximum Travel Budget: The Board approves establishing the maximum travel expenditure amount of \$65,000, as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq., for the 2019-2020 school year, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3.

VII. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bossen reported that the PTA is giving \$50 in Scholastic bucks to each of the recently announced Teacher-of-the-Year and Educational Professional-of-the-Year. He also asked to clarify the cumulative tax levy increase (2.99%). Mr. Bossen asked how to proceed about concerns that he had brought to principals and the superintendent but are not resolved. Mr. Presuto offered to meet with Mr. Bossen.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

None

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mrs. Doherty to adjourn at 6:16 pm. All present voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: