

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

March 25, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Boonton Town Board of Education, of Morris County, New Jersey, held a meeting at 7:30 pm on March 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 March 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; 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. Loren Katsakos, Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Mrs. Jennifer Shollenberger. Mr. Robert Stager was absent.

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

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 7:31 pm by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Mrs. Doherty, 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 7:58 pm a motion was made by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mrs. Doherty to adjourn executive session and return to open session. All present voted in favor. Mr. Stager was absent.

V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately five members of the public were in attendance, as well as the administrator Judy Sorochynskyj.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

None

VII. LIAISON REPORTS

1. John Hill School (student representative): None
2. Boonton High School (student representative): None
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8: Sue Chara reported on Dinners-to-Go on 4/4; Penny ways at both schools; Assembly with a Holocaust survivor on 4/5; Mothers Market on 4/6; Hate Has no Home signs are sold out; and next meeting is on 4/2 at School Street School.
4. Home School Association 9-12: None
5. Board of Aldermen Representative: Alderman Mike Cardillo reported that the Town will soon send potential dates for a combined meeting with the Board of Education and also responses about police officers in the schools. In response to Mr. Cartelli's question about tax revenue from Boonton Lofts, Mr. Cardillo said the project is on hold.

VIII. CHANGE THE ORDER OF THE DAY

On a motion by Mrs. LeFebvre 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. Darling, seconded by Mrs. Doherty, and approved on roll call. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Shollenberger. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Stager.

1. Regular and Executive session: February 25, 2019
2. Regular and Executive session: March 18, 2019

X. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

XI. ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Presuto commented on Festival of the Arts scheduled for 4/1 at Boonton High School and about calendar changes. Rosemarie Lynch presented on the Bridges program.

B. ADMINISTRATION

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-9 and PK12 resolutions #1-13 was moved by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Mrs. Darling. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty (except PK12 #13), Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Mr. Joyce (except PK12 #13), Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Shollenberger (except PK12 #13). NO: None. ABSTAIN: Mrs. Doherty (PK12 #13), Mr. Joyce (PK12 #13), Mrs. Shollenberger (PK12 #13). ABSENT: Mr. Stager.

PK8 Resolutions

1. Extra Pay for Staff for Required Certification: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves extra pay to each of the following staff members upon completion of 40 hours of RBT Online Certification Training (Registered Behavioral Technician) by May 10, 2019:

Rebecca Giannella \$400 Debbie Lowenstein \$400

2. Out-of-District Placement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the out-of-district placement for Student State ID# 6743726160-B at Shepard School, beginning March 20, 2018 through the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year, at \$305.80 per day, and that transportation be arranged as needed.
3. Outside Evaluation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a neurological evaluation for Student State ID# 6589359171-B, to be conducted by Dr. Malik (St. Joseph’s Child Development Center), at \$450.
4. Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a resignation letter from Justine Salvante, Special Education Teacher, John Hill School, effective May 10, 2019.
5. Field Trip: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destination for the 2018-2019 school year:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Destination</u>
Grade 2	Franklin Mineral Museum

6. Speech Pathology Student Externships: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following Kean University Speech Pathology student externships, for September – December 2019, pending receipt of substitute certification:
Alexandra Scarpa, under the supervision of Valerie Wasserman, and
Kayla Mills, under the supervision of Mary Guenther.
7. Long-Term Leave Replacement Elementary Teacher: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Gabrielle Kreutzer as a Long-Term Leave Elementary Teacher, School Street School, at a salary of \$55,462 (Step 2 BA), pro-rated from May 8, 2019, through the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year.
8. Volunteer Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Pamela Jones-Cassino as Volunteer Softball Coach at John Hill School for the 2018-2019 school year.
9. Occupational Therapy Internship: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Nibin George, Springfield College, a 400-hour occupational therapy internship beginning May 2019, under the supervision of Dr. Paul Chiodo, upon receipt of substitute certificate.

PK12 Resolutions

1. Home Instruction/Virtual School: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction and Virtual School for Student State ID# 3703172068-B, beginning 3/5/19 as follows:
Home Instruction for up to 10 hours per week (4 subjects), with instructional services to be provided by district approved instructors at \$32 per hour, and Virtual School (half-year course-PE12), provided by Educere, for \$199.50.
2. Home Instructor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Jason Kaulfers to provide home instruction during the 2018-2019 school year at \$32 per hour.
3. Revise Out-of-District Placement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to revise the out-of-district placement previously approved June 18, 2018, for Student State ID# 6183953544-B, to now attend Academy 360 Upper School beginning March 25, 2018, through the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year, at a tuition rate of \$360.32 per day and 1:1 aide at \$145 per day, and that transportation be arranged as needed.
4. Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Patrick Agugliaro, Boonton High School custodian, effective March 14, 2019.
5. 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 9-12	Liberty Science Center, Great Times Day Camp, Casa Bianca
Grades 11-12	County College of Morris
Grade 12	Essex County Hospital Center

6. 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 (*pending receipt of substitute certificate):

<u>Substitute Maintenance Worker</u>	<u>Substitute Nurse</u>	<u>Substitute Teacher/Aide</u>
Vincent Danzi	Carole Hudson*	Gabrielle Kreutzer

7. Approval of Substitute Shadow Experience: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Carole Hudson, upon receipt of substitute nurse certificate, to shadow district school nurses for one day to be paid the daily substitute rate of \$125.00.
8. 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:
Dancy Survey Kenneth Bledsoe Bettina Petit
Marshal Mallik Brian Vint Dianne Vint

9. Extra Pay: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves Kathryn Jacobs to teach one session of English I for up to 4 hours per week at \$32 per hour, from March 11, 2019 to a date to be determined.
10. Volunteer Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Daniel Drugac as Volunteer Track and Field Coach at Boonton High School for the 2018-2019 school year.
11. Special Education Extended Year Programs: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following Special Education Extended Year Programs:
 - Preschool (PSD): 6/24 – 8/1/2019 (held Mondays – Thursdays, excluding July 4), 8:30 am – 12:00 pm, at School Street School, and
 - MD & LLD Programs: 6/24 – 8/1/2019 (held Mondays – Thursdays, excluding July 4), 8:00 am – 1:00 pm, at John Hill School.
12. Extra Hours: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves up to 12 extra hours to Tonia Merlino for additional administrative work during March 2019 at \$30.35 per hour.
13. Superintendent Merit Goal Bonus Payment: The Board approves the following Merit Goal payment to the Superintendent for completion of one 2018-2019 qualitative merit goal approved by the Board in October 2018 and approved for payment upon completion by the Morris County Superintendent of Schools in November 2018.
 - Qualitative Goal #1: Implement additional preschool classrooms (including facility identification and all related preparations/purchasing, hiring of additional teachers/paraprofessional) to serve a larger portion of Boonton’s 3 and 4 year olds. This will require preparing and submitting a PEEA application to the NJDOE. (2.5% of base salary - \$4,360).

C. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Mr. Gardberg reported on the FY20 budget and repairs at School Street School (HVAC, fencing, paving).

D. OPERATIONS

Mrs. Darling reported on the committee having met tonight, including an update from Rosemarie Lynch about the Bridges program.

Approval of Operations resolutions #1-7 was moved by Mrs. Darling 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. LeFebvre, Mrs. Shollenberger. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Stager.

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

\$175,455.42	3/12 – 3/25/2019 (machine checks)
\$1,906,112.06	2/1 – 2/28/2019 (hand checks, including payroll)

2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending 2/28/2019.
3. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer: The Board approves reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending 2/28/2019.
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
Bulkeley, Amanda	3/18/19 5/7/19	Transforming Early Childhood Institute, Monroe Twp.	\$0.00	\$68.54
Christian, Ellen	3/27/19	Reading, Writing Project Workshop, Skillman	\$0.00	\$13.14
Hughen, David	4/12/19	County Wrestling Place Winners, Oak Ridge	\$140.00	\$0.00
Muench, Christine	4/4/19	Mental Health Summit for Administrators, Plainsboro	\$0.00	\$14.32
Nosal, Peter	4/1/19	Creating Technology Savvy Instruction, Paramus	\$0.00	\$16.55
Presuto, Robert	3/19/19	Court House, Newark	\$0.00	\$29.81
Sayle, Marianne	4/30/19	Restorative Discipline: Help Students Improve Behavior & Strengthen Learning, West Orange	\$259.00	\$8.56

5. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of March 25, 2019, to organizations, provided all required documents are submitted:

Permit #	Requested by / Facility / Dates
1901-0012	Tri Town Little League – Games & Practices John Hill School – Fields Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. & Saturdays 3/30 – 6/29/2019 Weekdays (6:00 – 9:00 PM) Saturdays (9:00 AM – 9:00 PM)
1902-0005	Boonton High School JV & Varsity Fields Varsity Field can only be used on Mon, Wed & Sat Mon., Wed., Saturdays 3/30 – 6/29/2019 Mondays (6:00 – 9:00 PM) Saturdays HS (12:00 – 9:00 PM)

- 1902-0004
REVISED Tri Town Little League – Opening Day Celebration
Boonton High School – Parking Lot
Saturday 4/6/2019 (8:00 AM – 12 Noon)
- 1902-0007 Boonton PTA – Book Fair
JHS – Gym (back half)
Friday 4/12/2019 (2:30 – 4:30 PM) Set up
Monday 4/22 – Friday 4/26/2019 (7:35 AM – 2:45 PM)
Thursday 4/25/2019 (7:35 AM – 8:00 PM)
- 1903-0002 Boonton Parks & Recreation – Camp Awards
BHS- Auditorium
Wednesday 7/31/2019 (7: 00 AM – 2:00 PM)
- 1903-0003 Boonton PTA – Family STEM Night
JHS – Gym , Parking Lot
Tuesday 5/14/2019 (4:30 – 9:00 PM)
- 1903-0004 Boonton PTA – Morris County Sheriff’s Child Safety Presentation
JHS – Art Room, Gym, Cafeteria, Parking Lot, Playground
Thursday 5/2/2019 (5:30 – 10:00 PM)
- 1903-0005 Boonton Parks & Recreation – Camp Movie
BHS- Auditorium
Thursday 8/1/2019 (9:00 AM – 2:00 PM)
- 1903-0007
REVISED Boonton Parks & Recreation – Summer Camp
Boonton High School – Gym, Cafeteria, Art Room, Music Room, Teacher Lounge
13 Classrooms (TBA) Outdoor Fields, Auditorium, Aux Gym (only available on
Fridays), Tennis Courts, Track & Turf**, Concession Bathrooms**
Mondays-Fridays 6/24 – 8/2/2019 (7:00 AM – 6:00 PM)
** PENDING ATHLETIC DEPT APPROVAL/AVAILABILITY
- 1903-0009 Lakeland Youth Symphony – Rehearsal
BHS- Music Room
Monday 3/18/2019 (6:30 – 10:00 PM)
- 1903-0010 Amateur Baseball Association - Baseball League
BHS – Jr. Varsity Field
Sundays 5/12 – 8/25/2019 (4:00 – 7:00 PM)
- 1903-0015 Boonton Fire Dept – Softball League
Boonton High School – Varsity Baseball Field
Fridays 5/3 – 8/23/2019 (6:00 – 9:00 PM)
Sundays 4/14 & 4/28, 2019 (1:00 – 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**

6. Joint Transportation Agreement: The Board approves the 2019-2020 Joint Transportation Agreement with the Educational Services Commission of Morris County to transport public, nonpublic and special education pupils.
7. Non-Public School Services Agreement: The Board approves the agreement with the Educational Services Commission of Morris County for the 2019-2020 school year for non-public IDEA and Chapters 192/193 services.

E. POLICY

Mr. Cartelli reported on the committee meeting tonight and thanked Mrs. Katsakos for helping to copyedit the policies.

Approval of Policy resolutions #1-6 was moved by Mr. Cartelli and seconded by Mrs. LeFebvre. 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. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Stager.

1. Final Reading of Policy #0141.2 – Board Member and Term-Receiving District: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of Policy #0141.2 – Board Member and Term – Receiving District, as per the attached.
2. Final Reading of Policy #2415.06 – Unsafe School Choice Option: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of Policy #2415.06 – Unsafe School Choice Option, as per the attached.
3. Final Reading of Policy #2431.3 – Practice and Pre-Season Heat-Acclimation for School Sponsored Athletics and Extra-Curricular Activities: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of Policy #2431.3 – Practice and Pre-Season Heat-Acclimation for School Sponsored Athletics and Extra-Curricular Activities, as per the attached.
4. Final Reading of Regulation #2460.8 – Special Education – Free and Appropriate Public Education: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of Regulation #2460.8 – Special Education – Free and Appropriate Public Education, as per the attached.
5. Final Reading of Policy #2610 - Educational Program Evaluation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of Policy #2610 - Educational Program Evaluation, as per the attached.
6. Final Reading of Policy #4219 – Commercial Driver’s License Controlled Substances and Alcohol Use Testing: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of Policy #4219 - Commercial Driver’s License Controlled Substances and Alcohol Use Testing, as per the attached.

F. REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1. HS Committee: None
2. Communications/Legislation: Mrs. LeFebvre reported there will be a lot of legislation coming soon.
3. ESC: Mrs. LeFebvre reported on potentially selling a building and the upcoming gala.
4. MCSBA: Mrs. Darling reported on the recent meeting about student assessment and said the next meeting is on May 23.
5. NJSBA: Mrs. LeFebvre reported on the upcoming Leadership Weekend, Legislation Day, meeting about communication styles, and conference about mental health.
6. DEAC: None

XII. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Sorochnyky commented that – with NJSLA (the State’s replacement of PARCC) – high school Juniors are not required to take the test, but districts may require it if the student doesn’t meet other requirements.

XIII. 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: JHS #12-16.

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

XIV. OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Mrs. LeFebvre said that with the goal in mind of becoming a Certified Board, she provided dates to Mr. Geslao that our NJSBA field representative is available to lead training.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Ezzi and seconded by Mrs. Doherty, the following motion was presented for approval to enter Executive Session at 8:54 pm. All present voted in favor. Mr. Stager was absent.

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 for the 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.

NO ACTION BE TAKEN

Having no further business in closed executive session, a Motion was made by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Doherty to adjourn executive session at 9:40 pm and return to open session. All present voted in favor. Mr. Stager was absent.

XVI. OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Mr. Presuto led a discussion about the potential for John Hill School to transition to a Title I schoolwide program.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mr. Cartelli to adjourn at 10:20 pm. All present voted in favor. Mr. Stager was absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: