

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

April 8, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Boonton Town Board of Education, of Morris County, New Jersey, held a meeting at 7:30 pm on April 8, 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 April 8, 2019, meeting of the Boonton Town 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. Jack Gibbons.

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 7:59 pm a motion was made by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Mr. Joyce 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 five members of the public were in attendance, as well as the administrators Judy Sorochnykyj and Thomas Valle.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Presuto read an email from a parent about the Transitions program on April 6 at Boonton HS.

VII. LIAISON REPORTS

1. John Hill School (student representative): Abdul Mehdi reported on spring sports, spring dance, talent show, spirit week, and Festival of the Arts.
2. Boonton High School (student representative): Maliha Rahaman reported on success by the business marketing students at the Consumer Bowl; updating the activities web page; pickleball tournament; spring pep rally; and charity volleyball game.
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8: Tammy Shaw reported on the Holocaust speaker, incubator, Mother's Market, book fairs, Teacher Appreciation Week, Family STEM Night, Gertrude Hawk orders, child safety presentation by the sherriff.
4. Home School Association 9-12: none
5. Board of Aldermen Representative: Alderman Mike Cardillo submitted a written report about the Park Mobile app and the Planning Board meeting scheduled for 4/10.

VIII. CHANGE THE ORDER OF THE DAY

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

IX. MINUTES

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

1. Regular and Executive session: March 25, 2019

X. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Steve Bossen asked about Policy item #11 (policy #5756) and Operations item #2 (difference in the payroll amounts).

XI. ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. SUPERINTENDENT

After saying that the presentation about co-teaching scheduled for tonight is being postponed, Mr. Presuto commented on the busy day of Saturday 4/6 at school buildings and reported about Festival of the Arts, offering American Sign Language next year at Boonton HS, AVID program and a new law for students to carry IDs on field trips.

B. ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. LeFebvre reported the committee had met earlier this evening.

PK8 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-4 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. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Mr. Gibbons. ABSENT: None.

1. Certified Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Michelle Bacchetta to the position of Elementary Teacher, John Hill, at a salary of \$56,454 (Step 3 BA), effective 9/1/2019 for the 2019-2020 school year.
2. Practicum Assignment: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a practicum assignment for Bianca DiFulco, Montclair State University, for 120 hours from September 2019 through May 2020, under the supervision of Toni DeCotiis.
3. 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 5/1 – 5/3/2019.
4. Chaperones for 8th Grade Overnight Field Trip: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members and stipends and parent volunteer to chaperone the 8th grade overnight field trip to Washington, DC, 5/1 – 5/3/2019.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Brian Vint	Parent
Terence O’Dell	\$80.00
Bevin Hughen	\$80.00
Amanda Sheehan	\$80.00
Kelli Shiels	\$80.00
Peter Nosal	\$80.00
Gregory LaPointe	\$80.00

PK12 Resolutions

Approval of Admin 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, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Shollenberger, Mr. Gibbons. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

1. Revised 2018-2019 District Calendar: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the revised 2018-2019 District Calendar, allowing schools closed on 5/28/2019, for staff and students and schools closed on 6/10/2019 for students only, as per the attached.

2. 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 March 2019, as per the attached.
3. 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:

Armond Triani	Paul Ippolito	Caroline Cunningham
Justin Webb	Michael Lazar	Vicki Pereira

4. Field Trips: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destinations for the 2018-2019 school year:

Group	Destination
Grades K-12 CBI	Boonton High School Concession Stand, Curly's
Grade 12	Pocono Valley

5. Extra Hours: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves 3 extra hours for Doris Yanez on 3/29/2019 at Boonton High School at \$38.89 per hour.
6. Outside Evaluation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a psychiatric evaluation for Student State ID# 1881201461-B, by Dr. Fennelly, for \$675.
7. Outside Evaluation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves an emergent psychiatric evaluation for Student State ID# 4421147939-B, by Dr. Fennelly, for \$750.
8. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 3424167480-B, for up to 10 hours per week beginning 3/25/2019, provided by district-approved instructors, at \$32 per hour.
9. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for the following students, by New Pathway Counseling Inc, at \$600 per week each.
 - Student State ID# 4625124550-B, beginning 3/21/2019, and
 - Student State ID# 3794961727-B, beginning 4/1/2019
10. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for the following students for up to 5 hours per week, by St Clare's Hospital, at \$55 per hour each.
 - Student State ID# 9643753311-B, beginning 3/19/2019, and
 - Student State ID# 4590602605-B, beginning 3/27/2019

- 11. Physical Therapy Evaluation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a physical therapy evaluation for Student State ID# 1410655793-B (currently on bedside) by Teresa Rodrigues, outside of contracted daily hours, for \$300.
- 12. Track Meet Attendant: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Christopher Frangipane as a track meet attendant for the 2018-2019 school year to receive a stipend of: \$52.00 (Single) or \$82.50 (Double/Triple).
- 13. Addition to Substitute List: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Ashley Perri as a substitute teacher/aide, pending receipt of certificate, during the 2018-2019 school year.

C. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Mr. Gardberg reported on the bid to replace Annex windows; HVAC repairs at School Street School; roofing repairs at Boonton HS; responding to Assemblywoman DeCroce’s letter asking about school finances; digital transformation projects for facility use scheduling and time & attendance; and bus evaluation drills.

D. OPERATIONS

Mrs. Darling commented on a donation of audio equipment.

Approval of Operations resolutions #1-6 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, Mr. Gibbons. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

- 1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.
 \$692,675.46 03/29 -- 04/18/2019 (machine checks)
- 2. Payroll Related Expenses: The Board approves the following payroll expenses:
 3/15/2019 \$840,979.65
 3/30/2019 \$920,417.72
- 3. 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
Hancock, Patrick	4/8/19	Instructional Rounds at Roxbury High School, Succasunna	\$0.00	\$10.66
Maturo, Jocelyn	3/27/19	St. Joseph’s Hospital - Feeding Program, Paterson	\$0.00	\$11.90
Valle, Thomas	4/2/19	New Jersey iReady Summit, Long Branch	\$99.00	\$37.32

4. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of April 8, 2019 to organizations, provided all required documents are submitted:

Permit #	Requested by / Facility / Dates
1903-0016	Boonton Hills & Valley LAX Boonton High School – Turf Sat 3/23/2019 (12:30 – 4:00 PM)
1904-0001	Sat 5/18/2019 (1:00 – 5:00 PM)
1904-0002	Sat 4/27/2019 (12:00 – 5:00 PM)
1904-0004	Sat 3/30/2019 (12:00 – 4:00 PM) Sat 4/6/2019 (12:30 – 3:30 PM)
1904-0005	Mon 3/25/2019 (7:00 – 8:00 PM)
1904-0012	3/26 - 3/28, 4/2, 4/4/2019 (6:30 – 9:15 PM)
1903-0018	John Hill School – Gym 4/2 4/9, 5/7, 5/21/2019 (6:00 – 7:30 PM)
1904-0010	Fireman’s Field 4/9, 4/11, 4/23, 4/25, 4/30, 5/2, 5/7, 5/9, 5/14, 5/16, 5/21, 5/23, 5/28, 5/30, 6/4, 6/6/2019 (5:30 – 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**

5. Maximum Travel Budget: The Board approves establishing the maximum travel expenditure amount, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, of \$65,000 for the 2019-2020 school year, inclusive of local, State and Federal funds. The maximum amount for the 2018-2019 school year is \$55,000, of which \$19,284 has been spent and \$8,484 is encumbered to date.
6. Submission of Grant Applications: The Board approves submission of DonorsChoose grant applications for preschool supplies, in coordination with William Paterson University.

E. POLICY

Mr. Cartelli said that resolution #1 is being tabled.

Approval of Policy resolutions #2-15 was moved by Mr. Cartelli 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. LeFebvre, Mrs. Shollenberger, Mr. Gibbons. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

1. Tabled
2. First Reading of Revisions to Policy & Regulation #5111 – Eligibility of Resident/ Nonresident Students: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of revisions to Policy & Regulation #5111 – Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students, as per the attached.

3. First Reading of Revisions to Policy #5330.4 – Administering an Opioid Antidote: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of revisions to Policy #5330.4 – Administering an Opioid Antidote, as per the attached.
4. First Reading of Regulation #5330.04 – Administering an Opioid Antidote: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of Regulation #5330.04 – Administering an Opioid Antidote, as per the attached.
5. First Reading of Revisions to Policy #5337 – Service Animals: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of revisions to Policy #5337 – Service Animals, as per the attached.
6. First Reading of Revisions to Regulation #5530 – Substance Abuse: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of revisions to Regulation #5530 – Substance Abuse, as per the attached.
7. First Reading of Revisions to Policy & Regulation #5600 – Student Discipline/Code of Conduct: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of revisions to Policy & Regulation #5600 – Student Discipline/Code of Conduct, as per the attached.
8. First Reading of Revisions 0074foo Policy & Regulation #5611 – Removal of Students for Firearms Offenses: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of revisions to Policy & Regulation #5611 - Removal of Students for Firearms Offenses, as per the attached.
9. First Reading of Revisions to Policy & Regulation #5612 – Assaults on District Board of Education Members or Employees: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of revisions to Policy & Regulation #5612 – Assaults on District Board of Education Members or Employees, as per the attached.
10. First Reading of Revisions to Policy & Regulation #5613 – Removal of Students for Assaults with Weapons Offenses: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of revisions to Policy & Regulation #5613 – Removal of Students for Assaults with Weapons Offenses, as per the attached.
11. First Reading of Revisions to Policy #5756 – Transgender Students: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of revisions to Policy #5756 – Transgender Students, as per the attached.
12. First Reading of Revisions to Policy & Regulation #7440: School District Security: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of revisions to Policy & Regulation #7440 – School District Security, as per the attached.
13. First Reading of Revisions to Policy & Regulation #8461 – Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Alcohol and Other Drug Offenses: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of

revisions to Policy & Regulation #8461 – Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Alcohol and Other Drug Offenses, as per the attached.

14. First Reading of Revisions to Policy #8561 – Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of revisions to Policy #8561 – Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs, as per the attached.
15. First Reading of Revisions to Policy #8860 – Memorials: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of revisions to Policy #8860 – Memorials, as per the attached.

F. REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1. HS Committee: None
2. Communications/Legislation: None
3. ESC: Mrs. LeFebvre reported the next meeting is on 4/10, and the gala is on 4/12.
4. MCSBA: Mrs. LeFebvre reported the next meeting is on 5/23.
5. NJSBA: Mrs. LeFebvre reported on judging of the special education awards; Mental health conference is on 4/9; and the deadline has passed for Workshop presentations.
6. DEAC: None

XII. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Steve Bossen asked about teacher tenure and union agreements.

XIII. DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT

On a motion by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Mrs. Darling, the Board agrees to affirm the findings and recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying complaints: JHS #17.

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, Mr. Gibbons. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

XIV. OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Mr. Geslao thanks Mayor DiLauri for updating the Town website with links to the Boonton HS Gateway Academy.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Mr. Ezzi, the following motion was presented for approval to enter Executive Session at 8:55 pm. All present voted in favor.

Mr. Cartelli left the meeting at 8:57 pm.

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. Doherty and seconded by Mr. Ezzi to adjourn executive session at 11:02 pm and return to open session. All present voted in favor. Mr. Cartelli was absent.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mrs. LeFebvre to adjourn at 11:07 pm. All present voted in favor. Mr. Cartelli was absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: