

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

April 29, 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 29, 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 29, 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. Joe Geslao, Mr. Patrick Joyce, Mrs. Loren Katsakos, Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Mrs. Jennifer Shollenberger, Mr. Robert Stager. Mr. Bob Ezzi 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 7:32 pm by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos, 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 Mrs. Darling to adjourn executive session and return to open session. All present voted in favor. Mr. Ezzi 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 administrators Felicia Kicinski, Christine Muench, Jason Klebez, Alison Schessler and Judy Sorochynskyj.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

None

VII. LIAISON REPORTS

1. John Hill School (student representative): Dylan Visioli reported on the spring dance; baseball and softball teams; talent show; eighth-grade DC trip; ducks in seventh grade.
2. Boonton High School (student representative): Maliha Rahaman thanked Mr. Presuto for buying the bracelets for the fundraiser in memory of Luke, and she reported on last week's pep rally, girls lacrosse benefit, Heart for People volleyball charity, collections for Luke and Jon Warbeck, and elections in May.
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8: Justine Cirminelli reported on the book fairs; child safety awareness assembly by the County Prosecutor; dinners-to-go fundraiser on 5/13; family STEM night; and teacher appreciation week May 6-10.
4. Home School Association 9-12: None
5. Board of Aldermen Representative: Alderman Mike Cardillo

VIII. CHANGE THE ORDER OF THE DAY

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

IX. MINUTES

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

1. Regular and Executive session: April 8, 2019

X. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

XI. ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Presuto commented on a Daily Record article about concussions in sports. School Street staff Rachel Wolk and Jenna Irwin presented on co-teaching.

Mike Cardillo, Board of Aldeman liaison, reported on the combined BOA-BOE meeting earlier tonight; negotiations with the police department; and seeking a larger venue for the town's 5/20 meeting.

B. ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. LeFebvre reported that at its meeting tonight, the committee discussed a proposal from the Child Study Team, Fulbright scholarships and financial help from the PTA for field trip transportation.

PK8 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-7 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. Geslao, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Shollenberger. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Mr. Stager. ABSENT: Mr. Ezzi.

1. **Reappointments of K-8 Tenured Certified Staff:** Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the reappointments of K-8 tenured certified staff, for the 2019-2020 school year, based upon 2018-2019 assignments, in accordance with the Agreement Between the Board of Education and the Boonton Education Association. Professional assignments may move based on administrative action within the parameters of the negotiated agreement. Steps and salaries are on file at the Board of Education Office.

Aquino, Michael	Gleeson, Deborah	Perez, Natalie
Bariso, Lynn	Groeneveld, Kristin	Petrella, Elise
Barone, Susan	Guenther, Mary	Pollina, Nicole
Barrientos, Sheila	Haight, Carol	Pourki-Deak, Neda
Bartell, Michele	Halliwell, Lindsay	Robinson, Gerald
Baseil, Laura	Harbeson, Jesica	Rodrigues, Teresa
Bednar, Patricia	Hughen, Bevin	Sabatino, Zachary
Brady, Heidi	Jones-Cassino Pamela	Sacco, Krystle
Bridi, Jennifer	Kelly, Julie	Schreiber, Laura
Bucco, Laura	Khoury, Carol	Sheehan, Amanda
Bruseo Catherine	Kiernan, Lorraine	Smith, Amy
Bulkeley, Amanda	Kovall, Karen	Smulewicz, Michael
Chin, Melanie	Kresnosky, Kaitlin	Sudak, Danielle
Chiodo, Paul	Laderach, Natasha	Sudak, Laura
Christian, Ellen	Maier, Christine	Theiller, Judith
Coleman, Jennifer	Manca, Yvonne	Tserkis-Schlitt, Cynthia
Comer, Marybeth	McCue, Jamie	Viruet, Gina
Crithary, Jennifer	Melione, Diana	Wasserman, Valerie
Davidson, Robert	Nguyen, Elizabeth	Whitney Morley, Lillian
Davis, Dina	Nosal, Peter	Wieland, Su
DeCotiis, Toni	O'Dell, Terence	Wolk, Rachel
Giannotti, Lorraine	Paulozzo, Tracy	
	Pereira, Vicki	

Bellini, Alfred	Galle-Carey Laurene	Nash, James
Birchler, Leah	Gilbert, Barbara	Oliveri, Jody
Bongo, Robert	Goodell, Aaron	Podwoski, Matthew
Braner, Lisa	Greene, Sandra	Reich, Karen
Buck, Christina	Haddad, Edward	Ren, Ken
Callahan, Diana	Hancock, Patrick	Schwalb, Robin
Clowers, Lee	Hebert, Dawn	Shera, Courtenay
Cornell, Vicki	Hurd, Christopher	Sohl, Melanie
Cumbo, John	Kraa, Kristen	Tambakis, Jennifer
Davis, Robert	Laidlaw, Linda	Tucci, Marcia
Diaz, Joseph	Levy, Evan	Voswinkel, Matthew
Dieckmann, Rebecca	London, Michael	Young, Stephen
Engelberger, Devon	Mafaro, Jason	Zwain, Jodi
Faessinger, Colleen		

2. Reappointments of 9-12 Tenured Administrators: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointments of the following 9-12 tenured administrators in accordance with the Agreement Between the Boonton Administrators' Association and the Boonton Board of Education for the 2019-2020 school year.

Ballway, Debra	Forman, Edward	Hughen, David
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3. Reappointment of District-Wide Tenured Administrator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the reappointment of Judy Sorochnykyj as a district-wide tenured administrator for the 2019-2020 school year:

4. Contract for School Business Administrator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the employment contract and detailed statement of contract costs for Steven Gardberg, School Business Administrator, approved by the Executive County Superintendent, for the term 7/1/2019 – 6/30/2020, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth therein with an annual salary of \$142,526.00, as per the attached.

5. 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:

Bednar, Annette	Norton, Michael	Benrexi, Danielle
Melendez, Jorge	DeCicco, Kimberly	

6. Volunteer Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Daniel Clavijo as a volunteer Track and Field Coach for the 2018-2019 school year.

7. 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
Grade 9 / Gateway	Monmouth University, Lafayette College
Grades 9-12	Dave & Buster's Willbrowbrook Mall

8. Outside Evaluation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a psychiatric evaluation for Student State ID# 8934758086-B, to be conducted by Dr. Suckno, for \$600.

9. Home Instruction: – Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for the following students to be provided by district approved instructors at a rate of \$32 per hour:
 - SID# 3464743840-B, up to 10 hours per week beginning 4/8/2019, and
 - SID# 4421147939-B, up to 12 hours per week beginning 4/24/2019.

10. Home Instructors - Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following to provide home instruction, based on certifications held, during the 2018/2019 school year, at \$32 per hour:
 - Reich, Karen
 - Shan, Roger Liguio

C. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Before giving a public presentation on the 2019-2020 budget, Mr. Gardberg reported on projects at School Street School (HVAC, paving, fencing and façade), new retaining wall at John Hill School, and working with Mrs. Harebeson on orders for three new preschool classrooms.

D. OPERATIONS

Mrs. Darling reported that at its meeting tonight, the committee met with a representative from Pomptonian Food Service.

Approval of Operations resolutions #1-11 was moved by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. LeFebvre. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Geslao, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Shollenberger, Mr. Stager. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Ezzi.

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

\$696,775.78	4/12 – 4/29/2019 (machine checks)
\$1,926,967.20	3/1 – 3/31/2019 (hand checks, including payroll)

2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending 3/31/2019.

3. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer: The Board approves reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending 3/31/2019.

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	Mileage/ Tolls / Other
Gleeson, Deborah	5/20/19	iReady Summit, Long Branch	\$99.00	\$40.30
Dieckmann, Becky	5/20/19	iReady Summit, Long Branch	\$99.00	\$40.36
Presuto, Robert	5/9 – 5/10/19	School Administrator Mentor Training Program, Trenton	\$395.00	\$73.04
Presuto, Robert	4/28/19	Collaborative Annual School Workshop	\$37.08	\$6.40
Schessler, Alison	5/20/19	iReady Summit, Long Branch	\$99.00	\$40.30
Sorochynskyj, Judith	4/29/19	Collaborative Workshop for Annual School Plans, Trenton	\$0.00	\$40.73
Sullivan, Rose	5/9/19	Administrative Assistant Seminar, Rockaway	\$0.00	\$7.56
Valle, Thomas	4/29/19	Collaborative Workshop for Annual School Plans, Trenton	\$0.00	\$37.01

5. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of April 29, 2019, to organizations, provided all required documents are submitted:

Permit # Requested by / Facility / Dates

1903-0017 BHS Project Graduation Class of 2019 – Clothing Drive-Plant Sale- Car Wash
 BHS – Covered Walk - Parking Lot
 Fri 5/17 – Sun 5/19/2019 Clothing Drive (2:45 PM Fri – 4:00 PM Sun)
 Sat 5/18/2019 Plant Sale & Car Wash (8:00 AM – 4:00 PM)

1904-0020 Wick-Hegarty School of Irish Dance – Recital
 BHS – Auditorium, 2 classrooms, Parking Lot
 Sun 6/2/2019 (12:00 – 6:00 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. Tuition Contract: The Board approves a contract with the New Jersey Department of Children and Families, Office of Education, to reimburse the District \$44,039.20 for educational services for SID #3819770743.

7. Rejection of Construction Project Bids: Whereas the following sealed bids were opened on April 3, 2019, for the Boonton Annex Building 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
D&E Window	\$85,900
Panoramic	94,000

8. 2019-2020 District Budget: The Board approves adoption of the 2019-2020 District budget with the use of state aid; use of healthcare adjustment of \$135,513 to cover additional healthcare expenses; and use of banked cap of \$55,170 to achieve instructional goals.

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special</u>	<u>Debt</u>	
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
Budget	\$28,583,415	\$2,222,999	\$1,484,750	\$32,291,164
Tax Levy	19,738,335	0	1,104,997	20,843,332

9. Capital Project: The Board approves to close the capital project Boonton High School Bathroom Renovations and to transfer the balance of \$8,728 to Capital Reserve.
10. Agreement: Fleet Maintenance: The Board approves the fleet maintenance agreement with Rockaway Township Public Schools for the 2019-2020 school year for \$67/hour for labor, parts at 5% over cost, \$67/hour for NJ MVC inspections, and \$67/hour for rental of a bus or van.
11. Tuition Rates: Moved that the Board of Education approves of the following tuition rates for the 2019-2020 school year.

Kindergarten	\$15,978	Multiple Disabilities	\$37,217
Grades 1-5	15,190	Learning Language Disabilities	33,206
Grades 6-8	15,511	Preschool Handicapped	36,274
Grades 9-12	17,673		

E. POLICY

Mr. Cartelli said that item #1 is a first reading, and the remaining items are final readings.

Approval of Policy resolutions #1-15 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. Geslao, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Shollenberger, Mr. Stager. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Ezzi.

1. First Reading of Policy & Regulation 1642 – Earned Sick Leave Pay: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of Policy & Regulation 1642 – Earned Sick Leave Pay, as per the attached.

2. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy & Regulation #5111 – Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy & Regulation #5111 – Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students, as per the attached.
3. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #5330.4 – Administering an Opioid Antidote: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #5330.4 – Administering an Opioid Antidote, as per the attached.
4. Final Reading of Regulation #5330.04 – Administering an Opioid Antidote: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of Regulation #5330.04 – Administering an Opioid Antidote, as per the attached.
5. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #5337 – Service Animals: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #5337 – Service Animals, as per the attached.
6. Final Reading of Revisions to Regulation #5530 – Substance Abuse: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Regulation #5530 – Substance Abuse, as per the attached.
7. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy & Regulation #5600 – Student Discipline/Code of Conduct: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy & Regulation #5600 – Student Discipline/Code of Conduct, as per the attached.
8. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy & Regulation #5611 – Removal of Students for Firearms Offenses: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy & Regulation #5611 - Removal of Students for Firearms Offenses, as per the attached.
9. Final 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 final reading of revisions to Policy & Regulation #5612 – Assaults on District Board of Education Members or Employees, as per the attached.
10. Final 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 final reading of revisions to Policy & Regulation #5613 – Removal of Students for Assaults with Weapons Offenses, as per the attached.
11. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #5756 – Transgender Students: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #5756 – Transgender Students, as per the attached.
12. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy & Regulation #7440: School District Security: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy & Regulation #7440 – School District Security, as per the attached.

13. Final 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 final reading of revisions to Policy & Regulation #8461 – Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Alcohol and Other Drug Offenses, as per the attached.
14. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #8561 – Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #8561 – Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs, as per the attached.
15. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #8860 – Memorials: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #8860 – Memorials, as per the attached.

F. REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1. HS Committee: Mrs. Shollenberger reported that a meeting date is being scheduled.
2. Communications/Legislation: None
3. ESC: Mrs. LeFebvre reported there is a meeting next week.
4. MCSBA: Mrs. LeFebvre reported the next meeting is on May 23.
5. NJSBA: Mrs. LeFebvre reported that Leadership Training is this weekend; Board of Directors meets on May 10; Special Education Symposium is May 13; Delegate Assembly is May 18; Mental Health Task Force continues to work; and Charlene Peterson will attend the Board retreat on May 7.
6. DEAC: Mrs. Doherty reported the next meeting is on May 22.

XII. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Justine Cirinelli asked about how teachers differ in counting benchmarks as exams or not.

Mr. Klebez commented on the Boonton HS weekly update; a sophomore whose artwork is on display at NJPAC; robotics competition; college admissions; boys lacrosse charity game; bracelets for sale to fund a scholarship in Luke's memory; alumni hall of face assembly; and off-campus privileges to include driving.

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 #18-20.

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

XIV. OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Mr. Gardberg thanked the Board for renewing his contract for next year.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Mrs. LeFebre and seconded by Mrs. Darling to adjourn at 9:16 pm. All present voted in favor. Mr. Ezzi was absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: