

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

July 8, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Boonton Town Board of Education, of Morris County, New Jersey, held a meeting at 7:00 pm on July 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 July 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 and 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.

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

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 7:30 pm by Mr. Ezzi 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 7:28 pm a motion was made by Mr. Cartelli and seconded by Mrs. Doherty 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 8:02 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately five members of the public were in attendance, as well as the administrators Felicia Kicinski and Judy Sorochnyjskyj.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

Thank-you note from New Jersey Interscholastic Lacrosse Officials Association

VII. LIAISON REPORTS

1. John Hill School (student representative): none
2. Boonton High School (student representative): none
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8: PTA is setting up summer meetings with the principals, Mrs. Sorochnykyj and Mrs. Harbeson
4. Home School Association 9-12: none
5. Board of Aldermen Representative: none

VIII. CHANGE THE ORDER OF THE DAY

On a motion by Mrs. Doherty and seconded by Mr. Joyce 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. Katsakos, and approved on roll call. 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. Regular and Executive session: June 24, 2019

X. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

XI. ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Presuto reported on the administrators' retreat, new traffic pattern at the Annex and building upgrades.

B. ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. LeFebvre reported that the committee met tonight and about the search for a high-school chemistry teacher.

PK8 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK8 resolution #1-7 was moved by Mrs. LeFebvre 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: Mr. Stager. ABSENT: None.

1. Sick Day Payouts: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves sick day payouts to the following John Hill School staff members.
Raymundo Rodriguez, Custodian, \$2,140 (53.5 days at \$40.00/day)
Deborah Acevedo, Spanish Teacher, \$1,860 (31 days @ \$60.00/day)
2. Vacation Day Payout: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a vacation day payout to Raymundo Rodriguez, John Hill School Custodian, in the amount of \$3,827.04 (21 days at \$180.24/day).
3. Student Speech Internships: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following student speech internships from January – May 2020 at John Hill School, under the supervision of Valerie Wasserman.
Courtney McKinney, Kean University, pending receipt of substitute certificate
Jessica Sainz, Kean University, pending receipt of background check
4. Advisors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following advisors and stipends at John Hill School for the 2019-2020 school year:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Kristen Houser	Junior Band	\$1,292
Yvonne Manca	Band	\$2,585
Kristen Houser	Junior Chorus	\$ 774
Yvonne Manca	Chorus	\$1,292
Michelle Bacchetta	Green Team	\$ 774
Laura Sudak	Helping Hands	\$ 538
Gerry Robinson	Inclement Weather	\$1,854
Michele Bartell	Inclement Weather	\$1,854
Bevin Hughen	Inclement Weather	\$1,854
Michael Aquino	Inclement Weather	\$1,854
Carol Haight	Newspaper/Broadcasting	\$1,292
Sheila Barrientos	Stars & Stripes	\$ 538
Zachary Sabatino	Student Council	\$1,076
Jenna Crithary	Students for Change	\$1,076
Marybeth Comer	Students for Change	\$1,076
Pamela Jones-Cassino	Yearbook	\$1,292

5. Enrichment Facilitator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Zachary Sabatino as Enrichment Facilitator, John Hill School, at a stipend of \$2,500 for the 2019-2020 school year.
6. Testing Facilitator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Kathy Beiermeister as Testing Facilitator, John Hill School, at a stipend of \$2,500 for the 2019-2020 school year.
7. Psychology Internship: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a psychology internship for Rona Anwar, Long Island University, from September 2019 through June 2020, under the supervision of Toni DeCotiis, pending receipt of substitute certificate and background check.

PK12 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK12 resolutions #1-14 was moved by Mrs. LeFebvre 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. Stager. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

1. 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 June 2019, as per the attached.
2. Appointment of Certified Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Dean Del Guercio to the position of Chemistry Teacher, Boonton High School, at a salary of \$73,883 (Step 13 BA), effective 9/1/2019 for the 2019-2020 school year.
3. Sick Day Payout: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves sick day payout to Porfirio Bustamante, Boonton High School Custodian, in the amount of \$2,840.00 (71 days at \$40.00/day).
4. Vacation Day Payout: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a vacation day payout to Porfirio Bustamante, Boonton High School Custodian, in the amount of \$1,640.16 (9 days at \$182.24/day).
5. Guidance Internship: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a guidance internship for Abbey Lamberto, Montclair State University, at Boonton High School for the 2019-2020 school year, under the supervision of Samantha Soni, pending receipt of substitute certificate.
6. Resignation of Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a resignation letter from Maria Patterson, Assistant Field Hockey Coach, for the 2019-2020 school year.
7. Resignation of Certified Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a resignation letter from Heba Obeidallah, Boonton High School Chemistry Teacher, effective August 25, 2019.
8. Field Trip: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip:

Group	Destination
ESY CBI	Interfaith Food Pantry
9. Submission of ESEA Application for FY2020: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board authorizes the submission of the ESEA Application for FY 2020 and accepts the grant award of these funds upon the subsequent approval of the FY2020 ESEA Application.

10. Out-of-District Placements: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the out-of-district placements, as follows, for the 2019 Extended School Year Program and 2019-2020 school year, and that transportation be arranged as needed:

Cornerstone Day School

Student State ID# 3464743840-B

ESY Summer Program and 2019-2020 school year, Tuition \$392.54/day (220 days)

CPNJ Horizon High School

Student State ID# 1879952807-B

2019-2020 school year, Tuition \$394.65/day (180 days)

11. 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 on 6/10/2019 as follows, for the 2019 ESY Program and 2019-2020 school year, and that transportation be arranged as needed:

Stepping Forward

Student State ID# 7268871923-B

ESY Summer program/camp, Tuition \$1,600/wk, not to exceed \$3,200; Application Fee: \$300; 1:1 aide \$700/wk, not to exceed \$1,400

12. Revise Summer Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to revise/add the following for the 2019 Special Education Summer ESY Program:

Lee Clowers MD 5.5 hr/day, stipend of \$2,359.50, 11 days

Patrick Hancock MD 5.5 hr/day, stipend of \$2,574.00, 12 days

Mary Guenther Up to 80 hrs over 6 weeks, not to exceed \$ 4,218.40

13. Home Instructors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board of Education approve Kathleen Foley and Erika Jentzen to provide home instruction during the 2019-2020 school year at \$37/hr.
14. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board of Education approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 4590602605-B, for up to 4 hours per week from 7/1 – 8/1/2019, with instructional services provided by district approved instructor at \$37/hr.

C. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Gardberg reported on painting at School Street School, online timesheet system to cost \$4,000 less than the original system, and new fencing on the retaining wall at John Hill School.

D. OPERATIONS

Approval of Operations resolutions #1-5 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. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.
\$173,819.83 06/28/2019 (machine checks)
2. Payroll Related Expenses: The Board approves the following payroll expenses:
6/15/2019 \$917,743.66
6/20/2019 \$879,132.42
6/28/2019 \$28,504.43
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	Mileage/ Tolls / Other
Barati, Steven	7/15 - 7/17/19	AVID Summer Institute, Philadelphia, PA	\$0.00	\$779.04
Barati, Steven	8/5 - 8/9/19	AP Summer Institute for Biology, Edison	\$900.00	\$142.91
Bulkeley, Amanda	10/10/19	Transforming Early Childhood Leadership Institute, Monroe Twp.	\$0.00	\$34.29
Callahan, Diana	7/15 - 7/17/19	AVID Summer Institute, Philadelphia, PA	\$0.00	\$779.04
Cunningham, Elisabeth	8/12 - 8/23/19	Orff Schulwerk Teacher Education Course, Newark	\$500.00	\$230.20
Greulich, Courtney	8/5 - 8/9/19	AP Summer Institute for Calculus AB, Edison	\$900.00	\$142.91
Hancock, Patrick	7/15 - 7/17/19	AVID Summer Institute, Philadelphia, PA	\$0.00	\$779.04
Kipp-Newbold, Rebecca	7/15 - 7/17/19	AVID Summer Institute, Philadelphia, PA	\$0.00	\$1,093.56
Klebez, Jason	7/15 - 7/17/19	AVID Summer Institute, Philadelphia, PA	\$0.00	\$779.04
LaPlaca, Marissa	7/15 - 7/17/19	AVID Summer Institute, Philadelphia, PA	\$0.00	\$779.04
Levy, Evan	7/15- 7/17/19	AVID Summer Institute, Philadelphia, PA	\$0.00	\$779.04

Presuto, Robert	7/2 - 8/2/19	Safe Schools Resource Officer/School Liaison Training, Scotch Plains	\$350.00	\$77.81
Sorochynskyj, Judith	7/15 - 7/17/19	AVID Summer Institute, Philadelphia, PA	\$0.00	\$1,085.50
Tambakis, Jennifer	7/15 - 7/17/19	AVID Summer Institute, Philadelphia, PA	\$0.00	\$779.04

4. Contract for Chromebooks: The Board approves the contract with Ocean Computer Group for \$106,084.05 for Chromebooks and management services, per WSCA/NASPO Contract # B27160, WSCA/NASPO Contract # AR602, Ocean Computer Contract Code 05AHC, Master Agreement Number MNWNC-108/109, Participating Addendum: A89967/89968.
5. ESEA FY20 Grant: The Board approves submission of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Grant Fiscal Year 2020 in the following amounts.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Award</u>
I-A	\$198,250
I Reallocated	\$13,382
I SIA-A	19,800
II-A	28,385
III	14,514
III Immigrant	4,264
<u>IV-A</u>	<u>12,345</u>
Total	\$290,940

E. POLICY

There were no Policy motions to move.

F. REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1. HS Committee: None
2. Communications/Legislation: Mrs. LeFebvre reported about a meeting with Senator Bucco.
3. ESC: None
4. MCSBA: None
5. NJSBA: Mrs. LeFebvre reported on the July summer leadership series and Wingman project.
6. Curriculum: None
7. PR/Communications: None

XII. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Justine Cirinelli: Asked that grading policies in student handbooks be reviewed for consistency.

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: BHS #6, JHS #24-25, SSS #3

On roll call, the motion was approved. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Shollenberger (except JHS #25), Mr. Stager. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Shollenberger (JHS #25). ABSENT: None.

XIV. OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Mrs. Darling, the following motion was presented for approval to enter Executive Session at 8:32 pm. All present voted in favor.

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. Katsakos and seconded by Mr. Joyce to adjourn executive session at 9:26 pm and return to open session. All present voted in favor.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos to adjourn at 9:27 pm. All present voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: