

## **BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION**

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

July 22, 2019

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Boonton Town Board of Education, of Morris County, New Jersey, held a meeting at 7:30 pm on July 22, 2019, at John Hill School, 435 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 22, 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, Mr. Bob Ezzi, Mr. Joe Geslao, Mr. Patrick Joyce, Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Mr. Robert Stager. Absent were Mrs. Elaine Doherty, Mrs. Loren Katsakos, Mrs. Jennifer Shollenberger.

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. Darling and seconded by Mrs. LeFebvre, all present voted to enter Executive Session. Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Katsakos and Mrs. Shollenberger were 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 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 executive session, at 7:47 pm a motion was made by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. LeFebvre to adjourn executive session and return to open session. All present voted in favor. Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Katsakos and Mrs. Shollenberger were absent.

Mr. Cartelli led a Board discussion about district goals and data/benchmarking. Suggestions included SAT and iReady scores, post-secondary graduation rates, improvements among ESL and Special Education students, and social-emotional learning.

**V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Two members of the public were in attendance, as well as the administrator Felicia Kicinski.

**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: none
- 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. LeFebvre and seconded by Mrs. Darling and with all present in favor, order of the day was approved. Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Katsakos and Mrs. Shollenberger were absent.

**IX. MINUTES**

None

**X. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**XI. ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION**

**A. SUPERINTENDENT**

None

**B. ADMINISTRATION**

**PK8 Resolutions**

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-6 was moved by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Mrs. Darling. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. LeFebvre. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Mr. Stager. ABSENT: Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. Shollenberger.

- 1. Field Trip: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Destination</u>
Grades 6-8	William Patterson University

2. Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Sofie Kohler, long-term leave replacement guidance counselor, School Street School, effective July 18, 2019.
3. Long-Term Leave Replacement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Lea Audino as Long-Term Leave Replacement Guidance Counselor at School Street School at a salary of \$60,762 (Step 2 MA), pro-rated 9/1 -- 12/1/2019.
4. Vacation Payout: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a vacation payout of \$6,346.15 to Peter Nosal (\$423.08/day x 15 days).
5. Sick Day Payout: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a sick day-payout of \$3,690 to Melanie Gill (\$30/day x 123 days).
6. Psychology Internship: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a psychology internship for Joseph Mosley, Montclair State University, from 9/1/2019 – 6/30/2020, under the supervision of Toni DeCotiis, pending receipt of certificate and background check.

**PK12 Resolutions**

Approval of Admin PK12 resolutions #1-10 was moved by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Mrs. Darling. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Stager. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. Shollenberger.

1. Curriculum Writers: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members as Curriculum Writers for the 2019-2020 school year, at \$34/hr, for up to 40 hours each to be completed by August 15, 2019.
 

Priscilla Nunez	American Sign Language
Mark DiGennaro	Sports Marketing
Dan Matarazzo	Robotics
2. Teachers for IEP Meetings: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Maureen Merritt and Patrick Hancock to attend IEP meetings, if needed, between 7/22 – 8/30/2019 at \$25/hr.
3. Revise Aide Rate: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a revision to the aide rate as follows that was previously approved on 6/10/2019.

**Stepping Forward**

Student State ID# 7268871923-B  
 ESY Summer program/camp, Tuition \$1,600 per week, not to exceed \$3,200;  
 Application Fee: \$300; aide - \$800 per week, not to exceed \$1,600

4. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Bancroft School Voorhees to provide home instruction for Student State ID# 1410655793-B, for up to 10 hr/wk, 7/3 – 8/16/2019, in residential setting, at \$67/hr.

5. Home Instructor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Laura Bucco to provide home instruction during the 2019-2020 school year at \$37/hr.
6. Outside Evaluation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Cerebral Palsy of North Jersey to conduct an AAC Assessment for Student State ID# 9460157166-B, at a cost of \$995.
7. Job Description: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the job description for Treasurer of School Monies as per the attached.
8. Extra Hours: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves 7 extra hours to Tonia Merlino for additional administrative work during June 2019 at \$30.35/hr.
9. Advisors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following advisors and stipends at Boonton High School for the 2019-2020 school year:
 

<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Louisa Sinatra	Cheerleading	\$3,291
Al Bellini	Football Video	\$ 895
10. Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Amanda Sheehan as Boonton High School Assistant Girls Basketball Coach at a stipend of \$7,200 (Step 4) for the 2019-2020 school year.

**C. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT**

Mr. Gardberg reported on the new steps outside John Hill’s gymnasium and projects recently completed: School Street painting and fencing on the new retaining wall at John Hill.

**D. OPERATIONS**

Mr. Gardberg read aloud walk-in resolution #5.

Approval of Operations resolutions #1-5 was moved by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. LeFebvre. On roll call the resolutions were approved. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Stager. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. Shollenberger.

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.  
     \$233,610.87    6/28 -- 6/29/2019 (machine checks)
2. Professional Development: The Board approves these professional development expenses, in accordance with OMB Guidelines, State travel regulations and/or employee contracts. Cost includes registration and travel (\*other costs previously approved).

Name	Date (s)	Workshop / Conference	Cost
Barati, Steven	7/15 - 7/17/19	AVID Summer Institute, Philadelphia, PA	\$825.00
Callahan, Diana	7/15 - 7/17/19	AVID Summer Institute, Philadelphia, PA	\$825.00
DeCotiis, Toni	8/8/19	Handle with Care Instructor Recertification, Jersey City	\$492.67
Hancock, Patrick*	7/15 - 7/17/19	AVID Summer Institute, Philadelphia, PA	\$825.00
Kipp-Newbold, Rebecca*	7/15 - 7/17/19	AVID Summer Institute, Philadelphia, PA	\$825.00
Klebez, Jason*	7/15 - 7/17/19	AVID Summer Institute, Philadelphia, PA	\$825.00
LaPlaca, Marissa	7/15 - 7/17/19	AVID Summer Institute, Philadelphia, PA	\$825.00
Levy, Evan*	7/15 - 7/17/19	AVID Summer Institute, Philadelphia, PA	\$825.00
Tambakis, Jennifer*	7/15 - 7/17/19	AVID Summer Institute, Philadelphia, PA	\$825.00

3. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of July 22, 2019, to organizations, provided all required documents are submitted.

Permit #	Requested by / Facility / Dates
1907-0000	Town of Boonton Police – National Night Out JHS Upper Field August 6, 2019 (5:00 – 10:00 PM)
1907-0001	Town of Boonton – Fire Department Anniversary Celebration Boonton HS – Practice Football Fields to Tennis Courts, including Parking lots Aug 22-28, 2019: Set Up Aug 29 – Sept 1, 2019: Carnival Sept 2, 2019: Rain Date Sept 2-5, 2019: Cleanup

**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**

4. Payback Schedule for PY Resource Center Adjustments: The Board approves the following three-year payback schedule to Lincoln Park Board of Education for prior year resource program adjustments in the total amount of \$592,979.

Year 2020-2021	\$128,401
Year 2021-2022	\$232,289
Year 2022-2023	\$232,289

5. Emergency Aid Application: The Board authorizes the Superintendent to submit an Application for Emergency Aid to the NJ Department of Education due to financial distress from Resource Program adjustments owed to Lincoln Park Board of Education.

#### **E. POLICY**

There were no Policy motions to move.

#### **F. REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES**

None

#### **XII. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

John Tolochko thanked the Board for listening to the public about the Boonton HS boys' lacrosse coach.

Mr. Bossen will comment at the next Board meeting on how much his children's school books / textbooks were used in 18-19.

#### **XIII. DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT**

None

#### **XIV. OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

None

#### **XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

#### **XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Stager and seconded by Mr. Ezzi to adjourn at 8:07 pm. All present voted in favor. Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Katsakos and Mrs. Shollenberger were absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg  
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL:

