

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

August 12, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Boonton Town Board of Education, of Morris County, New Jersey, held a meeting at 7:32 pm on August 12, 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 August 12, 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 Mrs. Jennifer Darling, Mrs. Elaine Doherty, Mr. Bob Ezzi, Mr. Joe Geslao, Mr. Patrick Joyce, Mrs. Loren Katsakos, Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Mrs. Jennifer Shollenberger. Absent were Mr. Chris Cartelli, 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 7:33 pm by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos, all present voted to enter Executive Session. Mr. Cartelli and Mr. Stager 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 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. Mr. Cartelli and Mr. Stager were absent.

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 administrator Judy Sorochnyskyj.

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: Justine Cirinelli reported on the annual breakfast to welcome back staff and meeting with administrators.
4. Home School Association 9-12: None
5. Board of Aldermen Representative: Alderman Mike Cardillo reported on a new fire engine to be received soon. Mr. Presuto asked about parking meters on Liberty Street, and Mr. Cardillo responded the topic is in limbo at the Town because of personnel changes.

VIII. CHANGE THE ORDER OF THE DAY

On a motion by Mrs. Doherty and seconded by Mrs. Darling and with all in favor, order of the day was approved. Mr. Cartelli and Mr. Stager were absent.

IX. MINUTES

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

1. Regular and Executive session: July 8, 2019
2. Regular and Executive session: July 22, 2019

X. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Justine Cirinelli asked about the Bridges revenues and expenditures in the Board Secretary report, and Mr. Gardberg said he would follow up with her. She also asked about attachments referenced in agenda items but not posted online for the public, and Mr. Presuto responded that some items need Board approval before they are posted for the public.

Steve Bossen asked how members of the public could provide input on items up for approval, such as student handbooks on tonight's agenda, if they're not posted. Mr. Presuto responded that the handbooks incorporate changes and suggestions received in the past year.

XI. ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Presuto presented his Boonton Schools Comprehensive Plan, which will be posted on the District website.

B. ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. LeFebvre reported that the Administration Committee met tonight, discussing open positions and American Sign Language.

PK8 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #2-7 was moved by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Mrs. Darling. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Shollenberger. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mr. Stager.

1. TABLED: School Street School and John Hill School Parent / Student Handbooks: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the School Street School and John Hill School Parent / Student Handbooks for the 2019-2020 school year as per the attached.
2. Curriculum Writers - Grades 6, 7 & 8: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Vicki Cornell and Daniel Matarazzo as Curriculum Writers for the 2019-2020 school year for 6th, 7th and 8th Grade STEM, at \$34/hr, for up to a combined/shared 30 hours total.
3. Curriculum Writer - Grades 6, 7 & 8: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Natalie Perez as Curriculum Writer for the 2019-2020 school year for 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Financial Literacy, at \$34/hr, for up to 30 hours.
4. Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board of Education accepts a letter of resignation from Amandalynn O'Neill, JHS Paraprofessional, effective August 17, 2019.
5. Substitute for Extended School Year: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Patrick Hancock as a substitute for the 2019 Extended School Year Program.
6. Non-Certified Staff Members: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board of Education approves the following non-certified staff members effective 9/1/19 for the 2019-2020 school year.
Tammi Strelkoff, Pre-K Paraprofessional (JHS), salary \$33,172 (Step 1),
Robin Zanca, Pre-K Paraprofessional (JHS), salary \$34,138 (Step 4),
Nicole Salazar, Pre-K Paraprofessional (JHS), salary \$34,138 (Step 4),
Shatha Mokhemar, Paraprofessional (SSS), salary \$34,138 (Step 4), and
Brian Kerian, Paraprofessional (JHS), salary \$34,138 (Step 4)
7. Summer Hours for Elementary Long Term Leave Replacement Guidance Counselor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves up to 3 days for Lea Audino, long-term leave elementary guidance counselor, during the summer of 2019, paid at the daily rate of 1/200th of their salary, as per the Negotiated Agreement.

PK12 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK12 resolutions #1-6 and 8-16 was moved by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty (except #15), Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Shollenberger (except #15). NO: None. ABSTAIN: Mrs. Doherty (#15), Mrs. Shollenberger (#15). ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mr. Stager.

1. Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from William McKenzie, BHS Special Education Teacher, effective September 28, 2019, or sooner should a suitable replacement be secured.
2. Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Dr. Wei Shi as Chemistry Teacher, Boonton High School, at a salary of \$76,371 (Step 10 MA+30) effective September 1, 2019, for the 2019-2020 school year.
3. Gateway Academy Mentors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School; Administrator, the Board approves the following Gateway Academy Mentors and stipends at Boonton High School for the 2019-2020 school year.
Full stipend (\$4,500): Vicki Cornell, Patrick Hancock. Leah Birchler, Melissa Bialick
Half stipend (\$ 2,250): Nupur Bahl, Lane Balaban
4. Gateway Academy Coordinator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves James Nash as the Gateway Academy Coordinator at BHS, effective September 1, 2019, for the 2019-2020 school year, at a stipend of \$10,000.00.
5. Realtime Trainers: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Natalie Perez and Christina Buck as Realtime Trainers during New Staff Orientation on August 27, 2019, at \$34/hr, for up to 3 hours each.
6. Treasurer of School Monies: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Judith Favino as the Treasurer of School Monies at a stipend of \$6,000, effective 7/1/2019 – 6/30/2020 for the 2019-2020 school year.
7. TABLED: Boonton High School Parent / Student Handbook: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Boonton High School Parent / Student Handbook for the 2019-2020 school year as per the attached.
8. Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Kristy Shovlowsky as Assistant Field Hockey Coach at BHS at a stipend of \$7,112 (Step 4) for the 2019-2020 school year.
9. Athletic Events: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following athletic events at BHS during the 2019-2020 school year, subject to change due to weather or scheduling conflicts.
Morris County Field Hockey Semi-Final & Championship Games, 10/12 - 10/17/2019
Greater Morris County Junior School Coaches Association, Inc. Field Hockey Championship Games, 10/29 – 11/3/2019
NJSIAA State Field Hockey Tournament Games, 11/5/2019
Morris County Track and Field Championships, 5/12 - 5/13/2020

10. Athletic Field Trips: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following athletic field trips during the 2019-2020 school year.
- Zeris Inn & Chrisandis Banquet, Mountain Lakes
 - Knights of Columbus, Boonton
 - Hilton Garden Inn, Rockaway
 - Casa Bianca Banquets & Catering, Oak Ridge
 - Bally's Atlantic City Hotel & Casino - Caesars Entertainment, Atlantic City
 - Jim Whelan Boardwalk Hall, Atlantic City
 - Seton Hall University, South Orange
 - Montclair State University, Montclair
 - William Paterson University, Wayne
 - Sussex Technical High School, Sparta Township
 - Randolph HS, Randolph,
11. Gateway Field Trips: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following Gateway field trips during the 2019-2020 school year.
- NJ Senior Olympics Woodbridge, NJ
 - Lafayette College
 - Lehigh University
 - Seton Hall University
 - Monmouth University
 - Stevens Institute of Technology
 - Princeton University
 - St. Johns University
 - University of Pennsylvania
 - Columbia University
12. Staff for Crowd Control/Clock Operators/Announcing/Ticket Sales: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members and stipends for crowd control/clock operators/announcing/ticket sales at events as required for the 2019-2020 school year.

Staff Member	Event(s)
Michael Aquino	Crowd Control, Clock Operator, Track Meet Attendant
Colleen Faessinger	Crowd Control, Clock Operator
Robert Bongo	Crowd Control
Wayne Barreto	Crowd Control, Clock Operator
Peter Nosal	Crowd Control, Clock Operator
Cindy Tserkis-Schlitt	Crowd Control, Clock Operator
Alfred Bellini	Crowd Control, Clock Operator
Christopher Hurd	Crowd Control, Clock Operator, Announcer, Track Meet Attendant
Michael Smulewicz	Crowd Control, Clock Operator
Michael London	Crowd Control, Clock Operator
Roxanne London	Crowd Control, Clock Operator, Ticket Sales
Devon Engelberger	Crowd Control, Clock Operator
Robert Davidson	Crowd Control
Rose Sullivan	Ticket Sales, Track Meet Attendant

Patrise Danzi	Ticket Sales, Track Meet Attendant
Michele Wolchesky	Ticket Sales
Karen Bonanni	Ticket Sales
Tiffanie Henry	Crowd Control
Tina Londino	Crowd Control, Clock Operator, Track Meet Attendant
Louisa Sinatra	Crowd Control, Ticket Sales
Christopher Frangipane	Crowd Control, Clock Operator
Rebecca Ross	Crowd Control
Kathleen Foley	Crowd Control

<u>Event Description</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
Crowd Control Varsity	\$50.00
Crowd Control JV	\$25.00
Crowd Control Freshman	\$25.00
Crowd Control John Hill School	\$25.00
Football Announcer	\$50.00
Tickets Sales	\$35.00
Track Meet Event Attendants	\$52.00 (Single) \$82.50 (Double/Triple)
Clock Operator Varsity	\$40.00
Clock Operator JV	\$20.00
Clock Operator Freshman	\$20.00
Clock Operator John Hill School	\$25.00

13. Authorization for Local Law Enforcement Agency to Conduct Canine Sweep: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board of Education authorizes local law enforcement agency to conduct a canine sweep as per the following:
WHEREAS the Boonton Board of Education Policy #5530 recognizes that a pupil's abuse of harmful substances seriously impedes that pupil's education and threatens the welfare of the entire school community, and
WHEREAS the Boonton Board of Education Policy #5530 further recognizes that the Board is committed to the prevention of substance abuse and will take necessary and appropriate steps to protect the school community from harm and exposure to harmful substances; and
WHEREAS one method of preventing the exposure to harmful substances is to cooperate with local law enforcement agencies to conduct suspicion less canine searches of public schools; and
WHEREAS the Boonton Board Regulation #9320 requires that all searches and seizure of pupils, their property and personal effects conducted by school staff must comply with the standards prescribed by the United States Supreme Court in New Jersey v T.L.O. 469 U.S. 325 (1985); and
WHEREAS all inspections of lockers, desks or other objects or personal property on school grounds involving the use of law enforcement, drug-detection canines may only be undertaken with the express permission of the County Prosecutor or the Director of Division of Criminal Justice in the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety;
THEREFORE, BE IT REVOLVED that the Boonton Board of Education authorizes local law enforcement agencies to conduct canine sweeps in its schools, providing the agency has received the written approval of the superintendent, building principal where the operation will be conducted and the express written permission of the County Prosecutor.

14. Substitute Rates of Pay: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following substitute rates of pay for the 2019-2020 school year.

Teachers/Aides - County or State Certificate:	\$ 94.00 per day
Secretary:	\$ 80.00 per day
Nurse:	\$125.00 per day
Custodian:	\$ 15.44 per hour
Maintenance:	\$ 19.50 per hour
Bus Driver:	\$ 22.00 per hour
Bus Driver holding tank & passenger endorsements:	\$ 28.57 per hour

15. Substitutes: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following substitutes for the 2019-2020 school year:

<u>Substitute</u>	<u>Position (s) to be Approved</u>
Gamal Abdelnaby	Custodian
Rehana Abraham	Teacher / Paraprofessional / Secretary
Christen Adair-Hart	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Brianna Affinito	Teacher / Paraprofessional / Secretary
Samantha Anderson	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Miki Balaz	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Suwanna Barth	Teacher / Paraprofessional / Secretary
Bridget Burke-Weiss	Teacher / Paraprofessional / Secretary
Marcia Cifelli	Teacher / Paraprofessional / Secretary
Daniel Clavijo	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Ryan Connolly	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Drew Cyburt	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Olivia Danzi	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Vincent Danzi	Maintenance
Gerald Davidove	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Rebecca Donahue	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Adriane Eoga	Paraprofessional / Secretary
Natalie Fominaya	Teacher / Paraprofessional / Secretary
Ian Havran	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Heather Hoffman	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Janet Hunter	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Marion Kelly-Gingery	Secretary
John Kobilarcik	Bus
Madelyn Leva	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Joel Levy	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Yorcelia Lima	Custodian
Janet Long	Teacher / Paraprofessional / Secretary / Bus
Dianne Lorber	Nurse
Sue LoRusso	Teacher
Linda Madeka	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Adrienne Manley	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Diane Marsh	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Margaret McCollum	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Melissa Mihalko	Teacher / Paraprofessional

Daniel Montgomery	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Danielle Nagidi	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Deborah Pawlikowski	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Brian Pearl	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Geradina Pennella	Custodian
Ashley Perri	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Joya Pinghera	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Gloria Potenza	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Nancy Questa	Teacher / Paraprofessional / Secretary
Matthew Robillard	Custodian
Joyce Lynn See	Nurse
Eric Shollenberger	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Melissa Stein	Teacher / Paraprofessional / Secretary
Geraldine Stetz	Secretary
Jennifer Van Sadlers	Teacher / Paraprofessional
John Yanez	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Jared Zak	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Amy Zaniewski	Teacher / Paraprofessional

16. Rescind Appointment: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to rescind the appointment of Priscilla Nunez effective August 8, 2019.

C. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Gardberg reported on the John Hill masonry project, John Hill Annex renovations for preschool, and the Emergency Aid application for \$675,979. Mr. Presuto reported on the Bridges summer enrichment program earning \$885.

D. OPERATIONS

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

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

\$5,712.40	7/11/2019 (machine checks)
\$45,396.96	7/26/2019 (machine checks)
\$1,076,754.33	7/31/2019 (machine checks)
\$73,390.32	8/12/2019 (machine checks)
\$2,334,002.89	6/1 - 6/30/2019 (hand checks, including payroll)
2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending 6/30/2019.
3. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer: The Board approves reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending 6/30/2019.
4. Payroll Related Expenses: The Board approves the following payroll expenses:

7/15/2019	\$169,866.83
7/30/2019	\$270,518.16

5. Contract: The Board approves the contract with Reading Writing Project Network for \$27,600 to provide professional development services for the 2019-2020 school year.
6. Contract: The Board approves the service agreement with Verified Volunteers (Sterling Talent solutions) for \$2,800/yr to provide volunteer screening services for the 2019-2021 school years.
7. Agreement for Professional Development: The Board approves an agreement with William Paterson University's College of Education Professional Development School Network for \$10,000 to provide professional development and a Professor-in-Residence services for the 2019-2020 school year.
8. Tuition Contract Agreement: The Board approves the tuition contract agreement with the Morris County Vocational School District for the 2019-2020 school year.
9. Amend Contract for Food Service Management Company: The Board approves to amend the contract originally approved on 5/13/19 with Pomptonian Food Service for the 2019-2020 school year; The FSMC shall receive, in addition to the costs of operation, an administrative/management fee of \$0.1043 per reimbursable meal and meal equivalent to compensate the FSMC for administrative and management costs. The per meal administrative/management fee of \$0.1043 will be multiplied by total meals and meal equivalents. The FSMC guarantees the SFA a no cost of operation for the SFA for school year 2019-2020.

E. POLICY

There were no Policy motions to move.

F. REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1. HS Committee: None
2. Communications/Legislation: Mrs. LeFebvre reported that Assemblyman Bucco was receptive in the meeting about school district issues.
3. ESC: Next meeting is on Wednesday.
4. MCSBA: Planning meeting is Tuesday.
5. NJSBA: Mrs. LeFebvre commented on the success of Wingman training.
6. Curriculum: Mrs. Katsakos commented on implementing the Atlas system.
7. PR/Communications: Mrs. Doherty reported the committee met tonight, and that former Board member Adam Schnitzler had met with the Administration and will meet with the committee.

XII. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Bossen asked about the volunteer form submission, and Mr. Presuto responded how the new process is working.

Justine Cirinelli asked about a grace period for background checks, and Mr. Presuto responded ...

XIII. DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT

None

XIV. OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

None

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Mrs. Doherty, the following motion was presented for approval to enter Executive Session at 9:32 pm. All present voted in favor. Mr. Cartelli and Mr. Stager were absent.

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NO ACTION BE TAKEN

Having no further business in closed executive session, a Motion was made by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mrs. Doherty to adjourn executive session at 10:09 pm and return to open session. All present voted in favor. Mr. Cartelli and Mr. Stager were absent.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: