

## **BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION**

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

September 9, 2019

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

The Boonton Town Board of Education, of Morris County, New Jersey, held a meeting at 7:30 pm on September 9, 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 September 9, 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, and Mr. Jack Gibbons. Absent: Mr. Chris Cartelli

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

### **IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion at 7:01 pm by Mrs LeFebvre 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 7:58 pm a motion was made by Mr. Joyce and seconded by Mrs. LeFebvre 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 7:02 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately two members of the public were in attendance, as well as the administrators Jason Klebez, Judy Soroehynskyj and Thomas Valle.

## **VI. CORRESPONDENCE**

## **VII. LIAISON REPORTS**

1. John Hill School: None
2. Boonton High School: Gina Lombardo, student representative, spoke of class elections, back to school night coming up, Club Fair, Spirit week Sept 23-27, Tail gate 10/9, New type of mtg that resulted all 9 classes.
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8, Steve Bossen discussed the 9/17 General PTA meeting, paid membership is at 151, Mindfulness assembly, Tricky Tray coming up, Welcome Back to School Picnic
4. Home School Association 9-12: None
5. Board of Aldermen Representative: Alderman Mike Cardillo talked about the new Boonton Fire Engine in Atlantic City for Showcase, Trail Committee-Grace land Park remodeled, Slope failure

## **VIII. CHANGE THE ORDER OF THE DAY**

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

## **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: Mr. Gibbons. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli.

1. Regular and Executive session: August 26, 2019

## **X. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

## **XI. ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION**

### **A. SUPERINTENDENT**

Mr Presuto discussed start of School\_Preschool Annex, JHS Car line, Riding bikes, BHS no ASL, new teaching staff, Town Librarian, Maintenance Staff and HIB self-assessment.

### **B. ADMINISTRATION**

Mrs LeFebvre discussed Enrollment by grade, Choice Status and new potential programs

### **PK8 Resolutions**

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-9 was moved Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Mrs Kotsakos 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: Mr. Gibbons. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli.

1. Long-Term Leave Special Education Replacement Teacher: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Nancy Questa as long-term leave special education replacement teacher, John Hill School, at a salary of \$55,962 (Step 2 BA), prorated 9/1 – 10/25/2019.
  
2. Detention Monitors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following as detention monitors at John Hill School during the 2019-2020 school year at \$26/hr.
 

Brad Davidson	Janine LaPointe	Greg LaPointe
Bevin Hughen	Peter Nosal	Gerry Robinson
Laura Affinito		
  
3. Bridges to Learning Before/After School Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following for the Bridges to Learning Before/After School Program at School Street School and John Hill School for the 2019-2020 school year.
  - High School Student Counselors at \$10/hr: Llana Mina, Madeeha Hussain, Laiba Ullah, Syeda Jabeen, Judah Mora, Victoria Zanca, Samantha Tallis
  - Lead Teacher at \$30/hr: Judy Sorochnyskyj
  - College Student at \$12/hr: Aasad Ullah
  - Lead Substitute Teachers at \$30/hr: Greg LaPointe\*, Gail Corbosiero\*, Gerry Robinson (\*listed previously as Lead Teacher on 8/26/19 agenda)
  - Support Staff at \$18/hr: Gerry Robinson
  
4. Staff Transfers: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff transfers for the 2019-2020 school year.
  - Gail Corbosiero, Paraprofessional, School Street School, to John Hill School
  - Rebecca Ross, Paraprofessional, John Hill School, to School Street School
  - Jennifer Gregg, Paraprofessional, School Street School, to John Hill School.
  
5. Advisor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Greg LaPointe as Mathletes/Chess Club Advisor at John Hill School at a stipend of \$1,076 for the 2019-2020 school year.
  
6. Coaches: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following coaches and stipends at John Hill School for the 2019-2020 school year.
 

Staff Member	Position	Stipend
Zachary Sabatino	Baseball	\$4,351
Tina Londino	Softball	\$4,351
  
7. Bridges to Learning Enrichment Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following Bridges to Learning Enrichment Staff at School Street School and John Hill School for the 2019-2020 school year, to be paid \$30 - \$65 per class, based upon enrollment.
  - Staff: Laura Baseil, Nicole Pollina, Doreen Ohlott, Kristen Houser, Kristin Groeneveld, Joseph Diaz
  - Substitutes: Natasha Laderach, Tracy Paulozzo

8. Self-Assessment for Determining Grades: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act for the period 7/1/2018 – 6/30/2019 for School Street School and John Hill School.
9. Car Line Assistant: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Elisabeth Cunningham for Car Line Assistant at School Street School for 15 minutes/day during the 2019-2020 school year at \$20/hr.

**PK12 Resolutions**

Approval of Admin PK12 resolutions #1-12 was moved by Mrs. LeFebvre 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, Mr. Gibbons. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli.

1. Volunteers: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves the following to serve as district wide volunteers during the 2019-2020 school year:

Justine Cirinelli	Gisela Campanelli	Veronica Adamo
Cassandra Duncan	Marie Bostrom	Jessica Uychich
Elizabeth Tucker	Jeanna Spezzachatena	Tara Joyce
Eric Glatz	Monisha Blair	Laura Clark
Elisabeth Cunningham	Andrew Pruner	Maria Elisa Glatz
Chris DelGazio	Carlos Campanelli	Marcia Cifelli
Karen Sorandes-Kay	Christine Graff	Maureen Holmes

2. Additions to Substitute List: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following additions to the 2019-2020 substitute list:

Substitute Teacher/Aide: Amanda Zea  
Substitute Teacher: Raul Aguilar

3. Resignation from Advisor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Evan Levy, National Honor Society Advisor, for the 2019-2020 school year.

4. Advisor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board, approves Michael London as National Honor Society Advisor at a stipend of \$373 for the 2019-2020 school year.

5. Resignation from Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Zachary Sabatino from Boonton High School Assistant Baseball Coach (to coach John Hill School Baseball).

6. Amend Clock Operator Stipend: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves to amend the stipend for Clock Operator that was incorrectly reported on 8/12/2019 to the following.

Clock Operator Varsity	\$50.00
Clock Operator JV / Freshman	\$25.00

7. Coaches: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves the following coaches and stipends at Boonton High School for the 2019-2020 school year:

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Step / Stipend</u>	
Amanda Sheehan	Assistant Girls Lacrosse	3	\$5,912
Melanie Sohl	Assistant Track and Field	4	\$7,112

8. Staff for Event Management: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff for Event Management at athletic events during the 2019-2020 school year.

<u>Crowd Control</u>	<u>Clock Operator</u>
Dean Del Guercio	Dean Del Guercio
Amanda Sheehan	

9. Self-Assessment for Determining Grades: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act for the period 7/1/2018 – 6/30/2019 for Boonton High School.

10. Staff Transfer: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves the following staff transfer for the 2019-2020 school year.

Joe Diaz, Spanish Teacher, Boonton High School, to John Hill School

11. Volunteer Advisor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Vicki Cornell as volunteer advisor for the Girls Who Code Club (national non-profit organization working to close the gender gap in technology) for the 2019-2020 school year.

12. Detention Monitors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves the following staff as detention monitors at Boonton High School during the 2019-2020 school year at \$26/hr.

Ken Ren	Barbara Gilbert	Mary Foster
Vicki Cornell	Michelle McBride	

**C. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT** Mr. Gardberg discussed In-Service days, FY21 Budget Shadow Colleagues, Safe Routes to School, Food Service – Creating a pre-order form for Halal and vegan menus (PreK-12) and sandwich menu (BHS).

**D. OPERATIONS**

Approval of Operations resolutions #1-4 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, Mr. Gibbons. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli.

- Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.  
\$501,538.14 9/9/2019 (machine checks)
- Payroll Expenses: The Board approves the following payroll expenses:  
8/15/2019 \$167,272.58

8/30/2019 \$198,883.22

3. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 9/9/2019 to organizations, provided all required documents are submitted. District teams have priority. No activities on days school is closed. Use of all gyms and fields are coordinated with Mr. Hughen, Athletic Director. All permits are pending building administration final approval and receipt of documentation.

Permit #	Requested by / Facility / Dates
1908-0020	Boonton High School Field Hockey Boosters Club – Pasta Dinners BHS Cafeteria Sept 4, 16, 24, 2019 (5:00 – 7:00 PM)
1908-0021	Pathways to Success - Transition Resources Fair BHS Cafeteria, Classrooms 110, 112, 114, 115 Oct 16, 2019 (5:00 – 8:00 PM)
1908-0022	Boonton High School Field Hockey Boosters Club – Play 4 the Cure BHS Concession Bathrooms Oct 5, 2019 (12:00 – 5:00 PM)
1909-0000	Grayhawks Football & Cheerleading - Games BHS Turf Field – Concession Sept 8, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29, Oct 6, 13, 20, 26, 27, Nov 2, 3, 9, 2019 *Saturday Game times to be coordinate with Mr Hughen (12:00 – 3:30 PM)

4. Waiver Application: The Board approves submission of the Waiver Application N.J.A.C. 6A:5 for Preschool Program to the NJ Department of Education.

### **E. POLICY**

There were no Policy motions to move.

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

1. HS Committee: None
2. Communications/Legislation: Mrs LeFebvre read the weekly meeting updates
3. ESC: Mrs. LeFebvre state there is a meeting on Wednesday the 18 of September and talked about the workshop in October
4. MCSBA: Mrs. LeFebvre stated there is a meeting on 9/19, County meeting on 9/21
5. NJSBA: Mrs. LeFebvre stated that the Legal training is postponed, workshop letter that Board has earned Board Certification Award.
6. Curriculum: Meeting on 9/23
7. PR/Communications: Table at Boonton Days on 9/29

**XII. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

John Tucker addressed the Board about a personnel matter and his son at BHS.

**XIII. DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT**

None

**XIV. OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

Mrs. Katsakos discussed the Pathways to History Tour on 9/21 and 9/22, Christmas Parade

**XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Mrs. Doherty to adjourn at 8:57 pm. All present voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg  
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: