

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

January 27, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Boonton Town Board of Education, of Morris County, New Jersey, held a meeting at 7:30 pm on January 27, 2020, at John Hill School, 435 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, New Jersey.

II. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

Mr. Chris Cartelli, Board President, called the meeting to order, and Mr. Steven Gardberg, Board Secretary, read the following statement: This is the January 27, 2020, 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. Jennifer Shollenberger, Mrs. Sandra Vucenovic. Absent was Mrs. Irene LeFebvre.

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. Doherty, all present voted to enter Executive Session. Mrs. LeFebvre was 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 Mr. Geslao and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos to adjourn executive session and return to open session. All present voted in favor. Mrs. LeFebvre was absent.

V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:02 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 30 members of the public and 35 students were in attendance, as well as the administrators David Hughen, and Judy Sorochnykyj.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

None

VII. LIAISON REPORTS

1. John Hill School: Charlie Sagerer, student representative, reported on the pep rally, Spirit Week and karaoke.
2. Boonton High School: Mr. Jason Klebez, Principal, reported on honors for two staff members, Nupur Bahl and Jodi Zwain; Snowball dance; and Mr. BHS.
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8 from Steve Bossen
 - a. Current and upcoming fundraisers: Dinners2Go - Sazon Latino (1/30); Gertrude Hawk (coming soon); Penny Wars (week of 1/27); Family Valentines Dance (2/7); Mother's Market (4/25); Flocking and Boxtops (ongoing)
 - b. Assemblies by Kits Interactive Theater (2/27): Mother Nature for Grades K-2, Journey of an Irish Immigrant for Grades 3-5; and The Mysteries of Ancient Egypt for Grade 6
 - c. The PTA have earmarked funds for 1 or 2 PreK only assemblies which are in the process of being scheduled. Because of the varied locations of the PreK classes they do not attend assemblies that might be applicable to the PreK- 1st/2nd range unless all the PreK students can be there
 - d. Running Start: 1st grade students get a free book for each completed reading challenge
 - e. Fundraising this year is going so well we are increasing busing subsidy for this year (*only*) to max of \$1200 per grade
 - f. Working with JHS to provide basketball hoops and balls for the blacktop
 - g. Next meeting is 2/4 at 7pm in the JHS library
4. Home School Association 9-12: None
5. Board of Aldermen Representative: Alderman Joe Bock reported on the Town having its reorganization meeting, budget meetings and honoring the Boonton HS football team.

VIII. CHANGE THE ORDER OF THE DAY

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

IX. MINUTES

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

1. Regular and Executive session: January 6, 2019

X. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

XI. ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH

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

1. School Board Recognition: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves commending the efforts of colleagues and urges the public to support efforts to improve education, per the attached resolution.

B. SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Presuto recognized all members of the football team for winning the 2019 state sectional championship and Bryan Gallagher for being named Coach of the Year (North 1) by NJ Football Coaches Association. Rosemarie Lynch, Director of Community Education, presented on the Bridges programs.

C. ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. Darling reported the committee met tonight.

PK8 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-12 was moved by Mrs. Darling 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 (except #12), Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. Shollenberger. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Mr. Joyce (#12). ABSENT: Mrs. LeFebvre.

1. Title I - After School Extra Help: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Susan Barone for Title I After School Extra Help for Social Studies for grades 6-8, at \$37/hr, 1 hour after school, once a week, effective January 28, 2020, for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, paid with FY20 Title I funds.
2. Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Emma Putney, Paraprofessional, John Hill School, effective February 8, 2020.
3. Co-Advisors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Elisabeth Cunningham and Kristen Houser as Drama Club Co-Advisors at John Hill School, at a stipend of \$646 each for the 2019-2020 school year.
4. Amend Bridges to Learning Hourly Rate of Pay for High School Student: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to amend the hourly rate of pay for High School Student Bianca Marc from \$10/hr to \$11/hr, effective 1/1/20, due to new minimum wage law for individuals at least 18-years-old.
5. Non-Certified Staff Appointment: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Leo Recon to the position of Custodian, John Hill School, at a salary of \$37,122 (Step 1), pro-rated from 1/28/2020 for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

6. Long-Term Leave Replacement Elementary Teacher: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Jennifer Gregg as long-term leave replacement elementary teacher at John Hill School at a salary of \$55,962 (Step 2 BA) pro-rated from January 22, 2020, for a period of 6-8 weeks.
7. Long-Term Leave Replacement Paraprofessional: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approve Miki Balaz as long-term leave paraprofessional at John Hill School at a salary of \$33,172 (Step 1), pro-rated from January 22, 2020, for a period of 6-8 weeks.
8. Field Trips: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves the following field trip destinations for the 2019-2020 school year:

Grade	Destination
Preschool	Turtle Back Zoo
Grades 3,4,5	Morristown Unitarian Fellowship
Grade 4	Liberty Science Center
8. Amend Stipends for Inclement Weather Advisors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to amend the Inclement Weather Advisor stipends at John Hill School to the following for the 2019-2020 school year:

Michele Bartell to receive a total of \$556 (30% of approved stipend due to leave of absence), and Gerry Robinson, Bevin Hughen and Michael Aquino to each receive \$2,287 for the 2019-2020 school year.
9. Amend Employment Contract for Paraprofessional: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to amend the employment contract for Margaret McCollum to full-time paraprofessional, School Street School, at a salary of \$33,172 (Step 1), pro-rated from 1/21/2020 for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.
10. Bridges to Learning Volunteer: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Heather Wolfgang to volunteer in an 8-week math program for Bridges to Learning at School Street School during the 2019-2020 school year.
11. Amend Rate for Outside Evaluation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to amend the rate for Dr. Fennelly previously approved on 11/25/2019 at \$690 to a rate of \$750.
12. Advisor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Kathryn Beiermeister as John Hill School Student Activities Financial Coordinator, at a stipend of \$2,371, pro-rated from 2/1/2020 for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

PK12 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK12 resolutions #1-11 was moved by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. Shollenberger, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. LeFebvre.

1. Field Trips: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves the following field trip destinations for the 2019-2020 school year:

Grade	Destination
Grade 9	Delbarton School, Rutgers , Morris County Courthouse
Grades 9-12	Rutgers Medical School

2. 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 December 2019.

3. Additions to Substitute List: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following additions to the substitute list for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.
Substitute Techer/Aide: Claudia Yanez, Julianne Reidel

4. Amend Advisor List: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to amend the advisor list incorrectly approved on 7/22/2019 removing Louisa Sinatra as winter basketball cheerleading advisor and approve Jamie Evans at a stipend of \$3,291 for the 2019-2020 school year.

5. Detention Monitor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves Matthew Ross as a detention monitor at Boonton High School during the 2019-2020 school year at \$26/hr.

6. 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:

Latoya Binns-Williams	Jennifer Agugliaro	Kenneth Bledsoe
Fernando Duran	Hailey McGavisk	Elyse Bonanni

7. 6th-Period Stipend for Certified Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following Boonton High School Staff members a 6th-period stipend in the amount of \$5250, pro-rated from January 1, 2020, for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

Michael London	Roger Shan
Courtney Greulich	Evan Levy

8. Student Observation/Student Teaching Assignment: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a student observation/student teaching assignment for Christine Fili, Rutgers University, beginning January 29 through April 30, 2020, for two days per week and September through December 2020 for five days per week, at Boonton High School, under the supervision of Matthew Podwoski and Christopher Hurd.

9. SLE Placement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the unpaid Structured Learning Experience Placement for Student State ID# 8208007446-B and Student State ID# 1513976071-B, at The Daily Joe, from 1/28/2020-

6/19/2020, for up to 2 hr/day, Tuesdays & Wednesdays, to be accompanied by assigned paraprofessional.

10. Extracurricular Aide Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Devon Engelberger as 1:1 Instructional Aide for Out of District Student State ID# 9460157166-B, for the 2019-2020 TAG events for up to 3 hours at events, beginning January 2020, at \$26.50/hr.
11. Presentation Through the NJ Department of Corrections: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a presentation at Boonton High School on April 21, 2020, through the NJ Department of Corrections called Project PRIDE (Promoting Responsibility in Drug Education) which will center on consequences of making destructive decisions.

D. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Mr. Gardberg reported on purchasing new lighting controls for the high school auditorium; working with the architect on preschool renovations at the high school; availability of state grant funds for security upgrades to comply with Alyssa’s Law; the benefits of shadowing administrators for the 20-21 budget; appointing Mrs. Beiermeister as Student Activities Financial Coordinator at JHS; and working with Mrs. Lynch on Bridges.

E. OPERATIONS

Mr. Geslao reported that the committee met tonight; dugout fencing has been installed for the varsity baseball field; bus evacuation drills are being scheduled; and budget season is here.

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

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

\$461,611.32	1/27/2020 (machine checks)
6,361.32	1/13/2020 (machine checks)
2. 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	Total Cost
Buck, Christina	2/14, 2/25/20	Languages for All: NECTFL2020, New York, NY	\$47.00
Chiodo, Paul	3/27 - 3/30/20	American Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference & Expo, Boston, MA	\$645.50
Christian, Ellen	1/31/20	Reading/Writing Workshop Leadership Program, Skillman	\$29.54
DiGennaro, Mark	3/19, 3/20/20	FBLA State Leadership Conference, Atlantic City	\$275.00

Evans, Jamie	2/24, 3/20/20	Morris-Union Jointure Commission Fundamentals of Job Coaching, New Providence	\$159.50
Harbeson, Jesica	1/14, 2/19, 3/11, 4/28, 5/19/20	Master Teacher Training, Wayne	\$53.20
Henry, Tiffany	3/27/20	Republic of Spin: Teaching the History of the White House Message machine, New Brunswick	\$27.58
LaPlaca, Marissa	3/19, 3/20/20	FBLA State Leadership Conference, Atlantic City	\$275.00
Levy, Evan	3/2/20	Develop Mindset in Mathematics to Increase Students' Perseverance, Engagement & Success in Your Math Classroom, West Orange	\$287.56
London, Michael	1/30/20	Best Use of Google Classroom in Math, West Orange	\$279.00
Mauriello, Linda	2/24/20	Autism New Jersey Transition Conference, Newark	\$148.11
Pourki, Neda	3/24/20	Social Emotional Character Development, New Brunswick	\$30.10
Sorochynskyj, Judith	3/4/20	NJSLA District Test Coordinator Mtg., Monroe Township	\$38.43

3. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 1/27/2020 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
2001-0008	Girl Scouts – Car Wash BHS Parking Lot Saturday 5/9/2020 (8:00 AM – 4:00 PM)
2001-0009	Tri Town Little League – Games & Practices John Hill School & School Street School Fields Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri. & Saturdays 3/23 – 7/17, 2020 Weekdays (6:00 – 8:00 PM) Saturdays (9:00 AM – 8:00 PM) JHS & SSS Fields can only be used on Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat SSS Field can only be used for Banta Boonton High School JV & Varsity Fields Varsity Field can only be used on Mon, Wed & Sat Mon., Wed., Saturdays 3/23-7/17, 2020 Mondays (6:00 – 8:00 PM) Saturdays HS (12:00 – 9:00PM)
2001-0012	Boonton Hills & Valley LAX - Clinic John Hill School Gym & Locker Rooms Mondays 1/27-3/30, 2020 (6:00 – 9:00 PM)

- 2001-0013 Boonton School District – Latino Family Project
School Street School Media Center
Wednesdays 1/22,2,/26,3,18,4/22,5/13, 2020 (7:50 – 9:10 AM)
- 2001-0015 Boonton Parks & Recreation – Adult Basketball
JHS Gym & Locker Rooms
Thursdays 3/26-5/28, 2020 (7: 00 – 9:00 PM)
- 2001-0016 BHS Boys LAX Parents Boosters – Meeting
BHS Media Center
Thursday 2/27/2020 (7:00 – 9:00 PM)
- 2001-0017 BHS Alumni Association - Meeting
BHS Media Center
Thursday 1/30/2020 (6:00 – 9:00 PM)
4. FY2019 Audit: The Board accepts the FY2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Auditors Management Report (AMR).
5. Donation: The Board accepts a donation of books valued at \$700 from Jason Klebez for School Street School.
6. Contract: The Board approves a contract with Cablevision/Lightpath for \$41,620.20 for Internet access, Internet voice bundle and Private fiber network for 2019-2020, per ESCNJ RFP#18/19-46.

F. POLICY

There were no Policy motions to move.

G. REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1. HS Committee: Mrs. Shollenberger reported the next meeting is 1/30.
2. Communications/Legislation: None
3. ESC: None
4. MCSBA: Mrs. Darling reported that the meeting on 1/16 was for mandatory training.
5. NJSBA: Mrs. Darling reported that upcoming meetings/trainings include 2/8 for state leadership and 3/5 about middle school programs.
6. Curriculum: Mrs. Katsakos reported the next meeting is 2/5.
7. PR/Communications: None

XII. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bossen thanked the grounds crew for how well they take care of our properties.

Mr. Klebez commented on the vaping assembly at Boonton HS.

XIII. DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT

On a motion by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Joyce, the Board agrees to affirm the findings and recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying complaints: BHS #5-6.

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

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 Mrs. Doherty and seconded by Mr. Joyce to adjourn at 9:02 pm. All present voted in favor. Mrs. LeFebvre was absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: