

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

February 24, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Boonton Town Board of Education, of Morris County, New Jersey, held a meeting at 7:30 pm on February 24, 2020, at John Hill School, 435 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, New Jersey.

II. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

Mr. Christopher Cartelli, Board President, called the meeting to order, and Mr. Steven Gardberg, Board Secretary, read the following statement: This is the February 24, 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, Mr. Bob Ezzi, Mr. Joe Geslao, Mr. Patrick Joyce, Mrs. Loren Katsakos, Mrs. Irene LeFebvre. Absent were Mrs. Elaine Doherty, Mrs. Jennifer Shollenberger, Mrs. Sandra Vucenovic.

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. LeFebvre and seconded by Mrs. Darling, all present voted to enter Executive Session. Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Shollenberger and Mrs. Vucenovic 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 7:57 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. Shollenberger and Mrs. Vucenovic were absent.

V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 25 members of the public were in attendance, as well as the administrators Sara Brogan, Rebecca Kipp-Newbold, Christine Muench, Jason Klebez, Alison Schessler, Judy Sorochnykyj and Thomas Valle.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

VII. LIAISON REPORTS

1. John Hill School: Mr. Presuto reported about presenting the BHS academies to John Hill eighth-graders
2. Boonton High School: Mr. Klebez reported on the pickleball and soccer tournaments, Key Club show, Mama Mia spring musical, GSA show, spring sports sign-ups and school store.
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8: Sue Chara reported about assemblies, Franklin Institute traveling show, preschool assembly, fundraisers (Gertrude Hawk and boxtops), Running Strong and meeting on March 3.
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 Mr. Ezai and with all in favor, order of the day was approved. Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Shollenberger and Mrs. Vucenovic were absent.

IX. MINUTES

None.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

XI. ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Presuto and school administrators recognized the following Educators and Educational Professionals of the Year.

- School Street School: Alison Schessler – Tracy Paulozzo and Tracy Mischell
- John Hill School: Sara Brogan – Terrence O’Dell and Greg LaPointe
- Boonton HS: Jason Klebez – Marissa LaPlaca and Rebecca Dieckmann

The Board took a break for refreshments at 8:18 pm and resumed the meeting at 8:47pm.

B. ADMINISTRATION

PK8 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-7 and PK12 resolutions #-13 was moved by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre. NO: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Shollenberger.

1. Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a leave of absence for Su Wieland, Special Education Teacher, John Hill School from February 24 through April 3, 2020, utilizing accumulated sick days.
2. Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a leave of absence for Kristen Cacciabeve, Paraprofessional, School Street School, from May 4 through June 30, 2020, utilizing 13 days of accumulated sick days followed by an unpaid leave of absence.
3. Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Kathleen Fallon, Lunch Aide, John Hill School, effective March 11, 2020.
4. 8th-Grade Overnight Field Trip: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the 8th-grade overnight field trip to Washington, DC for May 6-8, 2020.
5. Chaperones for 8th Grade Overnight Field Trip: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members and stipends and parent volunteer to chaperone the 8th-grade overnight field trip to Washington, DC May 6-8, 2020.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Bevin Hughen	\$80.00
Gregg LaPointe	\$80.00
Jabari Jackson	\$80.00
Kelli Shiels	\$80.00
Sara Brogan	\$80.00
Jamie Turton	(Parent)

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

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Destination</u>
PreK	Parkview Animal Hospital (Boonton)
Grades 4-8	The Seeing Eye (Morristown)

7. 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.

Support Staff at-\$18/hr: Warda Syed

PK12 Resolutions

1. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 8190939742-B, for up to 5 hr/wk beginning 2/5/2020, with instructional services provided by St Clare's Hospital at \$55/hr.
2. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 2636883698-B, beginning 2/10/2020, with instructional services provided by Educere, for 5 subjects, at \$29/subject per week.
3. Virtual School: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of virtual school (1 class) for Student State ID# 2682462182-B, with services provided by Educere at a cost of \$399.
4. Outside Assessment: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Employment Horizons to conduct a Vocational Assessment for Student State ID# 8208007446-B at a cost of \$800.
5. Extracurricular Aide Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves up to 180 total hours for Clare Zarzecki to assist and supervise Student State ID# 5028089364-B during the 2019-2020 Girl's Lacrosse Season at \$26.50/hr, and further approve Kathleen Post, Maureen Merritt and Rebecca Ross to serve as alternates, as needed, at \$26.50/hr.
6. Extracurricular Aide Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves up to 90 total hours for Kathleen Post to assist and supervise Student State ID# 5028089364-B, for the 2019-2020 GSA Program, at \$26.50/hr, and further approve Maureen Merritt and Rebecca Ross to serve as alternates, as needed, at \$26.50/hr.
7. Extracurricular Aide Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves up to 180 total hours for Matthew Voswinkel and Maureen Merritt to assist and supervise Students State ID#5153109356-B and Student State ID#6150235416-B for the 2019-2020 track season, at \$26.50/hr each, and further approve Rebecca Ross to serve as an alternate, as needed, at \$26.50/hr.
8. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 4290784906-B, for up to 10 hr/wk, beginning 2/12/2020, with instructional services provided by PESI, at \$37/hr.
9. Psychiatric Evaluation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a psychiatric evaluation for Student State ID #9394971512-LP to be provided by Dr. Lee Suckno at a cost of \$600.

4. 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
Brogan, Sara	3/30/20, 3/31/20	Using Atlas to Support the QSAC Process, Glen Rock	\$224.25
Castano, Louis	3/30/20, 3/31/20	Using Atlas to Support the QSAC Process, Glen Rock	\$224.25
Comer, Marybeth	3/26/20	Project WILD: Teacher Training, Mountainside	\$38.58
Crithary, Jennifer	3/26/20	Project WILD: Teacher Training, Mountainside	\$38.58
Kipp-Newbold, Rebecca	3/30/20, 3/31/20	Using Atlas to Support the QSAC Process, Glen Rock	\$224.25
Klebez, Jason	3/30/20 OR 3/31/20	Using Atlas to Support the QSAC Process, Glen Rock	\$225.00
Robinson, Gerald	4/3/20	It's All About the Question, Jersey City	\$229.89
Schessler, Alison	3/30/20, 3/31/20	Using Atlas to Support the QSAC Process, Glen Rock	\$224.25
Smulewicz, Michael	3/26/20	Project WILD: Teacher Training, Mountainside	\$38.58
Sorochynskyj, Judy	3/24/20	Stop the Bleed for New Jersey Schools, Galloway	\$86.10
Sorochynskyj, Judy	3/30/20, 3/31/20	Using Atlas to Support the QSAC Process, Glen Rock	\$240.28
Tserkis, Cindy	3/26/20	Project WILD: Teacher Training, Mountainside	\$38.58
Valle, Thomas	3/30/20 OR 3/31/20	Using Atlas to Support the QSAC Process, Glen Rock	\$225.00

5. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 02/24/2020 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. Huguen, Athletic Director. All permits are pending building administration final approval and receipt of documentation.

Permit #	Requested by / Facility / Dates
2002-0004	Boonton Home and School Association: Fundraisers Boonton High School – Aux Gym Saturday 2/15/2020 (During JV & V Games)
2002-0005	Boonton High School Boys LAX Boosters: Team Dinner BHS – Cafeteria Friday 3/27/2020 (4:45 – 6:30 PM)
2002-0006	Boonton PTA: Family Stem Night JHS Gym, Parking Lot Tuesday 5/12/2020 (4:30 – 9:30 PM)

- 2002-0007 Boonton High School Boys LAX Boosters: Snack Sales
Concession Stand & Bathrooms
Saturday 3/28/2020 (12:30 – 3:30 PM)
- 2002-0008 Boonton High School Boys LAX Boosters: Snack Sales
Concession Stand & Bathrooms
Saturday 4/4/2020 (9:30 – 3:30 PM)
- 2002-0009 Boonton High School Boys LAX Boosters: Parent Meeting
BHS Cafeteria
Thursday 2/27/2020 (7:00 – 9:00 PM)
- 2002-0010 Boonton High School Boys LAX Boosters: Parent Meetings
BHS Media Center
Wednesdays 3/18 & 4/22, Thursday 5/14/2020 (7:00 – 9:00 PM)

- 6. Professional Services: The Board approves the proposal from DiCara Rubino Architects for \$11,000 to update the Long Range Facilities Plan and Enrollment Projections.
- 7. Cooperative Sports Agreement: The Board approves renewal of the Cooperative Sports Agreement for Ice Hockey with Mountain Lakes Board of Education for \$6,000 for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years.
- 8. Settlement Agreement: The Board approves the settlement agreement with S.M. and J.M. o/b/o D.M.
- 9. Contract: The Board approves awarding a contract to The Viersma Companies to renovate the baseball fields at Boonton High School for \$14,715.

E. POLICY

Mr. Ezzi reported that new policies are expected for review within two weeks. There were no Policy motions to move.

F. REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

- 1. HS Committee: None
- 2. Communications/Legislation: Mr. Gardberg reported that he, Mr. Cartelli and Mr. Presuto are meeting with State Senator Bucco in early March.
- 3. ESC: Mrs. LeFebvre reported on the school for sale and on-site job training for 18-21 year-olds.
- 4. MCSBA: Mrs. LeFebvre reported the next meeting is on March 5.
- 5. NJSBA: Mrs. LeFebvre reported on training about Social Emotional Learning (SEL), and Mr. Gardberg reminded members about the mandated training.
- 6. Curriculum: Mrs. Katsakos reported there will be an AVID presentation in April.
- 7. PR/Communications: None

XII. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Will Coughlin, Allison Gurtis, Jennifer Distefano, Justin Nguyn and Steve Bossen commented on canceling the fifth-grade wax museum project and asked that resuming it or starting a replacement project. Mr. Presuto responded about the reasons.

XIII. DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT

On a motion by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. LeFebvre, the Board agrees to affirm the findings and recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying complaints: BHS #8-9.

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

XIV. OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Mr. Gardberg thanked Steve Bossen for his company's donation of office furniture.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Ezzi and seconded by Mr. Joyce to adjourn at 9:19 pm. All present voted in favor. Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Shollenberger and Mrs. Vucenovic were absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: