

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

March 16, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Boonton Town Board of Education, of Morris County, New Jersey, held a meeting at 6:00 pm on March 16, 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 March 16, 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; and posted at the Board of Education Building at 434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, New Jersey, and at the Town Hall.

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. Jennifer Shollenberger, Mrs. Sandra Vucenovic. Absent were Mrs. Loren Katsakos, Mrs. Irene LeFebvre (arrived at 6:26 pm).

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

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 6:01 pm by Mrs. Doherty and seconded by Mr. Ezzi, all present voted to enter Executive Session. Absent were Mrs. Katsakos and Mrs. LeFebvre

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

Mrs. Irene LeFebvre arrived at 6:26 pm.

Having no further business in closed executive session, at 6:30 pm a motion was made by Mrs. Doherty and seconded by Mrs. Darling to adjourn executive session and return to open session. All present voted in favor. Mrs. Katsakos was absent.

V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board reconvened in open session at 6:31 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. One member of the public was in attendance.

VI. CHANGE THE ORDER OF THE DAY

On a motion by Mr. Ezzi and seconded by Mr. Joyce and with all in favor, order of the day was approved. Mrs. Katsakos was absent.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Bossen asked when the budget will be posted for the public. Mr. Gardberg responded that he will follow up with Mr. Bossen.

VIII. ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Presuto reviewed how Day 1 of Flexible Instruction Day had gone and said he will continue to send updates.

Mrs. LeFebvre stepped out of the room.

C. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Mr. Gardberg reported that the tentative budget includes a 2% increase in the tax levy, but no use of banked cap or healthcare increase.

D. OPERATIONS

Approval of Operations resolutions #1-3 was moved by Mr. Geslao 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, Mrs. Shollenberger, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre.

1. 2020-2021 Tentative Budget: The Board approves adoption of the 2020-2021 tentative budget; submission of the tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools, in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:7F-5 and 18A:7F-6; to advertise the tentative budget in The Citizen newspaper; and to hold a public hearing at the regularly scheduled meeting on April 27, 2020, at John Hill School, 435 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ.

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
Budget	\$29,195,930	\$2,400,386	\$1,486,150	\$33,082,466
Tax Levy	20,133,102	0	1,106,038	21,239,140

2. Professional Services: The Board approves the following maximum dollar limits for professional services and public relations, as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-9.3(c)14, for the 2020-2021 school year; the School Business Administrator to track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded; and, if the need arises, to adopt a dollar increase in the maximum amount through formal board actions.

Legal:	\$47,000
Architecture/Engineering:	\$10,000
Audit:	\$35,000

Physician:	\$17,700
For a total amount of:	\$109,700

3. Maximum Travel Budget: The Board approves establishing the maximum travel expenditure amount of \$45,000, as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq., for the 2020-2021 school year, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3.

IX. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bossen commended the district's implementation of Flexible Instruction Day and asked about the length of the instructional day. Mr. Presuto responded about the State's guidelines for an instructional day.

Mrs. LeFebvre returned to the meeting.

X. OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

None

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mr. Doherty and seconded by Mr. Ezzi, the following motion was presented for approval to enter Executive Session at 6:37 pm. All present voted in favor. Mrs. Katsakos 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 for the 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.

NO ACTION BE TAKEN

Mr. Ezzi left the meeting at 7:02 pm.

Having no further business in closed executive session, a Motion was made by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Mr. Joyce to adjourn executive session at 7:27 pm and return to open session. All present voted in favor. Mrs. Katsakos was absent.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Mrs. Darling to adjourn at 7:28 pm. All present voted in favor. Mrs. Katsakos was absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: