

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

April 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 April 27, 2020, held virtually via Google Meet.

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 April 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. Irene LeFebvre, 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 7:32 pm by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Mr. Joyce, 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 7:57 pm a motion was made by Mrs. Doherty 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 8:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 10 members of the public were in attendance.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

None

VII. LIAISON REPORTS

1. John Hill School: None
2. Boonton High School: None
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8: Justine Cirinelli reported on potentially rescheduling the Living Voices assembly as a virtual program; and about the flocking fundraiser.
4. Home School Association 9-12: None
5. Board of Aldermen Representative: Alderman Joe Bock thanked the Board and mentioned the town is meeting remotely.

VIII. CHANGE THE ORDER OF THE DAY

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

IX. MINUTES

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

1. Regular and Executive session: April 13, 2020

X. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Steve Bossen asked about Operations items #10-11; Mr. Gardberg explained that #10 is for as-needed bus rentals, and #11 is for transporting students to the votech and out-of-district programs.

XI. ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Presuto reported and commented on Governor Murphy's "The Road Back" framework to reopen the state; schools' re-entry plans; report cards; end-of-year celebrations; and the high school's improvement in US News & World Report's annual rankings.

B. ADMINISTRATION

PK8 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-3 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, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Shollenberger. NO: None. ABSENT: None.

1. Reappointments of K-8 Tenured Certified Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the reappointments of K-8 tenured certified staff, for the 2020-2021 school year, based upon 2019-2020 assignments, in accordance with the Agreement Between the Board of Education and the Boonton Education Association. Professional assignments may move based on administrative action within the parameters of the negotiated agreement. Steps and salaries are on file at the Board of Education Office.

Aquino, Michael	Gleeson, Deborah	Pereira, Vicki
Bariso, Lynn	Greenberg, Kaitlin	Perez, Natalie
Barone, Susan	Groeneveld, Kristin	Petrella, Elise
Barrientos, Sheila	Guenther, Mary	Pollina, Nicole
Bartell, Michele	Haight, Carol	Pourki-Deak, Neda
Baseil, Laura	Halliwell, Lindsay	Robinson, Gerald
Bednar, Patricia	Harbeson, Jesica	Rodrigues, Teresa
Brady, Heidi	Houser, Kristen	Sabatino, Zachary
Bridi, Jennifer	Hughen, Bevin	Sacco, Krystle
Bucco, Laura	Irwin, Jenna	Schreiber, Laura
Bruseo Catherine	Jones-Cassino Pamela	Sheehan, Amanda
Bulkeley, Amanda	Kelly, Julie	Smith, Amy
Chin, Melanie	Kiernan, Lorraine	Smulewicz, Michael
Chiodo, Paul	Kovall, Karen	Sudak, Danielle
Christian, Ellen	Laderach, Natasha	Sudak, Laura
Coleman, Jennifer	Maier, Christine	Theiller, Judith
Comer, Marybeth	Manca, Yvonne	Tserkis-Schlitt, Cynthia
Crithary, Jennifer	McCue, Jamie	Viruet, Gina
Davidson, Robert	Melione, Diana	Wasserman, Valerie
Davis, Dina	Nguyen, Elizabeth	Whitney Morley, Lillian
DeCotiis, Toni	Nosal, Peter	Wieland, Su
Giannotti, Lorraine	O'Dell, Terence	Wolk, Rachel
	Paulozzo, Tracy	

2. Earned Sick Leave Payout: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the following earned sick leave payout for hours earned through 3/31/2020 for eligible Bridges staff.

Elizabeth DeVincenzo	\$126.36	Amy Zaniewski	\$390.36
Kaylee Kravis	\$225.24	Marcia Cifelli	\$199.80

3. Title I Summer Academic Support Program: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board approves the Title I Summer Academic Support Program at John Hill School for Grades K-8, for August 3-15, 2020, contingent upon funding and enrollment and pending the availability of funds which may be impacted by the COVID-19 crisis, and the ability to run the associated programs due to the same.

PK12 Resolutions

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

1. Reappointments of K-12 Tenured Certified Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the reappointments of K-12 tenured certified staff, for the 2020-2021 school year, based upon 2019-2020 assignments, in accordance with the Agreement Between the Board of Education and the Boonton Education Association. Professional assignments may move based on administrative action within the parameters of the negotiated agreement. Steps and salaries are on file at the Board of Education Office.

Bahl, Nupur	Faessinger, Colleen	Masters, Alan
Balaban, Lane	Foley, Kathleen	Matarazzo, Daniel
Barreto, Wayne	Foster, Mary	McBride, Michelle
Bellini, Alfred	Gallagher, Bryan	Nash, James
Birchler, Leah	Galle-Carey Laurene	Oliveri, Jody
Bongo, Robert	Gilbert, Barbara	Podwoski, Matthew
Braner, Lisa	Goodell, Aaron	Reich, Karen
Buck, Christina	Greene, Sandra	Ren, Ken
Callahan, Diana	Haddad, Edward	Schwalb, Robin
Clowers, Lee	Hancock, Patrick	Shera, Courtenay
Cornell, Vicki	Hebert, Dawn	Sohl, Melanie
Cumbo, John	Hurd, Christopher	Tambakis, Jennifer
Davis, Robert	Kraa, Kristen	Tucci, Marcia
Diaz, Joseph	Levy, Evan	Voswinkel, Matthew
Dieckmann, Rebecca	London, Michael	Young, Stephen
Engelberger, Devon	Mafaro, Jason	Zwain, Jodi

2. Reappointments of 9-12 Tenured Administrators: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointments of the following 9-12 tenured administrators in accordance with the Agreement Between the Boonton Administrators' Association and the Boonton Board of Education for the 2020-2021 school year.

Debra Ballway	Edward Forman	David Huguen
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3. Reappointment of District-Wide Tenured Administrator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the reappointment of Judy Sorochynskyj as a district-wide tenured administrator for the 2020-2021 school year.
4. District's On-Roll Report: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the On-Roll Report for the month of March 2020.
5. Sidebar Agreement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Sidebar to the Agreement between the Board of Education and the Boonton Education Association for 2018-2021, regarding a differential of pay for transporting students.
6. Pupil Transportation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to revise the appointment of Agustina Perman for the pupil transportation differential of pay of \$3,500, prorated from October 28, 2019, for the 2019-2020 school year, per the Sidebar to the Agreement between the Board of Education and the Boonton Education Association for 2018-2021 approved on April 27, 2020, revising the approval on November 19, 2019.

C. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Following his presentation on the FY2021 budget, Mr. Gardberg reported on processing refunds to families for field trips and about the USDA's April 24 approval of the state waiver to provide meals at no charge to all students.

D. OPERATIONS

Mr. Geslao reported on the FY21 increase of medical premiums.

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

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

\$ 5,814.00	4/15/2020 (machine Check)
\$420,056.53	4/27/2020 (machine checks)
\$3,140,072.49	3/1 -- 3/31/2020 (electronic checks, including payroll)

2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending 3/31/2020.

3. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer: The Board approves reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending 3/31/2020.

4. Contract: The Board approves awarding the renewal contract with AVID Center for July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021, for \$10,679.

5. Health Service Insurance Provider Agreement: The Board approves the renewal of health service insurance agreement with Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Jersey, with a 4.6% increase from current rates, effective 7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021.

6. Dental Insurance Provider Agreement: The Board approves the renewal of dental insurance agreement with Delta Dental, with a 0% increase from current rates, effective 7/1/2020 - 6/30/2021.

7. Tuition Rates: The Board approves the following tuition rates for the 2020-2021 school year.

Kindergarten	\$16,286	Multiple Disabilities	\$28,036
Grades 1-5	15,521	Learning Language Disabilities	40,191
Grades 6-8	17,344	Preschool Handicapped	42,352
Grades 9-12	18,453		

8. 2020-2021 District Budget: The Board approves adoption of the 2020-2021 District budget.

	<u>General</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Special</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>Debt</u> <u>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

9. Fleet Maintenance Agreement: The Board approves the fleet maintenance agreement with Rockaway Township Public Schools for the 2020-2021 school year for \$70/hr for labor, parts at 5% over cost, \$70/hr for NJ MVC inspections, and \$70/hr for rental of a bus or van.
10. Joint Transportation Agreement: The Board approves the joint transportation agreement with Rockaway Township Public Schools for the 2020-2021 school year for \$68.50/hr per bus.
11. Joint Transportation Agreement: The Board approves the agreement with the Educational Services Commission of Morris County for the 2020-2021 school year to transport public, nonpublic and special education pupils.
12. Agreement with Phoenix Advisors: The Board approves to renew an agreement with Phoenix Advisors, LLC, Bordentown, NJ, for the 2020-2021 school year for continuing disclosure agent services for \$1,000 and appointment as independent registered municipal advisor.
13. Wraparound Program: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board of Education approves Effective School Solutions to provide the wraparound program for School Street School, John Hill School, and Boonton High School, for the 2020/2021 school year (including ESY), at a cost not to exceed \$387,460.

E. POLICY

Approval of Policy resolutions #1-11 was moved by Mr. Ezzi 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. LeFebvre, Mrs. Shollenberger, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

1. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #1581 – Domestic Violence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #1581 – Domestic Violence, as per the attached.
2. Final Reading of Regulation #1581 – Domestic Violence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of Regulation #1581 – Domestic Violence, as per the attached.
3. Final Reading of Policy #3421.13 – Postnatal Accommodations: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of Policy #3421.13 – Postnatal Accommodations, as per the attached.
4. Final Reading of Policy #4421.13 – Postnatal Accommodations: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of Policy #4421.13 – Postnatal Accommodations, as per the attached.
5. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy & Regulation #5330 - Administration of Medication: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy & Regulation #5330 - Administration of Medication, as per the attached.

6. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #7243 – Supervision of Construction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #7243 – Supervision of Construction, as per the attached.
7. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #7523 – School District Provided Technology Devices to Students: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #7523 – School District Provided Technology Devices to Students, as per the attached.
8. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #8210 – School Year: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of revisions to Policy #8210 – School Year, as per the attached.
9. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #8220 – School Day: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #8220 – School Day, as per the attached.
10. Final Reading of Revisions to Regulation #8220 – School Closings: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Regulation #8220 – School Closings, as per the attached.
11. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #8462 – Reporting Potentially Missing or Abused Children: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #8462 – Reporting Potentially Missing or Abused Children

F. REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1. HS Committee: Mrs. Shollenberger reported the next meeting is scheduled for May 28.
2. Communications/Legislation: None
3. ESC: Mrs. LeFebvre reported that the buyer of a closed school has withdrawn its offer.
4. MCSBA: Mrs. LeFebvre reported that a virtual meeting is being planned.
5. NJSBA: Mrs. LeFebvre reported that all programs have moved online, including one on special education tomorrow.
6. Curriculum: Mrs. Katsakos reported the next meeting is being planned.
7. PR/Communications: Mrs. Doherty said she is impressed by the guidance counselors' efforts to reach out to support students.

XII. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

None

XIII. DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT

None to vote on.

XIV. OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Mrs. LeFebvre reminded members to use email to help notify each other about programs, etc.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mrs. Doherty and seconded by Mrs. LeFebvre, the following motion was presented for approval to enter Executive Session at 8:42 pm. All present voted in favor.

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

Having no further business in closed executive session, a Motion was made by Mrs. Shollenberger and seconded by Mr. Joyce to adjourn executive session at 8:58 pm and return to open session. All present voted in favor.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Mrs. Doherty to adjourn at 8:59 pm. All present voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: