

## **BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION**

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

July 13, 2020

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

The Boonton Town Board of Education, of Morris County, New Jersey, held a meeting via Google Meet at 7:30 pm on July 13, 2020.

### **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 July 13, 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. Sandra Vucenovic. Mrs. Jennifer Shollenberger was absent.

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. Doherty and seconded by Mrs. LeFebvre, all present voted to enter Executive Session. Mrs. Shollenberger 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 7:58 pm a motion was made by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Mrs. Doherty to adjourn executive session and return to open session. All present voted in favor. Mrs. Shollenberger was absent.

### **V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately five 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: Steve Bossen reported that elections were held on June 29.
4. Home School Association 9-12: None
5. Board of Aldermen Representative: Alderman Joe Bock ...

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

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

## **IX. MINUTES**

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

1. Regular and Executive session: June 22, 2020

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

None

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

### **A. SUPERINTENDENT**

Mr. Presuto thanked the students, parents and principals for the high-school graduation; and reported on the progress of reopening plans.

### **B. ADMINISTRATION**

Mrs. Darling reported there was a committee meeting tonight and discussed filling open positions.

### **PK8 Resolutions**

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-8 was moved by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Doherty. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre. NO: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Shollenberger.

1. Letters of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts the following letters of resignation, effective June 30, 2020.  
Madelyn Leva, Paraprofessional, School Street School  
Jabari Jackson, Paraprofessional, John Hill School

2. Appointment of Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Georgianna Gnecco to the position of Mental Health Clinician, John Hill School, at a salary of \$67,014 (Step 8 MA), effective September 1, 2020, for the 2020-2021 school year.
3. Appointment of Non-Certified Staff Members: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of the following non-certified staff members effective 9/1/20 for the 2020-2021 school year.  
Luisa Westura to the position of Part-Time Health Office Assistant, John Hill School, at a salary of \$24,562 (.56 Step 3)  
  
Elizabeth Clark to the position of Paraprofessional, School Street School, at a salary of \$35,142 (Step 4)
4. Appointment of Lunch Aides: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of the following lunch aides at John Hill School effective 9/1/20 for the 2020-2021 school year.  
Kristen Harodetsky at \$26.53/hr (Step 1) for 3 hr/day  
Zoraya Forero at \$26.53/hr (Step 1) for 3 hr/day
5. Long-Term Leave Preschool Paraprofessional: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Kaitlyn Brown as a long-term leave Preschool Paraprofessional, John Hill School, at a salary of \$34,176 (Step 1), prorated from 9/1/2020 – 11/20/2020.
6. Bridges to Learning Tuition Rates: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Bridges to Learning Tuition Rates for the 2020-2021 school year.
7. Revisions to Bridges to Learning Job Descriptions and Evaluation Instruments: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves revisions to the following Bridges to Learning Job Descriptions and Evaluation Instruments.  
Bridges to Learning Lead Teacher  
Bridges to Learning Paraprofessional  
Bridges to Learning Counselor
8. Out-of-District Placements: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the out-of-district placements, as follows, for the 2020 Extended School Year Program and 2020-2021 school year, and that transportation be arranged as needed.

Celebrate the Children School

Student State ID# 5165378198-B

2020-2021 School Year: Tuition \$407.00/day (180 days), 1:1 Aide \$150.00/day (180 days)

ECLC - Chatham

Student State ID# 3696942131-B

2020-2021 School Year: Tuition \$310.11/day (200 days)

## **PK12 Resolutions**

Approval of Admin PK12 resolutions #1-10 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. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Shollenberger.

1. District On-Roll Report: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the District On-Roll report for the month of June 2020.
2. School Security Drill Statement of Assurance: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the School Security Drill Statement of Assurance for the 2019-2020 school year, as per the attached.
3. Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Karl Roth, Custodian, effective June 30, 2020.
4. Appointment of Non-Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Cesar Seguar to the position of Custodian, at a salary of \$37,622 (Step 1) pro-rated effective from clearance of background check date for the 2020-2021 school year.
5. District-Wide Residency/Truancy Officer: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves William Patterson as the District-Wide Residency/Truancy Officer, at a \$25/hr, not to exceed \$25,000, for the 2020-2021 school year, effective from clearance of background check date.
6. Extra Hours for School Nurse: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves up to 50 extra hours during the summer of 2020 for Marcia Tucci for nursing work for sports physicals and health-related professional activities at \$61.57/hr.
7. Revise Job Descriptions: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to revise the following job descriptions.  
Supervisor of Instruction (Humanities & STEM)  
Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Human Resources
8. Substitute: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Raul Aguilar as a substitute teacher for the 2020-2021 school year at \$94/day.
9. Amend Out-of-District Tuition: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to amend the out-of-district tuition previously approved on June 8, 2020, to the following.  
Spectrum 360  
Student State ID# 9885623248-B  
ESY Summer Program (Lower School), Tuition \$395.93/day (22 days)  
2020-2021 school year (Upper School), Tuition \$388.92/day (183 days)

10. Out-of-District Placement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the out-of-district placement, as follows, for the 2020 Extended School Year Program and 2020-2021 school year, and that transportation be arranged as needed:

Bonnie Brae School

Student State ID# 4590602605-B

2020-2021 School Year: Tuition - \$420.00/day (184 days)

**C. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Gardberg reported the recently revised FY21 state aid is \$143,440 less than budgeted; personal protective equipment is being ordered; and maintenance projects for preschool expansion at Boonton High School are being scheduled.

**D. OPERATIONS**

Approval of Operations resolutions #1-8 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. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Shollenberger.

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.
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| \$285,939.24 | 6/30/2020 (machine checks)                   |
| \$300.00     | 6/30/2020 (Cafeteria machine checks batch 1) |
| \$7,274.57   | 6/30/2020 (Cafeteria machine checks batch 2) |
2. Contract: The Board approves awarding the contract for two school buses to HA DeHart for \$184,123.21, per Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission award #19-17.
3. Disposal of Records: The Board approves the disposal of public records per New Jersey Division of Archives and Records Management Guidelines. Authorization for disposal was approved by the Department of Treasury on 06/22/2020, Authorization #565318.
4. ESEA FY21 Grant: The Board approves submission of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Grant Fiscal Year 2021 in the following amounts.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Award</u>
I-A	\$199,309
I-A Reallocated	13,022
I SIA-A	16,700
II-A	27,636
III	14,610
III Immigrant	5,319
IV-A	14,639
Total	\$291,235

5. IDEA FY21 Grant: The Board approves submission of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Grant Fiscal Year 2021 in the following amounts.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Award</u>
Basic	\$386,958
Preschool	12,249
Total	\$399,207

6. Health & Safety Grant: The Board approves submission of Child Care Provider Health and Safety Preparedness Grants to the NJ Department of Human Services for \$10,000 for the Bridges to Learning programs at School Street School and John Hill School.
7. Bidding/Purchasing Shared Services Agreement: The Board approves the Cooperative Bid Purchasing Service agreement with Educational Services Commission of Morris County for the 2020-2021 school year for \$10,090.
8. Joint Insurance and Risk Management Agreement: The Board approves continuing the joint purchasing agreement with New Jersey Schools Insurance Group (NJSIG) for the three-year period 7/1/2020 – 7/1/2023, for the purchase of insurance and risk management services as per N.J.S.A. 18A:18B-1.

### **E. POLICY**

Approval of Policy resolutions #1-12 was moved by Mrs. Katsakos 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. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Shollenberger.

1. First Reading of Policy #1649 – Federal Families First Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Act (FFCRA): Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading Policy #1649 - Federal Families First Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Act (FFCRA), as per the attached.
2. First Reading of Revisions to Policy #2270 – Religion in Schools: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of revisions to Policy #2270 – Religion in Schools, as per the attached.
3. First Reading of Revisions to Policy #2431.3 – Heat Participation Policy for Student Athlete Safety: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of revisions to Policy #2431,3 – Heat Participation Policy for Student Athlete Safety, as per the attached.
4. First Reading of Revisions to Policy #2622 – Student Assessment: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of revisions to Policy #2622 – Student Assessment, as per the attached.
5. First Reading of Revisions to Policy & Regulation #5111 – Eligibility of Resident / Nonresident Students: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of revisions to Policy & Regulation #5111 – Eligibility of Resident / Nonresident Students, as per the attached.
6. First Reading of Revisions to Policy & Regulation #5200 – Attendance: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of revisions to Policy & Regulation #5200 – Attendance, as per the attached.

7. First Reading of Revisions to Policy & Regulation #5320 – Immunization: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of revisions to Policy & Regulation #5320 – Immunization, as per the attached.
8. First Reading of Revisions to Policy & Regulation #5330.04 – Administering an Opioid Antidote: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of revisions to Policy & Regulation #5330.04 – Administering an Opioid Antidote, as per the attached.
9. First Reading of Revisions to Policy #5610 – Suspension: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of revisions to Policy #5610 – Suspension, as per the attached.
10. First Reading of Revisions to Regulation #5610 – Suspension Procedures: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of revisions to Regulation #5610 – Suspension Procedures, as per the attached.
11. First Reading of Revisions to Policy #5620 – Expulsion: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading Policy #5620 – Expulsion, as per the attached.
12. First Reading of Revisions to Policy & Regulation #8320 – Personnel Records: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading Policy & Regulation #8320 – Personnel Records, as per the attached.

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

1. HS Committee: Mrs. Doherty thanked the administrators for running the high-school graduation; the next meeting is scheduled for August 20.
2. Communications/Legislation: Mrs. LeFebvre reported that legislation passed for Chapter 78 relief; and reminded about the webinar on July 15.
3. ESC: No update
4. MCSBA: Mrs. LeFebvre reported the next meeting is on August 13 with Passaic County.
5. NJSBA: Mrs. LeFebvre reported the Delegate Assembly was held virtually; Road Back series of virtual programs; and a learning management system is now available through the co-op.
6. Curriculum: Mrs. Katsakos reported the next meeting is on July 27.
7. PR/Communications: None

## **XII. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **XIII. DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT**

On a motion by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Mrs. Doherty, the Board agrees to affirm the findings and recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying complaints: BHS #10.

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

### **XIV. OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

None

### **XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Mrs. Darling, the following motion was presented for approval to enter Executive Session at 8:28 pm. All present voted in favor. Mrs. Shollenberger 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

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

### **XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg  
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: