

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

July 27, 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 27, 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 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 and Mrs. Sandra Vucenovic were absent.

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

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 7:32 pm by Mrs. Doherty and seconded by Mrs. LeFebvre, all present voted to enter Executive Session. 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 7:55 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. Shollenberger and Mrs. Vucenovic were absent.

V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board reconvened in open session at x:xx pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 15 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: Nicole Checony reported on the face-covering fundraiser, achieving the Box Top goal, and donating \$5,000 to the district for Chromebooks and cases.
4. Home School Association 9-12: None
5. Board of Aldermen Representative: Alderman Joe Bock reported on the BOA continuing to meet remotely, working on the town budget and Friday-night dining on Main Street.

VIII. CHANGE THE ORDER OF THE DAY

On a motion by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Joyce 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. Doherty, and approved on roll call. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Shollenberger, Mrs. Vucenovic.

1. Regular and Executive session: July 13, 2020

X. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Steve Bossen asked about Policy item #6, Mr. Presuto responded that he would follow up.

XI. ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Presuto reported on NJDOE clarification about 100% virtual instruction; Google form for school volunteers; and working with Lincoln Park on reopening plans.

B. ADMINISTRATION

PK8 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-5 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. NO: None. ABSENT: Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Shollenberger.

1. Revise Staff Appointment for Title I Summer Academic Support Program: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to revise the staff

appointment for Title I Summer Academic Support Program, rescinding Al Bellini as Teacher, previously approved on 6/8/20 and appoint Cindy Tserkis-Schlitt as Teacher for the Title I Summer Academic Support Program, at a stipend of \$1,600, contingent upon enrollment and funding, to be paid from ESEA Title I FY21 funds, effective August 3, 2020 through August 15, 2020, 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.

2. Appointment of Lunch Aide: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Jill Weiss to the position of Lunch Aide, School Street School, at a rate of \$27.28 (Step 4) per hour for 3 hours per day from 9/1/20 for the 2020-2021 school year.
3. Staff Transfer: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to transfer Robin Zanca, John Hill School Pre-K Paraprofessional, to Boonton High School, Pre-K Paraprofessional, effective 9/1/20 for the 2020-2021 school year.
4. Staff for IEP Meetings: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Paul Chiodo and Teresa Rodrigues to attend IEP meetings, if needed, between 6/22/20-8/31/20 at a rate of \$25 per hour.
5. Coaches: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following coaches and stipends for the 2020-2021 school year. Pending the ongoing health crisis, stipends may be prorated based on the number of weeks the season is able to run. Said prorating will commence the first week after BOE appointment and end if/when the season is cancelled or postponed due to health crisis-related incidents, NJSIAA determination, or Governor's Executive Order:

| <u>Coach</u> | <u>Sport</u> | <u>Stipend</u> |
|-------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Melanie Sohl | Cross Country | \$4,460.00 |
| Amanda Sheehan | Head Field Hockey | \$4,460.00 |
| Gregory LaPointe | Assistant Field Hockey | \$2,230.00 |
| Zachary Sabatino | Boys Soccer | \$4,460.00 |
| Michael Smulewicz | Girls Soccer | \$4,460.00 |
| James Nash | Boys Basketball | \$5,103.00 |
| Gregory LaPointe | Girls Basketball | \$5,103.00 |

PK12 Resolutions

Mrs. Darling read walk-in item #7.

Approval of Admin PK12 resolutions #1-7 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, Mrs. Shollenberger, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

1. Appointment of Custodian: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Ricardo Rueda to the position of Custodian, Boonton High School, at a salary of \$39,003 (Step 3), prorated from date background check clears for the 2020-2021 school year.

2. Coaches: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following coaches and stipends for the 2020-2021 school year. Pending the ongoing health crisis, stipends may be prorated based on the number of weeks the season is able to run. Said prorating will commence the first week after BOE appointment and end if/when the season is cancelled or postponed due to health crisis-related incidents, NJSIAA determination, or Governor's Executive Order:

| Coach | Sport | Step/Stipend |
|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Robert Bongo | Head Cross Country | 4 / \$ 6,812.00 |
| Bryan Gallagher | Head Football | 4 / \$12,211.00 |
| Peter Llaneza | Assistant Football | 4 / \$ 8,306.00 |
| Michael London | Assistant Football | 4 / \$ 8,206.00 |
| Anthony Chierici | Assistant Football | 4 / \$ 8,206.00 |
| Sean Norton | Assistant Football | 4 / \$ 8,206.00 |
| Ryan Connolly | Assistant Football | 4 / \$ 8,206.00 |
| Cynthia Tserkis | Head Field Hockey | 4 / \$10,901.00 |
| Tina Londino | Assistant Field Hockey | 4 / \$ 7,290.00 |
| Kristy Shovlowsky | Assistant Field Hockey | 4 / \$ 7,290.00 |
| Rebecca Dempster* | Assistant Field Hockey | 1 / \$ 4,657.00 |
| James Nash | Head Boys Soccer | 4 / \$10,901.00 |
| Wayne Barreto | Assistant Boys Soccer | 4 / \$ 7,290.00 |
| Peter Nosal | Head Girls Soccer | 4 / \$10,901.00 |
| Jenna Irwin | Assistant Girls Soccer | 3 / \$ 6,060.00 |
| Michael London | Head Boys Basketball | 4 / \$11,284.00 |
| Christopher D'Avanzo | Assistant Boys Basketball | 4 / \$ 7,380.00 |
| Christopher Hurd | Assistant Boys Basketball | 4 / \$ 7,380.00 |
| Michael Carlin | Head Girls Basketball | 4 / \$11,284.00 |
| Robert Davidson | Assistant Girls Basketball | 4 / \$ 7,380.00 |
| Amanda Sheehan | Assistant Girls Basketball | 4 / \$ 7,380.00 |
| Kathleen Foley | Girls Tennis | 3 / \$ 5,403.00 |
| David Hughen | Head Wrestling | 4 / \$11,284.00 |
| Anthony Shovlowsky | Assistant Wrestling | 4 / \$ 7,380.00 |
| Reid Doney | Assistant Wrestling | 4 / \$ 7,380.00 |

*Pending receipt of substitute certification

3. Volunteer Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Amanda Sheehan as a volunteer field hockey coach at Boonton High School for the 2020-2021 school year.
4. Revised 2020-2021 District Calendar: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the revised 2020-2021 District Calendar as follows.
 Tuesday, September 1, 2020 – Friday, September 4, 2020: To be in-service days for staff, no school for students
 Tuesday, September 8, 2020: Students start school

5. Home Instructors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following to provide home instruction, based on certifications held, during the 2020-2021 school year, at \$40/hr.

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| Courtney Greulich | Marcia Tucci | Barbara Gilbert |
| Colleen Faessinger | Tiffanie Henry | |

6. 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 the payment schedule for athletic stipends during the 2020-2021 school year for only the time of health-related or other crisis necessitating the limiting or closing of the physical school structures for the health and safety of the students, staff and community at-large.

7. The Board approves the settlement agreement with T.A. o/b/o B.A.

C. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Mr. Gardberg reported on closing the FY20 budget; potential further cuts in state aid; purchases of 5,500 washable masks and 430 Chromebooks & cases; and renovations for preschool rooms at Boonton High School.

D. OPERATIONS

Mr. Geslao reported on purchasing new devices for staff; Digital Divide state grant for \$55,000; Nourishing Neighbors grant for \$5,000; and plans for replacing the roof at School Street School.

Approval of Operations resolutions #1-5 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. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Shollenberger, Mrs. Vucenovic.

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

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| \$25,799.14 | 6/30/2020 (machine checks) |
| \$39,495.33 | 7/21/2020 (machine checks FY20) |
| \$1,626.29 | 6/30/2020 (machine checks cafeteria) |
| \$57,655.55 | 7/27/2020 (machine checks future year) |
| \$2,824,115.38 | 6/1 -- 6/30/2020 (electronic checks, including payroll) |
2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending 6/30/2020.
3. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer: The Board approves reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending 6/30/2020.
4. Payroll Expenses: The Board approves the following payroll expenses.

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| 6/15/2020 | \$988,592.31 |
| 6/19/2020 | \$846,370.76 |
| 6/30/2020 | \$4,919.75 |

5. Professional Support/Non-Public Services Agreement: The Board approves the agreement with the Educational Services Commission of Morris County for the 2020-2021 school year for Professional Support, OT, PT, Speech services, and for non-public IDEA, Chapters 192/193 Textbook, Nursing and Technology aid services.

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. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Shollenberger, Mrs. Vucenovic.

1. Final 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 final reading Policy #1649 - Federal Families First Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Act (FFCRA), as per the attached.
2. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #2270 – Religion in Schools: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #2270 – Religion in Schools, as per the attached.
3. Final 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 final reading of revisions to Policy #2431,3 – Heat Participation Policy for Student Athlete Safety, as per the attached.
4. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #2622 – Student Assessment: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #2622 – Student Assessment, as per the attached.
5. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy & Regulation #5111 – Eligibility of Resident / Nonresident Students: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy & Regulation #5111 – Eligibility of Resident / Nonresident Students, as per the attached.
6. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy & Regulation #5200 – Attendance: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy & Regulation #5200 – Attendance, as per the attached.
7. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy & Regulation #5320 – Immunization: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy & Regulation #5320 – Immunization, as per the attached.
8. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy & Regulation #5330.04 – Administering an Opioid Antidote: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy & Regulation #5330.04 – Administering an Opioid Antidote, as per the attached.

9. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #5610 – Suspension: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #5610 – Suspension, as per the attached.
10. Final Reading of Revisions to Regulation #5610 – Suspension Procedures: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Regulation #5610 – Suspension Procedures, as per the attached.
11. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #5620 – Expulsion: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading Policy #5620 – Expulsion, as per the attached.
12. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy & Regulation #8320 – Personnel Records: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading Policy & Regulation #8320 – Personnel Records, as per the attached.

F. REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1. HS Committee: None
2. Communications/Legislation: Mrs. LeFebvre reported the state passed health-benefits legislation.
3. ESC: Mrs. LeFebvre reported ESC is working on reopening plans and coordinating transportation, and the next meeting is on August 31.
4. MCSBA: Mrs. LeFebvre reported the next meeting is in August, and that members may attend meetings hosted by any county.
5. NJSBA: Mrs. LeFebvre reported the October workshop registration opens soon and the deadline for submissions was extended; and she mentioned the possibility of ethics training online.
6. Curriculum: Mrs. Katsakos provided highlights from tonight’s meeting – iReady for K-8, AP results improved from prior years, AVID enrollment is growing, professional development days are moving to the beginning of the school year, diversity in the curriculum, “The 57 Bus” book, providing books online to students, and addressing stress among staff and students.
7. PR/Communications: Mrs. Doherty reminded the board about participating in Main Street Days.

XII. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

- Steve Bossen of Boonton asked about Flexible Instruction Days for the new school year, and Mr. Presuto responded about the school day.
- Natavia Hayes of Boonton commented on being an alum of the district and expressed concerns about diversity in the schools.
- TJ Martinovich of Florham Park expressed concerns about diversity in the schools.
- Geralyn Latzi of Boonton expressed concerns about diversity in the schools.
- Jamie Aker of Boonton expressed concerns about diversity in the schools.
- Mr. Presuto responded to concerns about diversity in the schools and invited the public to contact him directly to address specifics.
- Linda Hogoboom of Boonton asked about the district’s Comprehensive Equity Plan, and Mr. Gardberg suggested sending him an email to follow up.

XIII. DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT

None

XIV. OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

None

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Mrs. Doherty, the following motion was presented for approval to enter Executive Session at 9:05 pm. All present voted in favor. 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 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 Mr. Ezzi to adjourn executive session at 9:51 pm and return to open session. All present voted in favor. Mrs. Shollenberger and Mrs. Vucenovic were absent.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Mr. Ezzi to adjourn at 9:52 pm. All present voted in favor. Mrs. Shollenberger and Mrs. Vucenovic were absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: