

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

August 24, 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 August 24, 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 August 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, Mrs. Jennifer Shollenberger, Mrs. Sandra Vucenovic. Absent was Mrs. Elaine Doherty.

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 Mr. Joyce, all present voted to enter Executive Session. Mrs. Doherty 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 7:59 pm a motion was made by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Mr. Joyce to adjourn executive session and return to open session. All present voted in favor. Mrs. Doherty was absent.

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: Suzanne Tavalacci reported that membership this year is via Google Form, with Venmo as a payment option; the National PTA grant request was not awarded; Kidstuff books will be sold online; and flocking will continue.
4. Home School Association 9-12: None
5. Board of Aldermen Representative: Joe Bock reported the next meeting is September 8.

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. LeFebvre, seconded by Mrs. Darling, 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: August 10, 2020
2. Regular and Executive session: August 17, 2020

X. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Steve Bossen asked first about appendices in the policy resolutions not being visible to the public, and Mr. Presuto responded that they will be; and asked second about Operations resolution #6, and Mr. Gardberg responded with explanations of the budget line items.

XI. ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Presuto reported on the reopening plan; encourages direct communication with the public; recognized Mr. Hurd, Boonton HS teacher, on being selected for a prestigious summer program; and commented on the DOE statewide ranking of schools.

B. ADMINISTRATION

PK8 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-6 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, Mrs. Shollenberger. NO: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Doherty.

1. School Street School and John Hill School Parent / Student Handbooks: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the School Street School and John Hill School Parent / Student Handbooks for the 2020-2021 school year.
2. Elementary Professional Development Plans: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Elementary Professional Development Plans for School Street School and John Hill School for the 2020-2021 school year.
3. Student Virtual Social Work Internship: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Shatyra Bussey, University of New Hampshire, a 16-hours virtual social work internship at John Hill School in September 2020, under the supervision of Jennifer Coleman, pending background clearance.
4. Community Parent Involvement Specialist: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Jesica Harbeson as the Community Parent Involvement Specialist for the 2020-2021 school year at the yearly stipend of \$4,000.
5. Staff Transfers: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff transfers effective 9/1/20 for the 2020-2021 school year:

Carolyn Drugac, Paraprofessional, from John Hill School to School Street School
Jennifer Gregg, Paraprofessional, from John Hill School to School Street School
Adrienne Manley, Paraprofessional, from School Street School to John Hill School
Shatha Mokhemar, Paraprofessional, from School Street School to John Hill School
6. Professional Service: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Bayada Home Health Care, Inc. to provide a nurse to ride a school vehicle to and from school with out-of-district Student State ID# 3696942131-B, for the 2020-2021 school year (per doctor's order), to be billed at a maximum rate of \$56/hr, not to exceed \$60,480.

PK12 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK12 resolutions #1-17 was moved by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Shollenberger. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Shollenberger, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Doherty.

1. Authorization for Local Law Enforcement Agency to Conduct Canine Sweep – Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board of Education authorizes local law enforcement agency to conduct a canine sweep as per the following:

WHEREAS the Boonton Board of Education Policy #5530 recognizes that a pupil's abuse of harmful substances seriously impedes that pupil's education and threatens the welfare of the entire school community, and

WHEREAS the Boonton Board of Education Policy #5530 further recognizes that the Board is committed to the prevention of substance abuse and will take necessary and appropriate steps to protect the school community from harm and exposure to harmful substances; and

WHEREAS one method of preventing the exposure to harmful substances is to cooperate with local law enforcement agencies to conduct suspicion less canine searches of public schools; and

WHEREAS the Boonton Board Regulation #9320 requires that all searches and seizure of pupils, their property and personal effects conducted by school staff must comply with the standards prescribed by the United States Supreme Court in New Jersey v T.L.O. 469 U.S. 325 (1985); and

WHEREAS all inspections of lockers, desks or other objects or personal property on school grounds involving the use of law enforcement, drug-detection canines may only be undertaken with the express permission of the County Prosecutor or the Director of Division of Criminal Justice in the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety;

THEREFORE, BE IT REVOLVED that the Boonton Board of Education authorizes local law enforcement agencies to conduct canine sweeps in its schools, providing the agency has received the written approval of the superintendent, building principal where the operation will be conducted and the express written permission of the County Prosecutor.

2. Secondary Professional Development Plan: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Secondary Professional Development Plan for Boonton High School for the 2020-2021 school year.
3. District Professional Development Plan: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the District Professional Development Plan for the 2020-2021 school year.
4. Boonton High School Parent / Student Handbook: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Boonton High School Parent / Student Handbook for the 2020-2021 school year.
5. Gateway Academy Coordinator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves James Nash as the Gateway Academy Coordinator at BHS, effective 9/1/2020 for the 2020-2021 school year, at a stipend of \$10,000.00.
6. Gateway Academy Mentors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School; Administrator, the Board approves the following Gateway Academy Mentors and stipends at Boonton High School for the 2020-2021 school year.

<u>Gateway Mentors @ full stipend (\$ 4,500)</u>		
Patrick Hancock	Vicki Cornell	Melissa Bialick
7. Revised 2020-2021 District Calendar: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the revised 2020-2021 District Calendar.

8. 6th-Period Stipends for Certified Staff Members Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves 6th-period stipends, in full or in part, for the following BHS staff for the 2020-2021 school year, as per the Agreement Between the BEA and the Board of Education.

The following will receive full 6th-period stipends (\$5,500)

Nupur Bahl	Vicki Cornell	Courtney Degro
Bryan Gallagher	Laurene Carey	Patrick Hancock
Tiffanie Henry	Chris Hurd	Michael LaVaglio
Tina Londino	Dan Matarazzo	Michelle McBride
Maureen Merritt	Jody Oliveri	Jennifer Tambakis

The following will receive partial 6th-period stipends for science lab work

Steve Barati	43.8%	\$2,409
Wayne Barreto	73%	\$4,015
Dean DelGuercio	73%	\$4,015
Kathy Foley	14.6%	\$ 803
Chris Frangipane	73%	\$4,015
Barbara Gilbert	14.6%	\$ 803
Ken Ren	58.4%	\$3,212
Matt Ross	73%	\$4,015
Wei Shi	73%	\$4,015

9. Independent Study Course: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves up to 30 hours for Laurene Carey to provide an AP French Independent Study Course during the 2020-2021 school year to Student State ID #8442513731-B at \$40/hr.
10. Additional Hours for Staff to be Paid for Advanced Placement Courses: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves an additional 13 AP hours to each of the following teachers per Advanced Placement Courses per section for extra face time with students during the 2020-2021 school year at \$40/hr.
- Evan Levy: AP Stats
 - Michael London: AP Calculus
 - Wayne Barreto: AP Physics
 - Michael LaVaglio (2 AP sections): AP Seminar & AP US History
 - Alyssa DeOrio (2 AP sections): AP Computer & Principals
 - Steven Barati: AP Biology
 - Robert Davis: AP Economics
 - Lisa Braner: AP Language and Comp
 - Vincent LoGiudice (2 AP sections): AP Physiology
 - Michelle McBride (2 AP sections): AP Lit
 - Laurene Carey: AP French
11. Staff Transfer: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a transfer for Daniel Drugac, Paraprofessional, from Boonton High School to John Hill School, effective September 1, 2020, for the 2020-2021 school year.

12. AVID Site Coordinator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Marisa LaPlaca as the AVID Site Coordinator for the 2020-2021 school year at the yearly stipend of \$5,500.
13. Out-of-District Placement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the out-of-district placement for Student State ID# 8672190038–B, to attend Essex Valley School for the 2020-2021 school year at \$415.17/day, and that transportation be arranged as needed.
14. Extracurricular Aide Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves up to 100 total hours for Devon Engelberger to assist and supervise Student State ID# 5153109356-B, for the 2020-2021 for the Boys Soccer Season, at \$27.28/hr, and further approve Al Bellini to serve as the alternate, as needed, at \$27.28/hr.
15. Extracurricular Aide Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves up to 100 total hours for Lorraine Kiernan to assist and supervise Student State ID # 5028089364-B, for the 2020-2021 Girls Soccer Season, at \$27.28/hr, and further approve Kathleen Post to serve as the alternate, as needed, at \$27.28/hr.
16. Out-of-District Placement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Student State ID# 3240517996–B, to attend Passaic County Technical Institute for the 2020-2021 school year at tuition of \$18,529, plus an out-of-county fee of \$2,518, and that transportation be arranged as needed
17. Fall Field Hockey and Football Practice Schedules: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves fall field hockey and football practice schedules, to start Friday, September 11, 2020, at Boonton High School, to meet the NJSIAA Preseason Heat Acclimatization Guidelines.

C. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Mr. Gardberg reported on preschool renovations at Boonton High School, personal protective equipment, meal service during virtual school and cooperating with another district for an out-of-district bus route.

D. OPERATIONS

Mr. Geslao reported the Board was ready to award a contract for roofing projects at School Street School and read the resolution aloud.

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

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

\$632,038.62	8/10/2020 (machine checks)
\$105,527.12	8/18/2020 (machine checks)
\$135,793.59	8/24/2020 (machine checks)
\$873,632.83	7/01 -- 7/31/2020 (electronic checks, including payroll)

2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending 7/31/2020.
3. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer: The Board approves reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending 7/31/2020.
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
Degro, Courtney	9/25/20, 12/14/20, 2/9/21	Conquer Mathematics, Geometry - Year 2, Pompton Plains	\$490.50

5. Comprehensive Equity Plan Statement of Assurance: The Board approves submission to the NJ Department of Education of the Comprehensive Equity Plan Statement of Assurance 2020-2021.
6. 2020-2021 District Budget: The Board approves adoption of the revised 2020-2021 District budget, reflecting a \$143,440 decrease in state aid in the account lines below.

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
Budget	\$29,052,490	\$2,400,386	\$1,486,150	\$32,939,026
Tax Levy	20,133,102	0	1,106,038	21,239,140

<u>Line Num</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Original</u>	<u>Revised</u>	<u>Difference</u>
29000	11-000-100-561	\$16,296	\$-	\$(16,296)
29100	11-000-100-566	1,010,261	936,219	(74,042)
52040	11-000-270-161	42,834	38,281	(4,553)
52060	11-000-270-162	33,060	31,531	(1,529)
<u>52320</u>	<u>11-000-270-514</u>	<u>487,413</u>	<u>440,393</u>	<u>(47,020)</u>
			TOTAL	\$ (143,440)

7. Roofing Upgrades: The Board approves award of a contract to Waterproofing Technologies Inc, per Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Co-Op 19/20-15 / #65MCESCCPS, to replace the roof for \$398,630.78 and to remove, store and reinstall the photovoltaic system for \$88,070.20, at School Street School.

E. POLICY

Approval of Policy resolutions #1-2 was moved by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mr. Ezzi. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Shollenberger, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Doherty.

1. First Reading of Policy #1648 – Restart and Recovery Plan: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of Policy #1648 – Restart and Recover Plan, as per the attached.
2. First Reading of Policy #1648.02 – Remote Learning Options for Families: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of Policy #1648.02 – Remote Learning Options for Families, as per the attached.

F. REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1. HS Committee: Based on the August 20 meeting, Ms. Shollenberger reported on virtual instruction this fall being different than in the spring, including staff keeping office hours; fall sports having a September 14 start date; Academies having several students registered; new staff joining; and discussing how to run clubs/activities.
2. Communications/Legislation: None
3. ESC: None
4. MCSBA: Mrs. LeFebvre reported the recent meeting focused on reopening schools.
5. NJSBA: Mrs. LeFebvre reported that all the online training programs are archived.
6. Curriculum: Mrs. Katsakos reported that the supervisors have attended many hours of summer professional development and designed a digital weekly learning plan; and the district is utilizing Faria Education to assist with plans for diversity and equity.
7. PR/Communications: None

XII. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Bossen asked first how School Street and John Hill schools will be affected by diversity-oriented curriculum changes, and Mrs. Katsakos responded that literature selections may change; second about administrator oversight of remote instruction, and Mr. Presuto responded that he will follow up; and third about notification of the August 17 meeting, and Mr. Gardberg responded about the newspaper legal notice, Town Hall notice and district website.

XIII. DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT

None

XIV. OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Mrs. Katsakos: Boonton Historical Society will be reopen soon – by appointment only.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Mr. Ezzi and seconded by Mrs. LeFebvre to adjourn at 8:40 pm. All present voted in favor. Mrs. Doherty was absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: