

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

September 14, 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 September 14, 2020.

II. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

Mr. Joseph Geslao, Board Vice President, called the meeting to order, and Mr. Steven Gardberg, Board Secretary, read the following statement: This is the September 14, 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 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. Absent was Mr. Chris Cartelli.

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. Shollenberger and seconded by Mrs. LeFebvre, all present voted to enter Executive Session. Mr. Cartelli 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 8:00 pm a motion was made by Mrs. Shollenberger and seconded by Mr. Joyce to adjourn executive session and return to open session. All present voted in favor. Mr. Cartelli was absent.

V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:01 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 10 members of the public were in attendance. A moment of silence was observed in memory of the Boonton High School teacher Kristen (Kiki) Kraa, who passed away.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

None

VII. LIAISON REPORTS

1. John Hill School: None
2. Boonton High School: None
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8: During open public comment later in the meeting, Kelly DelGaizo reported the next meeting will be on September 27; membership will use a Google Doc form and payments accepted by Venmo; successful dinners-to-go and face-covering fundraisers; and parent volunteers.
4. Home School Association 9-12: None
5. Board of Aldermen Representative: Alderman Joe Bock had no report, but confirmed he would ask the mayor about future town newsletters, and Mr. Presuto mentioned that the school playgrounds would remain closed.

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. Mr. Cartelli was absent.

IX. MINUTES

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

1. Regular and Executive session: August 24, 2020

X. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

XI. ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Presuto commented on the loss of Mrs. Kraa; professional development for teachers; emotional supports for students; meeting with community and Black Lives Matter representatives; cautious course in NJ with COVID-19; and ongoing assistance from Mandy and Peter at the town health office.

B. ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. Darling reported that the Admin committee met tonight.

PK8 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-4 was moved by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Doherty. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Shollenberger. NO: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli.

1. Student Activities Financial Coordinator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Kathryn Beiermeister as the Student Activities Financial Coordinator at John Hill School at a stipend of \$2,430 for the 2020-2021 school year.
2. Volunteer Coaches: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Jennifer Crithary and Marybeth Comer as Volunteer Girls Soccer Coaches at John Hill School for the 2020-2021 school year.
3. Amend Leave of Absence Dates for Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to amend the leave of absence dates for employee #1243, effective 10/24/2020 -- 5/31/2021, comprised of (a) paid leave with healthcare benefits for 10/24 -- 12/31/2020, utilizing 39 accumulated sick days, (b) unpaid leave with benefits for 1/1 -- 3/31/2021 under NJFLA, and (c) unpaid leave without benefits for 4/1 -- 5/31/2021 (previously approved on 8/10/20). Employee benefit contributions are required during paid and unpaid leaves with benefits.
4. 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:
Jennifer Gregg, Paraprofessional School Street School to John Hill School, and
Adrienne Manley, Paraprofessional John Hill School to School Street School

PK12 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK12 resolutions #1-9 was moved by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Doherty. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Shollenberger, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli.

1. Athletic Events: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following Athletic Events to be hosted at Boonton High School during the 2020-2021 school year with all dates to be determined:
Morris County Field Hockey Semi-Final and Championship Games
Greater Morris County Junior School Coaches Assoc., Inc. Field Hockey
Championship Games
NJSIAA State Field Hockey Tournament Games
Morris County Track and Field Championships

2. Athletic Field Trips: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following athletic field trip destinations during the 2020-2021 school year:

Knights of Columbus, Boonton
 Hilton Garden Inn, Rockaway
 Casa Bianca Banquets & Catering, Oak Ridge
 Bally's Atlantic City Hotel & Casino - Caesars Entertainment, Atlantic City
 Jim Whelan Boardwalk Hall, Atlantic City
 Seton Hall University, South Orange
 Montclair State University, Montclair
 William Paterson University, Wayne
 Sussex Technical High School, Sparta Township
 Randolph HS, Randolph
 Mount Olive HS, Flanders

3. SRA Financial Coordinator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Karen Bonanni as the SRA Financial Coordinator at Boonton High School at a stipend of \$2,430 for the 2020-2021 school year.

4. Advisors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following advisors at Boonton High School for the 2020-2021 school year:

<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Michael London	National Honor Society	\$382
Al Bellini	Football Video	\$917

5. Staff for Crowd Control/Clock Operators/Announcing/Ticket Sales: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members and stipends for crowd control/clock operators/announcing/ticket sales at events as required for the 2020-2021 school year.

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Event(s)</u>
Colleen Faessinger	Crowd Control, Clock Operator, Ticket Sales
Al Bellini	Crowd Control, Clock Operator
Devon Engelberger	Crowd Control, Clock Operator
Roxanne London	Crowd Control, Ticket Sales
Tiffanie Henry	Crowd Control, Clock Operator, Ticket Sales
Wayne Barreto	Crowd Control, Clock Operator
Michael London	Crowd Control, Clock Operator, Ticket Sales
Chris Frangipane	Crowd Control, Clock Operator
Bryan Gallagher	Crowd Control, Clock Operator
Tina Londino	Crowd Control, Clock Operator
Bevin Hughen	Crowd Control, Clock Operator, Ticket Sales
Cindy Tserkis	Crowd Control, Clock Operator
Pete Nosal	Crowd Control, Clock Operator
Brad Davidson	Crowd Control, Clock Operator
Chris Hurd	Crowd Control, Clock Operator, Announcer
Bob Bongo	Crowd Control, Clock Operator
Amanda Sheehan	Crowd Control, Clock Operator
Mike Aquino	Crowd Control, Clock Operator
Alyssa DeOrio	Clock Operator, Ticket Sales

Rose Sullivan	Ticket Sales
Michele Wolchesky	Ticket Sales
Karen Bonanni	Ticket Sales
Greg LaPointe	Ticket Sales
Patrise Danzi	Ticket Sales
Janine LaPointe	Ticket Sales

<u>Event Description</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
Crowd Control Varsity	\$50.00
Crowd Control JV	\$25.00
Crowd Control Freshman	\$25.00
Crowd Control John Hill School	\$25.00
Football Announcer	\$50.00
Tickets Sales	\$35.00
Track Meet Event Attendants	\$52.00 (Single) \$82.50 (Double/Triple)
Clock Operator Varsity	\$40.00
Clock Operator JV	\$20.00
Clock Operator Freshman	\$20.00
Clock Operator John Hill School	\$25.00

6. Title IIA - Professional Development Presenters: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members as Professional Development Presenters for the 2020-2021 school year, at a rate of \$35 per hour, for up to 5 hours, to be paid with FY21 Title IIA funds:

Al Bellini	Lisa Braner	Patrick Hancock
Marissa LaPlaca	Natalie Perez*	

* Up to 10 hours (2 topics)

7. Staff Transfer: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a staff transfer for Marie Evans, Preschool Paraprofessional Boonton High School, to Special Education Paraprofessional, John Hill School, effective September 1, 2020, for the 2020-2021 school year.
8. Mileage Reimbursement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Kathleen Post to be reimbursed mileage to accompany Student State ID# 5153109356-B, as aide based on the student's schedule, to the Morris County School of Technology in Denville, up to 10 miles/day at \$0.35 per mile (based on attendance) for the 2020-2021 school year.
9. Appointment of Paraprofessional: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Merrily Van Teyens to the position of Preschool Paraprofessional, Boonton High School, at a salary of \$35,142 (Step 4), pro-rated from date of background check for the 2020-2021 school year.

C. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Mr. Gardberg reported on the School Street roof project, transportation routes, Digital Divide grant and the federal payroll tax deferral.

D. OPERATIONS

Approval of Operations resolutions #1-5 was moved by Mr. Geslao and seconded by Mrs. Darling. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Shollenberger, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli.

1. **Payments:** The Board approves these Check Journals.
\$ 16,832.20 9/4/2020 (machine checks)
\$780,508.70 9/14/2020 (machine checks)
2. **Payroll Expenses:** The Board approves the following payroll expenses.
8/15/2020 \$188,526.08
8/30/2020 \$239,831.24
3. **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
Arahill, Meghan	9 sessions begin 9/20/20	2020-2021 PIRT Seminar, Pyramid Model State Leadership Team - Remote	\$225.00
DeOrio, Alyssa	6/15 - 6/19/20	AP Computer Science Principles, Remote	\$750.00

4. **Withdrawal from Interdistrict School Choice Program:** The Board approves withdrawal from the NJ Department of Education's Interdistrict School Choice Program, effective with the 2021-2022 school year. New students will not be accepted after the 2020-2021 school year. Students already enrolled in the program may continue through 12th grade.
5. **Withdrawal from Capital Reserve:** The Board agrees to withdraw \$500,000.00 from Capital Reserve to pay for the School Street School Roofing Upgrade project, NJDOE project #0450-040-21-1000.

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: Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Shollenberger, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli.

1. **Final Reading of Policy #1648 – Restart and Recovery Plan:** Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of Policy #1648 – Restart and Recover Plan, as per the attached.

2. Final Reading of Policy #1648.02 – Remote Learning Options for Families: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of Policy #1648.02 – Remote Learning Options for Families, as per the attached.

F. REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1. HS Committee: Mrs. Shollenberger said the next meeting is on October 29 and shared that Mr. Klebez said the school years has been smooth.
2. Communications/Legislation: Mrs. LeFebvre said that school-based youth services are a focus.
3. ESC: Mrs. LeFebvre reported that current concerns include opening the school and full PPE.
4. MCSBA: Mrs. LeFebvre said the next meeting is on October 1.
5. NJSBA: Mrs. LeFebvre said the next Board of Directors meeting is on September 18.
6. Curriculum: Mrs. Katsakos commented on having met with community and Black Lives Matter representatives.
7. PR/Communications: None

XII. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Kelly DelGaizo gave a PTA report (see VII. Liaison Reports)
2. Adriane Eoga on behalf of Lauren Mills and cheerleading parents commented on the importance of student activities and advisor positions.

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. Darling, the following motion was presented for approval to enter Executive Session at 8:40 pm. All present voted in favor. Mr. Cartelli 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. Doherty and seconded by Mrs. Darling to adjourn executive session at 10:05 pm and return to open session. All present voted in favor. Mr. Cartelli was absent.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mrs. Doherty to adjourn at 10:06 pm. All present voted in favor. Mr. Cartelli was absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: