

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

September 28, 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 28, 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 September 28, 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 (arrived 7:32 pm), 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 7:31 pm by Mrs. Darling 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 8:00 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 8:01 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: Steve Bossen reported on the book fair, dinners-to-go, KidStuff books, Square One and virtual assemblies.
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. 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: Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Shollenberger, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Mr. Cartelli. ABSENT: None.

1. Regular and Executive session: September 14, 2020

X. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

XI. ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Presuto reported on the school safety anti-bullying self-assessments and meal distribution.

B. ADMINISTRATION

PK8 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-6 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. NO: None. ABSENT: None.

1. Extend Unpaid Leave of Absence for Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to extend the unpaid leave of absence for Employee #1081 to extend through January 3, 2021 (previously approved on May 11, 2020, to extend through November 22, 2020)

2. Amend Employment Agreement for Long-Term Leave Paraprofessional: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to amend the employment agreement for Employee #1173 to extend through December 23, 2020 (previously approved on July 13, 2020, to extend through November 20, 2020).
3. Resignation from Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Melanie Sohl, John Hill School Cross Country Coach, effective September 15, 2020.
4. Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Devon Engelberger as John Hill School Cross Country Coach at a stipend of \$4,460 prorated from September 22, 2020, for the 2020-2021 school year. Per the Sidebar Agreement between the Boonton Education Association and the Board of Education regarding the payment schedule for athletic stipends during the 2020-2021 school year, approved on July 27, 2020, stipends may be prorated based on if/when the season is cancelled or postponed due to health crisis-related incidents, NJSIAA determination, or Governor's Executive Order.
5. Self-Assessment for Determining Grades: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act for the period 7/1/2019 – 6/30/2020 for School Street School and John Hill School.
6. Title III - Coordinator for ESL Family Engagement Events: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Tracy Col-Spector as Coordinator for Title III ESL Family Engagement Events at School Street School and John Hill School during the 2020-2021 school year, at a stipend of \$1,000, paid with FY21 Title III funds.

PK12 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK12 resolutions #1-11 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, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

1. School Safety Data Systems (SSDS) Incident Report Form: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the School Safety Data Systems (SSDS) Incident Report Form for the 2020-2021 school year.
2. Pupil Transportation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Agustina Perman for the pupil transportation differential pay of \$3,570 for the 2020-2021 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.
3. Self-Assessment for Determining Grades: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act for 7/1/2019 – 6/30/2020 for Boonton High School.

4. Appointment of Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Kerrie Bellisario to the position of Art Teacher, Boonton High School, at a salary of \$82,239 (Step 14 MA), prorated from date of background check clearance through June 30, 2020.

5. Advisors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following advisors and stipends at Boonton High School for the 2020-2021 school year. If a program supporting a stipend position is cancelled or postponed due to Executive Order, NJSIAA policy, or other law or public policy, the person occupying the stipend position will be paid for one additional pay period beyond the date of termination. No additional payment will be made for that program during the 2020-2021 school year unless it restarts. Per this Agreement the Board agrees to guarantee at least 33% of each stipend will be paid to the appointed staff. The final payment (1/6 stipend) for the respective program will be made upon the completion of the stipend assignment.

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Alan Masters	Band Director	\$10,266
Jamie Evans	Co-Advisor Varsity Football Cheerleading	\$ 1,687
Louisa Sinatra	Co-Advisor Varsity Football Cheerleading	\$ 1,687
Michelle McBride	Class Advisor Grade 9	\$ 1,481
Mark DiGennaro	Class Advisor Grade 10	\$ 1,481
Tiffanie Henry	Class Advisor Grade 11	\$ 2,133
Roxanne London	Class Advisor Grade 12	\$ 2,133
Mark DiGennaro	Advisor FBLA	\$ 1,082
Marissa LaPlaca	Advisor FBLA	\$ 1,082
Sandra Seegers	Wampus	\$ 1,390
Jody Oliveri	Yearbook	\$ 3,387
Jody Oliveri	Expressions	\$ 773

6. Volunteer Advisor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Marissa LaPlaca as a Volunteer Mock Trial Club Advisor at Boonton High School for the 2020-2021 school year.

7. Outside Evaluations: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Educational Services Commission of Morris County to conduct Educational Evaluations for the following students at \$392.00 each.
 - Student State ID# 7195134178-B
 - Student State ID# 8122130371-B
 - Student State ID# 5293165918-B

8. ELL Academic Support and Conversational After School Program Advisor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Nupur Bahl as the ELL Academic Support and Conversational After School Program Advisor for the 2020-2021 school year for Boonton High School, at \$40/hr, up to 100 hours, paid with FY21 Title III funds.

9. Title III - Coordinator for Family Engagement Events: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Nupur Bahl as Coordinator for Title III Family Engagement Events at Boonton High School for the 2020-2021 school year, at \$40/hr, up to 6 hr/event, paid with FY21 Title III funds.

10. Title III - Teachers for Family Engagement Events: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following teachers for Title III Family Engagement Events at the Elementary and High School levels for the 2020-2021 school year, at \$40/hr, 5 events per level for up to 3 hr/event, paid with FY21 Title III funds. Number of teachers needed will be dependent on parental participation.

Nupur Bahl	Lane Balaban	Laurene Carey
Deborah Gleeson	Kelly Liberati	Tracy Paulozzo
Karen Reich	Marianne Sayle	Amy Smith

11. Amend Stipend Rate for Ticket Sales: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to amend the stipend rate for ticket sales from \$35 (work until half-time) to \$50 (work full game), per event for the 2020-2021 school year.

C. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

Mr. Gardberg reported on School Street roofing progress; fence replacement at John Hill School using the NJSIG Safety Grant; meal distribution counts trending up; and the three resolutions accepting federal CARES Act awards, including CRF for \$79,238.

D. OPERATIONS

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, 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.
\$185,208.08 9/2/2020 (machine checks)

2. 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
Haddad, Edward	9/24 - 9/25/20	AVID DigitalXP for Elective Teachers	\$850.00
Maier, Christine	10/2/20	HIB Law Update - Legal One Virtual Meeting	\$125.00
McBride, Michelle	9/24 - 9/25/20	AVID DigitalXP for Elective Teachers	\$850.00
Pourki, Neda	10/2/20	HIB Law Update - Legal One Virtual Meeting	\$125.00
Valle, Thomas	10/2/20	HIB Law Update - Legal One Virtual Meeting	\$125.00

3. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 09/28/2020 to organizations, provided all required documents are submitted. District teams have priority. No activities on days school is closed. Use of all gyms and fields are coordinated with Mr. Hughen, Athletic Director. All permits are pending building administration final approval and receipt of documentation.

Permit #	Requested by / Facility / Dates
2009-0001	Boonton High School Field Hockey – Mum Pick Up BHS – Covered Walk & Parking Lot Saturday 9/19/2020 (6:00 AM – 1:00 PM)
2009-0002	Boonton High School Football Parents Assoc -Meetings BHS – Parking Lot Tuesdays 9/22, 9/29, 10/13, 10/27, 11/3, 11/17, 12/1, 12/5/2020 (7:00 - 8:00 PM)
2009-0003	Boonton High School Field Hockey – Food Sales during games BHS Concession Bathrooms and area by Concession for food sales 9/25, 10/10, 10/21, 10/24, 10/29, 11/4, 11/10 during home games
2009-0004	Boonton High School Football Parents – Food Sales during games BHS Concession Bathrooms and area by Concession for food sales 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 11/27/2020 during home games
2009-0005	Grayhawks Football – Practices BHS JV Baseball Field Mondays - Thursdays 9/21 - 11/12/2020 (5:45 - 7:45 PM)

4. CARES Act Funding: The Board accepts an award of \$79,238 from the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Grant, provided by the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, for 2020-2021, to assist with defraying costs associated with reopening schools for the 2020-2021 school year in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.
5. CARES Act Funding: The Board accepts an award of \$54,976 from the Bridging the Digital Divide Grant, provided by the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, for 2020-2021, to ensure equitable teaching and learning environments with 1:1 instructional devices and connectivity.
6. CARES Act Funding: The Board accepts an award of \$159,382 from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund, provided by the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, for 2019-2020, to provide funding to support areas impacted by the disruption and closure of schools from COVID-19.

7. 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
Coleman, Jennifer	10/2/20	HIB Law Update - Legal One Virtual Meeting	\$125.00
Coleman, Jennifer	10/19/20	Legally Compliant IEP's - Legal One Virtual Meeting	\$125.00

E. POLICY

There were no Policy motions to move.

F. REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1. HS Committee: Mrs. Shollenberger said the next meeting is on October 29.
2. Communications/Legislation: None
3. ESC: None
4. MCSBA: Mrs. LeFebvre said the next meeting is on October 1.
5. NJSBA: Mrs. LeFebvre said there are three programs this week on special education, Mental Health Task Force, Governor’s town hall and equity challenges.
6. Curriculum: Mrs. Katsakos said the next meeting is on October 26.
7. PR/Communications: None

XII. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Joe Bock, BOA liaison: No report. Mrs. Katsakos asked about any response from the mayor to her question on September 14 about the town newsletter, but he had no feedback from the mayor.
2. Yvette Long: NAACP education chair, commented about sending emails to all superintendents in the county and asked about infusing Amistad into the curriculum; Mr. Presuto responded that he would follow up with her by email.

XIII. DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT

There were no Policy motions to move.

XIV. OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

None

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business before the Board, a motion was made by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Mrs. Doherty to adjourn at 8:31 pm. All present voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: