

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

October 19, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Boonton Town Board of Education, of Morris County, New Jersey, held a meeting via Zoom at 7:30 pm on October 19, 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 October 19, 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 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 arrived at 7:37 pm.

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

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 150 members of the public were in attendance, as well as the administrators **Sara Brogan**, Louis Castano, **Rebecca Kipp-Newbold**, **Christine Muench**, **Jason Klebez**, **Alison Schessler**, **Judy Sorochynskyj** and **Thomas Valle**.

V. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Bob Davis, Newfoundland: BEA President, Reopening schools, Aspects of readiness are not complete or workable.
2. Vicky Cornell, Vernon: BPS teacher, Reopening schools, cases are rising, districts are closing, readiness
3. Stephen Young, Clifton: BPS teacher, Reopening schools, Within one week of home district resuming in-person instruction, middle school closed and most of high school in quarantine.
4. Tracy Paulozzo, Boonton: BPS teacher, Reopening schools, Continued reading prepared statement where Mrs. Cornell had left off about reopening.
5. Nick Cifelli, Lincoln Park: Reopening schools, He and his wife have been back to work; Suggests looking at how neighboring districts have been doing.
6. Steve Bossen, Boonton: Document on district website specifies three-minutes (not two minutes) per public speaker; Reopening schools - District policy 1648 refers to appendices that aren't included.
7. Sue Chara-Post, Boonton: Reopening schools, Pods for helping families.
8. Joe Vitale, Boonton: Reopening schools.
9. Mr. Presuto responded to the comments in general.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 7:58 pm by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. LeFebvre, 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 NOT BE TAKEN

On a motion at 9:15 pm by Mrs. Doherty and seconded by Mrs. LeFebvre, all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 9:16 by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: