

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

November 9, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Boonton Town Board of Education, of Morris County, New Jersey, held a meeting via Zoom at 7:31 pm on November 9, 2020.

II. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

Mrs. Irene LeFevre, Board Member, called the meeting to order, and Mr. Steven Gardberg, Board Secretary, read the following statement: This is the November 9, 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. Patrick Joyce, Mrs. Loren Katsakos, Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Mrs. Jennifer Shollenberger, Mrs. Sandra Vucenovic. Absent were Mr. Chris Cartelli, Mr. Bob Ezzi, Mr. Joe Geslao.

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

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 7:33 pm by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Doherty, all present voted to enter Executive Session. Absent were Mr. Cartelli, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao.

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

On a motion at 7:59 pm by Mrs. Doherty and seconded by Mr. Joyce, all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session. Absent were Mr. Cartelli, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao.

V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately five members of the public were in attendance, as well as the administrator Judy Sorochny.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE

None

VII. LIAISON REPORTS

1. John Hill School: None
2. Boonton High School by Siya Patel, SRA Vice President: Officers have been elected; communications plan; club fair; spirit week.
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8 by Steve Bossen: Book fair, Square One; Caramel apple sale and Dinners-to-go; virtual assemblies; next meeting on November 10.
4. Home School Association 9-12: None
5. Board of Aldermen: None

VIII. CHANGE THE ORDER OF THE DAY

A motion was made by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Joyce to approve the order of the day. All present voted in favor. Absent were Mr. Cartelli, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao.

IX. MINUTES

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

1. Regular and Executive session: October 26, 2020

X. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

XI. ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Presuto reported on Boonton HS as a polling site and a COVID case at School Street School.

B. ADMINISTRATION

PK8 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-3 was moved by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Shollenberger. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Shollenberger, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao.

1. Enrichment Facilitator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Zachary Sabatino as Enrichment Facilitator, John Hill School, at a stipend of \$2,500 for the 2020-2021 school year.

2. Testing Facilitator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Kathy Beiermeister as Testing Facilitator, John Hill School, at a stipend of \$2,500 for the 2020-2021 school year.
3. Appointment of Paraprofessional: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Victoria Branchini to the position of Paraprofessional, School Street School, at a salary of \$35,142 (Step 4), prorated from date of background check clearance through June 30, 2020.

PK12 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK12 resolutions #1-4 was moved by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Shollenberger. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Shollenberger, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao.

1. Volunteers: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following to serve as district wide volunteers during the 2020-2021 school year.

Kristin Davenport	Milena Sillett	Elizabeth Zuffelato
Natalia Pinney	Latoya Binns-Williams	Carlos Campanelli
Kamilia Veljkovic	Gertrude Errick	
2. Virtual Field Trip: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following virtual field trip for the 2020-2021 school year.

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Destination</u>
Grades 9-12	Virtual meet – Guest Speaker Jets Organization to discuss business careers in sports
3. District's Fire Drill and On-Roll Reports: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Fire Drill and On-Roll Reports for the month of October 2020.
4. Advisor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Ed Haddad as Chorus Director, Boonton High School, at a stipend of \$691 for the 2020-2021 school year.

C. BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Gardberg reported on the School Street roof project, installation of a rolling gate at Boonton HS, and HVAC maintenance at Boonton HS.

D. OPERATIONS

Approval of Operations resolutions #1-10 was moved by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Shollenberger, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao.

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

\$242,894.08	11/09/2020 (machine checks)
\$2,931,816.03	9/01 -- 9/30/2020 (electronic checks, including payroll)

2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending 9/30/2020.
3. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer: The Board approves reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending 9/30/2020.
4. Payroll Expenses: The Board approves the following payroll expenses.

10/15/2020	\$877,387.47
10/30/2020	\$879,606.23
5. 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
Bialick, Melissa	12/4/2020	NJASP Winter Conference (virtual)	\$185.00
Gardberg, Steven	11/10/2020	NJASBO: NJDOE OFDS & OFAC (virtual)	\$25.00
Gardberg, Steven	11/17/2020	NJASBO: Your Rights In The Workplace (virtual)	\$50.00
Gardberg, Steven	12/3/2020	NJASBO: Green Cleaning, Energy Savings, COVID Strategies (virtual)	\$50.00

6. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 11/09/2020 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
2011-0000	Town of Boonton – 2020 General Election BHS - Gym & Locker Rooms Monday 11/3/2020 (4:45 AM – 9:00 PM)

7. Change Order: The Board approves change order #2 in the amount of \$13,667.68 to install a new hatch opening for the School Street School roofing project, awarded on August 24, 2020, to Waterproofing Technologies Inc.
8. Grant Application: The Board approves submission of ADANE Back to School Equipment Rewards grant applications for Boonton High School, John Hill School and School Street School, and accepts the award of kitchen equipment for Boonton High School, valued at \$1,850.
9. Donation: The Board accepts the donation of office furniture and supplies valued at \$7,500 from New Jersey Theater Alliance.
10. Opposition to Bills S-2843/A-1911
WHEREAS, Senate Bill 2843 and Assembly Bill 1911, currently pending in the State Legislature, establish various measures to provide employment stability for high school coaches employed in school districts, and WHEREAS, The job protections mandated by S-2843/A-1911 include three-year contracts for head coaches and two-year contracts for

assistant coaches; and WHEREAS, S-2843/A-1911 includes several other employment protections for coaches that would severely inhibit a board of education's authority to make prompt and decisive personnel actions; and WHEREAS, The preferential treatment of, and granting of stronger protections, to coaches is inequitable and gives the impression that they are more valuable or important to the educational community than other school employees; and WHEREAS, Existing laws and regulations, along with collective bargaining agreements, provide all employees with protection against unjust termination; and WHEREAS, The intent of S-2843/A-1911 to provide protections from the arbitrary dismissal of high school coaches from their positions must be balanced with a board of education's obligation to make personnel decisions based on educational needs, financial capacity and operational considerations; and WHEREAS, This bill constitutes an unnecessary and inappropriate overreach and, if enacted, will tie the hands of local school board members and administrators, preventing them from making sound personnel decisions that they deem to be in the best interest of students, parents and the overall school community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Boonton Town Board of Education urges the State Senate, General Assembly and the Governor to oppose S-2843/A-1911; and be it further RESOLVED, that this resolution be delivered to Governor Phil Murphy, State Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, Assembly Speaker Craig Coughlin; and the 25th Legislative District's representatives in the state Senate and General Assembly; and be it further RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the New Jersey School Boards Association.

E. POLICY

Mrs. LeFebvre reported the Board plans at the next meeting to approve the new policy about public meetings with one reading instead of two readings.

Approval of Policy resolutions #1-14 was moved by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mrs. Shollenberger. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Shollenberger, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao.

1. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #1620 – Administrative Employment Contracts: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #1620 – Administrative Employment Contracts, as per the attached.
2. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #1648 - Restart and Recovery Plan: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #1648 – Restart and Recover Plan, as per the attached
3. Final Reading of Policy #1648.03 – Restart and Recovery Plan – Full-Time Remote Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of Policy #1648.03 – Restart and Recovery Plan – Full-Time Remote Instruction, as per the attached.
4. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #2431 – Athletic Competition: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #2431 – Athletic Competition, as per the attached.

5. Final Reading of Revisions to Regulation # 2431.1 – Emergency Procedures for Sports and Other Athletic Activity: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Regulation # 2431.1 – Emergency Procedures for Sports and Other Athletic Activity, as per the attached.
6. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy # 2464 - Gifted and Talented Students: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy # 2464 - Gifted and Talented Students, as per the attached.
7. Final Reading of Policy & Regulation #5330.05 – Seizure Action Plan: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of Policy & Regulation #5330.05 – Seizure Action Plan, as per the attached.
8. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #6440 – Cooperative Purchasing: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #6440 – Cooperative Purchasing, as per the attached.
9. Final Reading of Policy & Regulation #6470.01 - Electronic Funds Transfer and Claimant Certification: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of Policy & Regulation ##6470.01 - Electronic Funds Transfer and Claimant Certification, as per the attached.
10. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy & Regulation # 7440 – School District Security: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy & Regulation # 7440 – School District Security, as per the attached.
11. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #7450 – Property Inventory: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #7450 – Property Inventory, as per the attached.
12. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy & Regulation #7510 – Use of School Facilities: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy & Regulation #7510 – Use of School Facilities, as per the attached.
13. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #8420 – Emergency and Crisis Situations: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #8420 – Emergency and Crisis Situations, as per the attached.
14. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #8561 – Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #8561 – Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs, as per the attached.

F. REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1. HS Committee by Mrs. Shollenberger: Topics of last week's meeting included attendance; academics; senior class activities and photo; SATs on October 14; clubs; communications about students who are struggling; SAT scores; and Gateway.

2. Communications/Legislation by Mrs. LeFebvre: State senate bill about contracts for coaches was pulled from a floor vote; Board passed resolution tonight in opposition to the bill.
3. ESC by Mrs. LeFebvre: Next meeting is November 12.
4. MCSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: Next meeting is November 14.
5. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: Sessions from the Workshop are accessible online.
6. Curriculum by Mrs. Katsakos: Minutes were distributed; and due to QSAC preparations, the next meeting is likely in January.
7. PR/Communications by Mrs. Doherty: None

XII. OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Bossen, Boonton: Asked about difficulties with Zoom dial-in; Mr. Presuto responded about replacing Google Meet and challenges with Zoom.

XIII. DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT

There were no reports to approve.

XIV. OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

None

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 8:37 by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Doherty, all present voted to adjourn. Absent were Mr. Cartelli, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: