

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

February 8, 2021

The Boonton Town Board of Education, of Morris County, New Jersey, held a meeting via Zoom at 7:30 pm on February 8, 2021.

Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Board President, called the meeting to order, and Mr. Steven Gardberg, Board Secretary, read the following statement: This is the February 8, 2021, 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, the Citizen and the Boonton Town Clerk; and posted at the Board of Education Building at 434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, New Jersey.

ROLL CALL

Members present at roll call were Mr. Chris Cartelli, Mrs. Jennifer Darling, Dr. Crystal Davis, Mrs. Elaine Doherty, Mr. Bob Ezzi, Mr. Joseph Geslao, Ms. Natavia Hayes, Mrs. Loren Katsakos, Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Mrs. Sandra Vucenovic.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 7:32 pm by Mr. Cartelli and seconded by Mrs. Doherty, 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

On a motion at 7:59 pm by Mr. Cartelli and seconded by Dr. Davis, all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 5 members of the public were in attendance, as well as the administrator Mr. Jason Klebez.

ORDER OF THE DAY

A motion was made by Mr. Cartelli and seconded by Mrs. Doherty to approve the order of the day. All present voted in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

LIAISON REPORTS

1. John Hill School by Josie Meyer, student representative: None
2. Boonton High School: Mr. Gardberg read a letter from Batisse Manhardt, SRA President, regarding Spring Spirit Week. Mr. Klebez reported last week was the first week back from remote and the Daily COVID Questionnaire.
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8: Meeting tomorrow night; Virtual author visit; Pre-K Assembly; Gertrude Hawk; Square One Art; Flocking; Box Tops; Dinners to Go moved to Wednesday night.
4. Home School Association 9-12: None
5. Board of Aldermen by Richard Corcoran: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Presuto reported on reopening, snow tomorrow-all virtual day, county midyear review and athletics.

ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. Minutes

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

1. Regular and Executive session: January 25, 2021

B. Administration

Mrs. Katsakos spoke about Bridges enrichment and the County Superintendent's midyear review.

PK8 Resolutions

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

1. Bridges to Learning Before/After School Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following for the Bridges to Learning Before/After School Program at School Street School and John Hill School for the 2020-2021 school year. The assignment of hours is contingent on enrollment and the program running, and appointment is no guarantee of assignment of hours.
Lead Teachers at \$31/hr: John Yanez, Amanda Bakstad
College Support Staff at \$13/hr: Bianca Marc

2. Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a leave of absence for Meghan Arahill, Elementary School Social Worker, effective 4/26 – 6/30/2021, utilizing 15 days of accumulated sick time and 3 personal days, followed by an unpaid leave of absence.
3. Outside Evaluations: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Bilingual Evaluations for Student State ID# 3583921929-B as follows.
 Speech & Language: Bilingual Speech Language Services LLC for \$475.00
 Psychological: Hillmar LLC for \$700.00
 Educational: Rudnicka Educational Evaluations LLC for \$400.00

PK12 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK12 resolutions #1-5 was moved by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mrs. Doherty. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Dr. Davis, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Ms. Hayes, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

1. Volunteer: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Kathy Glatz to serve as a districtwide volunteer during the 2020-2021 school year.
2. Leave of Absence Request: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves an unpaid Family Medical Leave of Absence (FMLA) request for Employee #0772, effective 1/29/21- 2/5/2021.
3. District's Fire Drill and On-Roll Reports: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the District's Fire Drill and On-Roll Reports for the month of January 2021.
4. Extra Hours: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves up to an additional 0.75 hours per day, effective 2/1 – 6/30/2021 for Marie Evans, as an alternate as needed, to ride the bus with SSS/JHS/BHS students, before and after the school day (based on in-person hybrid schedule), at \$27.28/hr.
5. Virtual School Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves 2 virtual classes (Course ID# DCFSP2816 & Course ID# DCFSP2852) for Student State ID#6140341184-B, provided by Educere for \$399.00 each.

C. Operations

Mr. Gardberg reported on plexiglass for classrooms, school lunch and the FY22 budget.

Mr. Geslao reported on the budget schedule for March and April.

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

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.
\$900,578.72 2/8/2021 (machine checks)
2. Payroll Expenses: The Board approves the following payroll expenses.
1/15/2021 \$970,377.61
1/30/2021 \$875,680.54
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
Col-Spector, Tracy	5/26/21	NJTESOL/NJBE Spring Conference - Virtual	\$299.00

4. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 02/08/2021 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
2101-0002	Kiwanis Club of Tri-Town - Food Distribution BHS Parking Lot 2/13/2021 (10:00 am – 3:00 pm)

5. Disposal of Records: The Board approves the disposal of public records per New Jersey Division of Archives and Records Management Guidelines. Authorization for disposal was approved by the Department of Treasury on 01/27/2021, Authorization #569931.
6. FY2020 Audit: The Board accepts the FY2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Auditors Management Report (AMR).
7. Change Order: The Board approves change order #3 in the amount of -\$657.51 for the School Street School roofing project, awarded on August 24, 2020, to Weatherproofing Technologies Inc.

D. Policy

Mr. Cartelli reported many new policies received.

E. Districtwide HIB Report

On a motion by Mrs. Doherty and seconded by Mrs. Darling, the Board approved by roll call to affirm the findings and recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying complaints: JHS #2.

YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Ms. Hayes, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Dr. Davis. ABSENT: None.

F. Other Business

Approval of Other Business resolution #1 was moved by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mrs. Darling. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Dr. Davis, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Ms. Hayes, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

- 1. COVID-19 Vaccine for Public School District Personnel: The Board requests that Governor Murphy give appropriate priority in the statewide administration of the COVID-19 vaccine to all public school district personnel, per the attached resolution.

REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

- A. HS Committee by Mrs. Doherty: Congratulations to students/staff who returned to in-person; see the website for photos; calming room; meeting on February 18.
- B. Curriculum by Mrs. Katsakos: meeting tomorrow February 9; Atlas online to see the classes and content.
- C. PR/Communications by Mrs. Doherty: Planning a meeting in March.
- D. Communications/Legislation by Mrs. LeFebvre: Read the weekly NJSBA notes.
- E. ESC by Mrs. LeFebvre: Meeting on February 10.
- F. MCSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: Meeting on February 11; Election of officers.
- G. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: Meeting in October, either hybrid or in-person.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

- 1. Financial Audit FY2020: Presentation by the district auditor
- 2. Mrs. LeFebvre nominated to NJSBA president
- 3. Ethics training and Board training

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 9:07 by Mr. Cartelli and seconded by Mrs. Doherty, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: