

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

March 8, 2021

The Boonton Town Board of Education, of Morris County, New Jersey, held a meeting via Zoom at 7:00 pm on March 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 March 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 Mrs. Jennifer Darling, Dr. Crystal Davis, Mr. Bob Ezzi, Mr. Joseph Geslao, Ms. Natavia Hayes, Mrs. Loren Katsakos, Mrs. Irene LeFebvre and Mrs. Sandra Vucenovic. Mr. Chris Cartelli and Mrs. Doherty arrived at 7:04.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 7:02 pm by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mr. Geslao, 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 Mrs. Darling, all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:01pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 15 members of the public were in attendance, as well as the administrators Rebecca Kipp-Newbold and Judy Sorochnykyj.

ORDER OF THE DAY

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Presuto said the son of the architect sent newspaper article about 1960's BHS addition.

LIAISON REPORTS

1. John Hill School by Josie Meyer, student representative: Read Across America; Spring and Recreational Sports; JHS Rocks program/raffle.
2. Boonton High School by Batisse Manhardt, SRA President: None
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8 by Steve Bossen: Pre-K assemblies; virtual author visits; JHS Living Voices assembly; next meeting March 9.
4. Home School Association 9-12: None
5. Town Council by Mayor Richard Corcoran: Budget meeting; Communications Committee; Cannabis Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

SUPERINTENDENT

1. Tragic Loss
2. Close on Monday, March 29
3. AVID Presentation: Staff: Marissa LaPlaca and Diana Callahan; Students: Attka Awan, Emily Bordzol, Zoila Martinez, Emily Rasa

ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

None

A. Minutes

Approval of minutes from previous meetings was moved by Mrs. Doherty, 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: February 22, 2020

B. ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. Katsakos reported meeting tonight, staffing for FY21-22, content recovery programs, SEL program in the summer.

PK8 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-6 was moved by Mrs. Katsakos 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. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

1. Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a leave of absence for Kristen Houser, John Hill School Music Teacher, effective May 17, 2021, utilizing 24 days of accumulated sick days, followed by an unpaid leave of absence through June 30, 2021.
2. Movement on Salary Guide: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff member's movement on guide in accordance with the Bargaining Agreement between the Board of Education and the Boonton Education Association, retroactive to February 1, 2021.

Employee	Approved to	Salary
Terence O'Dell	9 MA+30	\$74,090

3. Bridges to Learning Enrichment Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff for the Bridges to Learning Enrichment Staff at School Street School and John Hill School during the 2020-2021 school year, paid \$40 - \$65 per class, based upon enrollment. Minimum enrollment numbers must be met in order for programs to run.

Jamie Evans	Julie Rogers	Kristin Groeneveld
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4. Medical Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a medical leave of absence for Staff Member #0916 effective 3/16 – 4/12/2021, utilizing 16 accumulated sick days.
5. Long-Term Leave Replacement Teacher: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Richard Sumliner as the long-Term Leave Replacement Teacher at John Hill School at a salary of \$63,932 (Step 5 MA) prorated from date background check clears through May 14, 2021.
6. Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Suwana Barth, John Hill School Lunch Aide, effective end of day March 26, 2021.

PK12 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK12 resolutions #1-13 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. 2021 Special Education Extended Year Programs: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following 2021 Special Education Extended Year Programs, to be held at John Hill School.
 - Preschool, 6/21 – 7/29, 2021 (Monday-Thursday) 8:30 am – 12:00 pm
 - Gr K-12, 6/21 – 7/29/2021 (Monday-Thursday), 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
2. Work Based Learning Program: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the unpaid Work Based Learning Program (WBL) for the following students with Pomptonian, beginning March 9, 2021, through the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. WBL will be 1 period per day for up to 2 days per week, and the student will be accompanied by an assigned paraprofessional.

Student State ID# 5028089364-B
 Student State ID# 1513976071-B
 Student State ID# 9968710050-B

3. District Calendar for 2021-2022 School Year: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the district calendar for the 2021-2022 school year.
4. Movement on Salary Guide: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members' movement on guide in accordance with the Bargaining Agreement between the Board of Education and the Boonton Education Association, retroactive to February 1, 2021.

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Approved to</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Jason Kaulfers	3 BA+15	\$59,204
Evan Levy	8 MA+30	\$72,414

5. Letter of Resignation from Assistant Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Melanie Sohl, Boonton High School Track and Field Assistant Coach, effective February 18, 2021.
6. Assistant Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Christopher Frangipane as Assistant Track and Field Coach at Boonton High School at a stipend of \$7,290 (Step 4) for the 2020-2021 school year.
7. Addition to Substitute List: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following addition to the 2020-2021 substitute list
Substitute Teacher / Paraprofessional: Zahra Sadaat

8. Staff to Write Authentic Learning Tasks: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members to write authentic learning tasks for the high school Content Recovery Program, for up to 2 hours each per Authentic Learning Task, at \$35/hr, paid with Title IIA and ESSER II funds. Multiple tasks are needed per subject/course. All assignments and due dates will be based on student enrollment.

Nupur Bahl	Al Bellini	Kerry Bellisario
Laurene Carey	Vicki Cornell	Courtney Degro
Dean Del Guercio	Mark DiGennaro	Devon Engelberger
Kathie Foley	Chris Frangipane	Barbara Gilbert
Jillian Glaser	Tiffanie Henry	Marissa LaPlaca
Michael LaVaglio	Evan Levy	Dan Matarazzo
Julie Rogers	Matthew Ross	Jennifer Tambakis

9. Staff for Authentic Learning Tasks: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members to participate in the in-person implementation and scoring of Authentic Learning Tasks for grades 9 -12 for up to 12 Saturdays and up to two 3.5-hour sessions per Saturday at \$40/hr, paid with ESSER II funds. Number of positions is dependent on student enrollment.

Nupur Bahl	Lane Balaban	Al Bellini
Kerry Bellisario	Laurene Carey	Courtney Degro
Devon Engelberger	Kathie Foley	Mary Foster

Chris Frangipane
Jillian Glaser
Michael LaVaglio
Matthew Ross
Jennifer Tambakis

Bryan Gallagher
Tiffanie Henry
Maureen Merritt
Robin Schwalb
Matthew Voswinkel

Barbara Gilbert
Marissa LaPlaca
Julie Rogers
Sandy Seegers

10. Supervision of Content Recovery Program: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members for supervision of the Boonton High School Content Recovery Program for grades 9 -12 for up to 12 Saturdays and up to two 4-hour sessions per Saturday at \$60/hr, paid for with ESSER II funds. Additional hours for evaluation of Authentic Learning Tasks and other tasks as needed. Number of positions is dependent on student enrollment.
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| Nupur Bahl | Debra Ballway | Louis Castano |
| Jennifer Coleman | Courtney Degro | Edward Forman |
| David Hughen | Rebecca Kipp-Newbold | Jason Klebez |
| Evan Levy | Christine Muench | Judy Sorochynskyj |
11. Extra Hours: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves 4 extra hours to Tonia Merlino for administrative work during February 2021 at \$32.15/hr.
12. 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 February 2021.
13. Sidebar Agreement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Sidebar to the Agreement between the Board of Education and the Boonton Education Association for 2018-2021, regarding release time for COVID Vaccination.

C. OPERATIONS

Mr. Gardberg reported on budget, Chromebooks and hot lunches.

Approval of Operations resolutions #1-3 was moved by Mr. Geslao 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. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.
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| \$531,443.11 | 2/25/2021 (machine checks) |
| \$808,641.26 | 3/08/2021 (machine checks) |
2. Payroll Expenses: The Board approves the following payroll expenses.
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| 2/15/2021 | \$901,481.31 |
| 2/28/2021 | \$898,746.13 |
3. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 03/08/2021 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
2102-0000	Boonton Parks and Recreation Easter Event Boonton High School Parking Lot - Drive thru Only Event 3/27/2021 (8:00 am – 1:00 pm)

D. POLICY

Approval of Policy resolutions #1-14 was moved by Mr. Cartelli and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos. 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. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #0145 - Board Member Resignation and Removal: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #0145 - Board Member Resignation and Removal, as per the attached.
2. Final Reading of Revisions to Regulation #1642 - Earned Sick Leave Law: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of Revisions to Regulation #1642 - Earned Sick Leave Law, as per the attached.
3. Final Reading of Policy #1643 – Family Leave: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of Policy #1643 – Family Leave, as per the attached.
4. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #2415 - Every Student Succeeds Act: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #2415 – Every Student Succeeds Act, as per the attached.
5. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #2415.02 - Title I – Fiscal Responsibilities: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #2415.02 - Title I – Fiscal Responsibilities, as per the attached.
6. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #2415.05 – Student Surveys, Analysis, and/or Evaluations: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #2415.05 – Student Surveys, Analysis, and/or Evaluations, as per the attached.
7. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy and Regulation #2415.20 – Every Student Succeeds Act Complaints: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy & Regulation #2415.20 – Every Student Succeeds Act Complaints, as per the attached.
8. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #4125 – Employment of Support Staff Members: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #4125 – Employment of Support Staff Members, as per the attached.

9. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy and Regulation #5330.01 -Administration of Medical Cannabis: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy and Regulation #5330.01 -Administration of Medical Cannabis, as per the attached.
10. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #6360 – Political Contributions: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #6360 – Political Contributions, as per the attached.
11. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #7425 - Lead Testing of Water in Schools: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #7425 - Lead Testing of Water in Schools, as per the attached.
12. Final Reading of Regulation #7425 - Lead Testing of Water in Schools: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of Regulation #7425 – Lead Testing of Water in Schools, as per the attached.
13. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #8330 – Student Records: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #8330 – Student Records, as per the attached.
14. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #9713 – Recruitment by Special Interest Groups: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy # 9713 - Recruitment by Special Interest Groups, as per the attached.

E. DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT

None

F. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Gardberg commented on the financial impact of Ch. 44 on districts with private insurance.

Approval of Other Business resolution #1 was moved by Mrs. Darling 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. Relief from Increased Costs from Ch. 44: The Board requests that the State Legislature and Governor provide relief from the increased health care costs experienced by school districts due to the implementation of Chapter 44, per the attached resolution.

REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1. HS Committee by Mrs. Doherty: Credit Recovery program on Saturdays; Senior activities.
2. Curriculum by Mrs. Katsakos: None
3. PR/Communications by Mrs. Doherty: March 17 meeting.
4. Communications/Legislation by Mrs. LeFebvre: Allowing districts to host vaccine site.

5. ESC by Mrs. LeFebvre: Meeting this week.
6. MCSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: Meeting this week.
7. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: None

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

- Question in writing from Stephanie Monrad, asking about moving in-person school to 5 days a week, Mr. Presuto responds.
- Steve Bossen: Admin PK12 #3-Calendar

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Special Meeting on March 15 to approve preliminary budget

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 9:11 pm by Mr. Cartelli and seconded by Mrs. Darling, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: