

## **BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION**

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

March 22, 2021

The Boonton Town Board of Education, of Morris County, New Jersey, held a meeting via Zoom at 7:30 pm on March 22, 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 22, 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, Mrs. Loren Katsakos, Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Mrs. Sandra Vucenovic. ABSENT: Ms. Natavia Hayes.

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

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion at 7:31 pm by Mr. Cartelli and seconded by Mrs. Darling, 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. Ms. Hayes was absent.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 10 members of the public were in attendance, as well as the administrator Judy Sorochnyskyj.

### **ORDER OF THE DAY**

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

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

1. John Hill School by Josie Myers, student representative: Sobriety speaker, Workshop of Art, Spring sports.
2. Boonton High School by Batisse Manhardt, SRA President: Spring sports, Winter sports/wrestling, GSA, Prom.
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8 by Elizabeth Moorehouse: Square One Art, PreK assemblies, Hear My Voice assembly, Steve Spangler science assemblies.
4. Home School Association 9-12: None
5. Town Council: None

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

## **SUPERINTENDENT**

Mr. Presuto reported on CDC guidelines revised on 3/19, 3 ft. between students if community spread is not high; Quarantine after travel; school activities, athletics; William Shatner's 90th birthday.

## **ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION**

### **A. Minutes**

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

1. Regular and Executive session: 3/8/2021
2. Regular and Executive session: 3/15/2021

### **B. ADMINISTRATION**

Mrs. Katsakos reported no meeting.

### **PK8 Resolutions**

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-4 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, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Ms. Hayes.

1. Bridges to Learning Before/After School Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Jessica Giordano as a Lead Teacher at \$31/hr 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.

2. Appointment of Paraprofessional: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Jessica Rodriguez to the position of Paraprofessional, School Street School, at a salary of \$35,142 (Step 4), prorated from receipt of substitute certificate through June 30, 2021.
3. Long-Term Leave School Psychologist: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Bianca DiFulco as the long-term leave school psychologist at John Hill School, at a salary of \$67,404 (Step 1 MA+30), prorated for 4/26 – 6/30/2021, pending receipt of emergency certification.
4. Outside Evaluation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Sound Start Babies Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children to conduct a Transition to Preschool Consultation for \$250 for Student State ID# 6590698493-B.

### **PK12 Resolutions**

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

1. Revise Secretary Substitute Rate of Pay: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to revise the secretary substitute daily rate of pay from \$80 to \$95, effective March 23, 2021, for the 2020-2021 school year.
2. Job Description: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the job description for Weight Room Supervisor.
3. Additions to Substitute List: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following additions to the 2020-2021 substitute list.  
Substitute Teachers / Paraprofessionals: Meridith Charles (pending receipt of background check & copy of certificate) and Christine Fili
4. Extracurricular Aide Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves up to 75 total hours for Maureen Merritt to assist and supervise Student State ID# 5028089364-B for the 2020-2021 GSA program at \$27.28/hr. Marie Evans will serve as an alternate at \$27.28/hr.
5. Extracurricular Aide Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves up to 140 total hours to be shared between Clare Zarzecki and Kathie Post to assist and supervise Student State ID# 5028089364-B for the 2020-2021 Girls Lacrosse Season at \$27.28/hr.
6. Extracurricular Aide Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the approves up to 140 total hours for Matthew Voswinkel to assist and supervise Student State ID# 5153109356-B and Student State ID# 6150235416-B for the 2020-2021 Track Season at \$27.28/hr. Maureen Merritt and Gregory LaPointe will serve as alternates, as needed, at \$27.28/hr.

7. Spring Weight Room Supervisor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Bryan Gallagher as Spring Weight Room Supervisor at Boonton High School at a stipend of \$1,680, pending outcome of BEA negotiations, for the 2020-2021 school year.
  
8. Staff for Crowd Control/Track Meet Attendants: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members for crowd control and track meet attendants at events as required for the 2020-2021 school year.
 

Staff Member	Event(s)
Daniel Montgomery	Crowd Control
Rose Sullivan	Track Meet Attendant
Cindy Tserkis	Track Meet Attendant
Roxanne London	Track Meet Attendant
Michele Wolchesky	Track Meet Attendant
Brad Davidson	Track Meet Attendant
Alyssa DeOrio	Track Meet Attendant
Vicki Cornell	Track Meet Attendant
Chris Hurd	Track Meet Attendant
Patrise Danzi	Track Meet Attendant
  
9. 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 (Title IIA and ESSER II funds). Multiple tasks are needed per subject/course. All assignments and due dates will be based on student enrollment.
 

Joseph Diaz	Alyssa DeOrio	Colleen Faessinger
Tina Londino	Matthew Voswinkel	
  
10. 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-hr sessions per Saturday at \$40/hr (ESSER II funds). Number of positions is dependent on student enrollment.
 

Melissa Bialick	Evan Levy	Karen Reich
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11. Appointment of Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Julie Rienzi to the position of LDTC, Boonton High School, at a salary of \$81,909 (Step 12 MA/30), pending outcome of BEA negotiations, effective September 1, 2021, for the 2021-2022 school year.

## **C. OPERATIONS**

Mr. Gardberg reported on Budget FY22, Montville/ECLC bus and Federal \$1.9 trillion.

Mr. Geslao reported on Chromebooks, capital projects in FY22 budget and food service for FY22.

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, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Ms. Hayes.

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

\$1,800.00	3/10/2021 (machine checks)
\$259,724.20	3/22/2021 (machine checks)
\$2,732,132.97	2/1 – 2/28/2021 (electronic checks, including payroll)

2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending 2/28/2021.

3. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer: The Board approves reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending 2/28/2021.

4. Cooperative Pricing System Agreement: The Board approves to continue participation in the ACES (NJSBA) Cooperative Pricing System for the purchase of energy.

5. Contract: The Board approves awarding a contract for upgrades to the Boonton High School clock and bell scheduler system to Coskey Electronic Systems for \$16,986.26.

6. Contract: The Board approves awarding a contract for Chromebooks to CDW for \$28,801, per ESCNJ Co-op contract #18/19-03, utilizing FY21 ESEA funds.

\$18,622.50	20-231-100-600	Title I
386.50	20-233-100-600	Title I Reallocated
4,270.00	20-241-100-600	Title III
5,522.00	20-242-100-600	Title III Immigrant

7. 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 03/17/2021, Authorization #571362, #571363, #571364 and #571365.

## **D. POLICY**

None

## **E. DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT**

None

## **F. OTHER BUSINESS**

None

### **REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES**

1. HS Committee by Mrs. Doherty: Meeting in April
2. Curriculum by Mrs. Katsakos: April 13 meeting
3. PR/Communications by Mrs. Doherty: Committee discussed social media
4. Communications/Legislation by Mrs. LeFebvre: Bill S-3434 Re: SpEd, provide extra year for 21+ students, now released with funding.
5. ESC by Mrs. LeFebvre: Meeting in April
6. MCSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: Mrs. Darling was elected to Board
7. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: Board Meeting on March 19, 2021; Workshop will be virtual

### **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Steve Bossen, Boonton: Future use of Chromebooks being replaced?
2. Kerry Brennan, Boonton: Other High Schools without cohorts? How?
3. Jon Weininger, Boonton: Strategic Plan goes thru 2021; Will there be a new plan? With community involvement?

### **OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

Mrs. LeFebvre mentioned the Mayor asked for a Board Member to attend a tour meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion at 8:42pm by Mr. Cartelli and seconded by Mrs. Darling, all present voted to adjourn. Ms. Hayes was absent.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg  
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: