

## **BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION**

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

April 12, 2021

The Boonton Town Board of Education, of Morris County, New Jersey, held a meeting via Zoom at 7:30 pm on April 12, 2021.

Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Board President, called the meeting to order, and Mr. Steven Gardberg, Board Secretary, read the following statement: This is the April 12, 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 7:31 pm by Mr. Chris 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 7:56 pm by Mr. Chris Cartelli and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos, 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 10 members of the public were in attendance, as well as the administrators Sara Brogan and Judy Sorochnyskyj.

### **ORDER OF THE DAY**

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

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

1. John Hill School by Josie Myers, student representative: Living Voice Assembly, Journey to Sobriety, Enrichment Activities, Spring Sports, Final marking period.
2. Boonton High School by Batisse Manhardt, SRA President: Sports, Spirit Days, Prom, FBLA, GSA, Drama Club audio broadcast.
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8 by Allison Mania: Meeting 4/13, Book Fair, Spirit Wear.
4. Home School Association 9-12: None
5. Town Council by Mayor Richard Corcoran: Town Council last week busy in budget cycle; Ordinances for acquisitions; Disposing of assets; Cannabis committee.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Tracy Paulozzo, Boonton: Pre-K #7, Are these for camp, who is it for? Mr. Presuto responded.

## **SUPERINTENDENT**

Mr. Presuto reported on MP4: students moved from remote to in-person instruction; Combining of cohorts; email challenges for weekly updates; at SSS an air handler overheated; BHS academic recovery/support program; NJSLA assessment will not be administered, but others will be.

## **ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION**

### **A. Minutes**

Approval of minutes from previous meetings was moved by Mr. Chris 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: March 22, 2020

### **B. ADMINISTRATION**

Mrs. Katsakos reported the committee met tonight; Bridges summer programs; JHS graduation.

### **PK8 Resolutions**

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-7 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 (except #7), Mr. Ezzi (except #7), Mr. Geslao, Ms. Hayes (except #2), Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Mrs. Doherty (#7), Mr. Ezzi (#7), Ms. Hayes (#2). 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 Teacher at \$31/hr:

Madelyn Leva

Support Staff Adult at \$19/hr:

Elizabeth DeVincenzo

2. Appointment of Lunch Aide: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Deborah Thompson to the position of Lunch Aide, John Hill School, at \$26.53/hr (Step 1), for 3 hr/day effective from date of background clearance for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.
3. Appointment of Long-Term Leave Replacement Music Teacher: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Isaiah James as long-term leave replacement music teacher at John Hill School, at a salary of \$57,204 (Step 1 BA), prorated for 5/17 – 6/30/2021.
4. Approval of Placement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Student State ID# 3734131405-B to attend Morris Plains School District as per N.J.S.A. 18A:38-1d, for \$16,067/yr, prorated from 1/25/2021 through the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.
5. School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report for March 2021 for School Street School, John Hill School and John Hill School Annex.
6. Summer Early Learner's Academy: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Summer Early Learner's Academy Program at School Street School for PreK and incoming Kindergarten students, 7/6 – 7/30/2021, using ESSER II funds.
7. Job Descriptions: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following job descriptions.
  - Elementary Interventionist
  - Bridges to Learning Summer Afternoon Enrichment Academy Supervisor
  - Bridges to Learning Summer Afternoon Enrichment Academy Support Staff
  - Bridges to Learning Summer Outdoor Adventure Academy Support Staff
  - Bridges to Learning Summer Outdoor Adventure Academy Supervisor
  - Bridges to Learning Outdoor Adventure Academy Activity Specialist

### **PK12 Resolutions**

Approval of Admin PK12 resolutions #1-8 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. Staff for Authentic Learning Tasks: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Ken Ren to participate in the in-person implementation and scoring of Authentic Learning Tasks for grades 9-12 for up to 12 Saturdays, up to two

3.5-hr sessions/day at \$40/hr, paid with ESSER II funds. Number of positions is dependent on student enrollment.

2. AP Proctors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members to proctor the Afterschool AP exams in-person up to 4 hour per session at \$40/hr, paid with ESSER II funds. Number of positions is dependent on student enrollment.

Heidi Brady - 5 sessions	Vicki Cornell - 2 sessions
Alyssa DeOrio - 1 session	Barbara Gilbert - 5 sessions
Tiffanie Henry - 5 sessions	Chris Hurd - 4 sessions
Evan Levy - 5 sessions	
3. Tech Support for AP Exams: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Brian Hoyas to provide tech support for five in-person Afterschool AP exams, up to 4 hr/session at \$21/hr, paid with ESSER II funds. Number of sessions is dependent on student enrollment.
4. 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 March 2021.
5. School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report for March 2021 for Boonton High School.
6. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for the following students.

Student State ID# 7750205633-B, for up to 10 hr/wk from 3/17/2021, with services provided by LearnWell Education, at \$48/hr, and
Student State ID# 2665305108-B, for up to 10 hr/wk from 3/22/2021, with services provided by Rutgers Health - UHBC Education, at \$65/hr.
7. Mileage Reimbursement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Daniel Montgomery, as an alternate aide as needed, be reimbursed mileage to accompany Student State ID# 5153109356-B, to the Morris County School of Technology in Denville, up to 10 mi/day at \$0.35/mi (based on attendance) for the 2020-2021 school year
8. Addition to Substitute List: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following additions to the 2020-2021 substitute list.

<u>Substitute Teachers / Paraprofessionals</u>		
Isaiah James	Hannah Salemi*	Haya Ali**

\* Upon receipt of Substitute Certificate  
\*\* Upon receipt of background clearance

## **C. OPERATIONS**

Mr. Gardberg reported on withdrawing Permit 2001-0015 from resolution #1; County approval of FY22 Budget; President Biden's proposed increase in Title I & IDEA; Facility use.

Mr. Geslao reported on Chromebooks, Lunch pricing, ACME grant \$10k for kitchen equipment.

Approval of Operations resolutions #1-8 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.  
\$1,012,509.40                      4/12/2021 (machine checks)
2. Payroll Expenses: The Board approves the following payroll expenses.  
3/15/2021                      \$903,148.66  
3/30/2021                      \$921,102.14
3. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 04/12/2021 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. Huguen, Athletic Director. All permits are pending building administration final approval and receipt of documentation.

**BHS/JHS TEAM SPORTS HAVE PRIORITY**  
**Use of all gyms and fields are to be coordinated with Mr. Huguen**  
**Teams must check for field availability & closures daily**  
**Pop-up tents are not permitted on the track or turf**

Permit #	Requested by / Facility / Dates
2001-0015	Boonton Parks & Recreation – Adult Basketball JHS Gym Thursdays, 3/26 – 5/28/2021 (7:00 – 9:00 pm)
2102-0005	Boonton Hills & Valley LAX – Games BHS Turf Saturdays, 3/6 – 6/12/2021 (12:00 – 4:00 pm)
2102-0006	Boonton Hills & Valley LAX – Practice BHS Turf Monday – Friday, 3/1 – 6/11/2021 (6:00 – 9:00 pm)
2102-0007	Boonton Parks & Recreation – Youth Spring Track BHS Turf Sundays, 4/4 – 6/13/2021 (12:00 – 2:00 pm)
2102-0008	Tri Town Little League – Games & Practices
2102-0009	JHS Fields
2102-0003	SSS Fields (banta only)
2102-0004	BHS JV Field Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat, 3/29 – 6/30/2021 Weekdays (5:30 – 8:00 pm) Saturdays (10:00 AM – 6:00 pm)

- 2102-0010                      Amateur Baseball Association – Baseball League  
    BHS JV Field  
    Sundays, 4/11 - 8/8/2021 (2:00 – 8:00 pm)
- 2103-0013                      Heart. Hustle. Hockey – Field Hockey  
    BHS Turf Field  
    Monday – Friday, 7/5 – 7/9/2021 (10:00 am – 2:00 pm)
- 2104-0000                      Boonton Parks & Recreation – Soccer Camp  
    BHS Varsity Field  
    Monday – Friday, 6/21 – 6/25/2021 (5:00 – 8:00 pm)
- 2104-0001                      Special Olympics NJ Team Storm – Tennis  
    BHS Tennis Courts  
    Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4/6 – 6/17/2021 (5:30 – 7:30 pm)

4.     Contract: The Board approves awarding contracts to CDW Government, per ESCNJ contract #18/19-03, for \$9,863.75 for Chromeboxes and \$107,404.00 for Chromebooks.
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 03/26/2021, Authorization #571739, #571740 and #571741.
6.     Grant Award: The Board accepts the approved amount of \$10,000 from ACME Markets Foundation's 130 Days of Giving grant application to purchase kitchen equipment.
7.     Preschool Operational Plan: The Board approves submission of the Preschool Education Aid 2021-2022 District Enrollment and Planning Workbook to the NJ Department of Education.
8.     Menu Price Lists for 2021-2022 School Year: The Board approves the meal and a la carte price lists for the 2021-2022 school year, as per the attached.

#### **D. POLICY**

None

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

None

#### **F. OTHER BUSINESS**

None

#### **REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES**

1. HS Committee by Mrs. Doherty: Meeting scheduled for this week but might reschedule
2. Curriculum by Mrs. Katsakos: April 13 meeting
3. PR/Communications by Mrs. Doherty: None

4. Communications/Legislation by Mrs. LeFebvre: Exemption from testing
5. ESC by Mrs. LeFebvre: April 14 meeting
6. MCSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: None
7. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: Annual School Board Leader Award; Expo for MS/HS Students

\*Mrs. Doherty left the meeting at 8:34 pm\*

#### **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Jennifer DeStefano, Boonton, who is a healthcare worker, encouraged full return to in-person learning. Mr. Presuto responds that Grades 6-8 will return for 5 days a week.

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

Superintendent Evaluations; Mrs. Katsakos mentioned that on May 1 is the Pathways to History and Boonton Historical Society.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg  
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: