

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

April 26, 2021

The Boonton Town Board of Education, of Morris County, New Jersey, held a meeting via Zoom at 7:30 pm on April 26, 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 26, 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, Mr. Bob Ezzi, Mr. Joseph Geslao, Ms. Natavia Hayes, Mrs. Loren Katsakos, Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Mrs. Sandra Vucenovic. Mrs. Elaine Doherty arrived at 7:41 pm.

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. Mrs. Doherty had not yet arrived.

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 8:00 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 8:03 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 10 members of the public were in attendance, as well as the administrators Sara Brogan, Rebecca Kipp-Newbold, Jason Klebez, Judy Sorochnyskyj.

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 Myers, student representative (video report): Mindfulness, Spirit Wear, Art Installation, Earth Day, PTA Book Fair, Spring Sports.
2. Boonton High School: None
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8 by Kelly DelGaizo: Book Fairs, Teacher Appreciation Week, BOGO Spirit Wear, Flocking.
4. Home School Association 9-12: None
5. Town Council by Mayor Richard Corcoran: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Presuto reported on Grades 6-8: Cohorts collapsed-started five-day, in-person today; BHS seniors all able to come in starting today; Government announced an increase in the number of attendees for indoor and outdoor gatherings; Graduation dates and rain dates; Giveback day for Friday May 28; Personnel discussion about Evelyn Rajkovich.

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

1. Regular and Executive session: April 12, 2020

B. ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. Katsakos said to withdraw Resolution #6 and wished him well.

PK8 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-10 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. Reappointments of K-8 Tenured Certified Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the reappointments of K-8 tenured certified staff, for the 2021-2022 school year, based upon 2020-2021 assignments, in accordance with the Agreement Between the Board of Education and the Boonton Education Association. Professional assignments may move based on administrative action within the parameters of the negotiated agreement. Steps, salaries and longevity to be adjusted accordingly upon ratification of the B.E.A. Agreement with the Boonton Board of Education. Steps and salaries are on file at the Board of Education Office.

Aquino, Michael	Paulozzo, Tracy	Pereira, Vicki
Bariso, Lynn	Greenberg, Kaitlin	Perez, Natalie
Barrientos, Sheila	Groeneveld, Kristin	Petrella, Elise
Bartell, Michele	Guenther, Mary	Pollina, Nicole
Baseil, Laura	Haight, Carol	Pourki-Deak, Neda
Brady, Heidi	Halliwell, Lindsay	Robinson, Gerald
Bridi, Jennifer	Harbeson, Jesica	Rodrigues, Teresa
Bucco, Laura	Houser, Kristen	Sabatino, Zachary
Bruseo, Catherine	Hughen, Bevin	Sacco, Krystle
Bulkeley, Amanda	Irwin, Jenna	Schreiber, Laura
Chin, Melanie	Jones-Cassino, Pamela	Sheehan, Amanda
Chiodo, Paul	Kelly, Julie	Shiels, Kelli
Christian, Ellen	Kiernan, Lorraine	Smith, Amy
Col-Spector, Tracy	Kovall, Karen	Smulewicz, Michael
Coleman, Jennifer	Laderach, Natasha	Sudak, Danielle
Comer, Marybeth	Maier, Christine	Sudak, Laura
Crithary, Jennifer	Manca, Yvonne	Theiller, Judith
Davidson, Robert	McCue, Jamie	Tserkis-Schlitt, Cynthia
Davis, Dina	Melione, Diana	Viggiano, Susan
DeCotiis, Toni	Nguyen, Elizabeth	Viruet, Gina
Diaz, Joseph	Norton, Michael	Wasserman, Valerie
Giannotti, Lorraine	Nosal, Peter	Wieland, Su
Gleeson, Deborah	O'Dell, Terence	Wolk, Rachel

2. Reappointment of PreK-8 Tenured Administrator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Sara Brogan, PreK-8 tenured administrator, in accordance with the Agreement Between the Boonton Administrators' Association and the Boonton Board of Education for the 2021-2022 school year.
3. Extend Unpaid Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to extend the unpaid leave of absence for Lindsay Halliwell, John Hill School Art Teacher, through 6/30/2022, previously approved on 5/11/2020 to extend through 6/30/2021.
4. Extend Unpaid Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to extend the unpaid leave of absence for Kristen Houser through 6/30/2022, previously approved on 3/8/2021 to end 6/30/2021.

5. Amend Employment Contract: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to amend the employment contract for Isaiah James, long-term leave replacement music teacher, through 6/30/2022, previously approved 4/12/2021.
6. Withdrawn
7. 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.

College Support Staff at \$13/hr:	Ashley Briggs, Kelli Briggs
College Support Staff Sub at \$13/hr:	Sameer Admad
8. Summer School Content Recovery Program Administrator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Pete Nosal as the Administrator for the In-person Summer School Content Recovery Program for current K-8 students, paid a stipend of \$4,800 with ESSER II funds.
9. Staff for the In-Person Summer School Content Recovery Program: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members for the In-Person Summer School Content Recovery Program for current K-8 students, for up to 4 hrs/day, Monday-Friday, 8/2 – 8/27/2021 at \$40/hr, paid with ESSER II funds. Number of positions is dependent on student enrollment.

Lynn Bariso	Ellen Christian	Tracy Col-Spector
Vicki Cornell	Dina Davis	Jennifer Gregg
Ken Ren	Julie Rogers	Laura Schreiber
Sandy Seegers	Amy Smith	Mike Smulewicz
Jennifer Tambakis	Matt Voswinkel	
10. Appointment of Paraprofessional: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Alaina Warner to the position of Paraprofessional, School Street School, at a salary of \$34,176 (Step 1), pro-rated from background clearance date for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

PK12 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK12 resolutions #1-14 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. Reappointments of K-12 Tenured Certified Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the reappointments of K-12 tenured certified staff, for the 2021-2022 school year, based upon 2020-2021 assignments, in accordance with the Agreement Between the Board of Education and the Boonton Education Association. Professional assignments may move based on administrative action within the parameters of the negotiated agreement. Steps, salaries and longevity to be adjusted accordingly upon ratification of the B.E.A. Agreement with the Boonton Board of Education. Steps and salaries are on file at the Board of Education Office.

Bahl, Nupur	Foster, Mary	Matarazzo, Daniel
Barreto, Wayne	Gallagher, Bryan	McBride, Michelle
Bellini, Alfred	Galle-Carey, Laurene	Nash, James
Bialick, Melissa	Gilbert, Barbara	Oliveri, Jody
Birchler, Leah	Glaser, Jillian*	Podwoski, Matthew
Braner, Lisa	Goodell, Aaron	Reich, Karen
Buck, Christina	Greene, Sandra	Ren, Ken
Callahan, Diana	Haddad, Edward	Schwalb, Robin
Clowers, Lee	Hancock, Patrick	Shan, Roger*
Cornell, Vicki	Hebert, Dawn	Shera Courtenay
Cumbo, John	Hurd, Christopher	Sohl, Melanie
Davis, Robert	Levy, Evan	Tambakis, Jennifer
Engelberger, Devon	London, Michael	Tucci, Marcia
Faessinger, Colleen	Mafaro, Jason	Voswinkel, Matthew
Foley, Kathleen	Mauriello, Linda	Young, Stephen
	Masters, Alan	Zwain, Jodi

*To be paid with Title I Funds

2. Reappointments of 9-12 Tenured Administrators: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the reappointments of the following 9-12 tenured administrators in accordance with the Agreement Between the Boonton Administrators' Association and the Boonton Board of Education for the 2021-2022 school year.

Debra Ballway	Edward Forman
David Huguen	Jason Klebez

3. Reappointment of District-Wide Tenured Administrators: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the reappointment of the following district-wide tenured administrators for the 2021-2022 school year:

Judy Sorochnykyj Christine Muench

4. Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Lane Balaban, Boonton High School Guidance Counselor, effective 6/30/2021.

5. Job Description: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the job description for Board Certified Behavior Analysis (BCBA).
6. Extra Hours: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves extra hours for Doris Yanez to cover the nurse's office at Boonton High School during the 2020-2021 school year at \$41.40/hr, as assigned by the Principal.
7. Appointment of High School Head Secretary: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of JoAnn Iorio to the position of Head Secretary, Boonton High School, at a salary of \$51,924 (Step 7), pending the outcome of negotiations, for the 2021-2022 school year.
8. Appointment of Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Olivia DiTrollo to the position of Social Studies Teacher, Boonton High School, at a salary of \$62,004 (Step 1/MA), pending the outcome of negotiations, for the 2021-2022 school year.
9. Extend Unpaid Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to extend the unpaid leave of absence for Melissa Bialick, Boonton High School Psychologist, through 11/26/2021, previously approved on 1/25/2021 through 6/30/2021.
10. Amend Employment Contract: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to amend the employment contract for Bianca DiFulco, long-term leave school psychologist, through 11/26/2021, previously approved on 3/22/2021 through 6/30/2021.
11. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID#6093252807-B, for up to 10hrs/wk beginning 4/12/2021, provided by Silvergate Prep, at \$30/hr.
12. Volunteer Weight Room Supervisors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following as volunteer weight room supervisors for the 2020-2021 school year.
Peter Llaneza Anthony Chierici Ryan Connolly
13. 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.
Patricia Wallace Debra Christensen
Elizabeth Tucker Todd Christensen
14. Addition to Substitute List: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves JoAnn Iorio as a substitute secretary for the 2020-2021 school year.

C. OPERATIONS

Mr. Gardberg delivered the FY22 budget presentation, and reported on USDA waiver extended thru June 2022.

Mr. Geslao reported HVAC repairs, SSS Security vestibule, bottle filler, BHS lockers and bathroom renovation, Aquos boards, Grant for kitchen equipment.

Approval of Operations resolutions #1-16 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.
\$8,710.07 4/16/2021 (machine checks)
\$724,623.76 4/26/2021 (machine checks)
\$3,234,366.53 3/01 -- 3/31/2021 (electronic checks, including payroll)
2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending 3/31/2021.
3. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer: The Board approves reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending 3/31/2021.
4. 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
Barati, Steven	5/6, 5/13, 5/20, 5/27, 6/3/21	2021 Green Eggs & Sand - Horseshoe Crab Spawn, Virtual & Wetlands Institute, Stone Harbor	\$50.00
Gilbert, Barbara	5/6, 5/13, 5/20, 5/27, 6/3/21	2021 Green Eggs & Sand - Horseshoe Crab Spawn, Virtual & Wetlands Institute, Stone Harbor	\$175.80
Ren, Ken	5/6, 5/13, 5/20, 5/27, 6/3/21	2021 Green Eggs & Sand - Horseshoe Crab Spawn, Virtual & Wetlands Institute, Stone Harbor	\$50.00

5. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 04/26/2021 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.

Permit #	Requested by / Facility / Dates
2104-0002	Boonton PTA - Fun Run BH S- Turf Field & Bathrooms Sat 6/5/2021 (8:00 am – 12:00 pm)

6. Submission of IDEA FY21 Grant: The Board approves the submission of the amended Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Grant Fiscal Year 2021, to include carry-over, in the following amounts.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Original Award</u>	<u>FY20 Carryover</u>	<u>Amended Award</u>
Part B	\$386,958	\$12,905	\$399,863
Preschool	12,249	9,289	21,538

7. Lead Testing Program Statement of Assurance: The Board approves submission of the Lead Testing Program Statement of Assurance (Non-Lead Testing Year) for 2020-2021 to the NJ Department of Education.

8. Tuition Rates: The Board approves the following tuition rates for the 2021-2022 school year.

Kindergarten	\$20,860	Multiple Disabilities	\$35,823
Grades 1-5	16,405	Learning Language Disabilities	35,201
Grades 6-8	16,738	Preschool Handicapped	28,726
Grades 9-12	18,169		

9. 2021-2022 District Budget: The Board approves adoption of the 2021-2022 budget.

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
Budget	\$31,009,995	\$ 2,859,782	\$1,479,900	\$35,349,677
Tax Levy	20,535,764	0	1,101,387	21,637,151

10. Fleet Maintenance Agreement: The Board approves the fleet maintenance agreement with Rockaway Township Public Schools for the 2021-2022 school year for \$72.50/hr for labor, parts at 5% over cost, \$72.50/hr for NJ MVC inspections, and \$72.50/hr for rental of a bus or van.

11. Joint Transportation Agreement: The Board approves the joint transportation agreement with Rockaway Township Public Schools for the 2021-2022 school year for \$70.00/hr per bus.

12. Joint Transportation Agreement: The Board approves the agreement with the Educational Services Commission of Morris County for the 2021-2022 school year to transport public, nonpublic and special education pupils.

13. Professional Support/Non-Public Services Agreement: The Board approves the agreement with the Educational Services Commission of Morris County for the 2021-2022 school year for Professional Support, OT, PT, Speech services, and for non-public IDEA, Chapters 192/193 Textbook, Nursing and Technology aid services.

14. Agreement with Phoenix Advisors: The Board approves to renew an agreement with Phoenix Advisors, LLC, Bordentown, NJ, for the 2021-2022 school year for continuing disclosure agent services for \$1,000 and appointment as independent registered municipal advisor.

15. 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 04/20/2021, Authorization #572570. Authorization for disposal was approved by the Department of Treasury on 4/22/2021. Authorization # 572622, 572623, 572630, 572631, 572632.
16. Disposal of Surplus Property: The Board authorizes disposal of an electric range at School Street School that is no longer needed for public use; has no value for sale; and may be discarded.

D. POLICY

None

E. DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT

None

F. OTHER BUSINESS

None

REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1. HS Committee by Mrs. Doherty: Two wrestlers placed at state, Prom on June 16, Graduation on June 18, Cohorts on April 18 for Seniors, MP4-more students in person; Saturday program, Freeze weeks; Computer Science with FDU
2. Curriculum by Mrs. Katsakos: Met on April 13, Testing Access for ELL, Learning Recovery at BHS, PD Workshops, Four Week summer programs; BHS academies, AVID
3. PR/Communications by Mrs. Doherty: None
4. Communications/Legislation by Mrs. LeFebvre: None
5. ESC by Mrs. LeFebvre: Budget, COVID scares-went back to cohorts
6. MCSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: May 13 meeting
7. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: Programs on May 7 and May 15 and Spring Symposium

Mr. Cartelli left the meeting at 9:05

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Tracy Paulozzo, Boonton: Discussed USDA free meals and Account Balances.

Steve Bossen, Boonton: Asked about Boonton 150th for Scholarships? Crushing weight of book bags and reduce the dependence with textbooks, Parent Survey? Climate Survey?

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Mrs. Katsakos mentioned Pathways to History which is May 1 at museum

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 9:19 pm by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Doherty, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: