

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

June 14, 2021

The Boonton Town Board of Education, of Morris County, New Jersey, held a meeting via Zoom at 7:30 pm on June 14, 2021.

Mrs. Jennifer Darling, Board Vice President, called the meeting to order, and Mr. Steven Gardberg, Board Secretary, read the following statement: This is the June 14, 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. ABSENT: 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. Cartelli and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos, 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 8:00 pm by Mr. 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 8:01 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 10 members of the public were in attendance.

ORDER OF THE DAY

A motion was made by Mr. Cartelli and seconded by Dr. Davis 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): MS awards ceremony, Puzzle piece project, Little Free library, Workshop of Arts, Bombers mural in Cafeteria, Sports seasons have ended, 8th-grade graduation.
2. Boonton High School by Batisse Manhardt, SRA President: GSA, Kickball game, Fall Sports pre-season.
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8 by Steve Bossen: Ice pops, snacks donated to Loaves & Fishes, plaque for grade with the biggest donation, flocking, awards at graduation, ice cream social on Friday.
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 Graduations with JHS tomorrow and BHS on Friday; respect; ARP; hiring; meeting in-person.

ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. Minutes

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

1. Regular and Executive session: May 24, 2020

B. ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. Katsakos reported the committee met tonight; new BHS stats course; video simulcasting of events; ARP due June 24; #11 is Marie.

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-13 and PK12 #1-21 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. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Vucenovic.

PK8 Resolutions

1. Acceptance of Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Nicole Salazar, Preschool Paraprofessional, John Hill School, effective 6/30/2021.

2. Acceptance of Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Rebecca Giannella, Paraprofessional, School Street School, effective 6/30/2021.
3. Appointment of Certified Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of the following certified staff members at John Hill School effective 9/1/2021 for the 2021-2022 school year:

Colleen Yamakaitis, Special Education Teacher, salary of \$63,103 (Step 4 MA), pending the outcome of negotiations,

Stacy Calise, Elementary Interventionist, salary of \$68,221 (Step 10 BA+15), pending the outcome of negotiations, and

Milena Sillett, Special Education Teacher, salary of \$61,082 (Step 7 BA), pending the outcome of negotiations.
4. Revise Employment Contracts: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to revise the employment contracts for the following staff members effective 9/1/2021 for the 2021-2022 school year.

Laura Baseil, Kindergarten Teacher School Street School, to Elementary Interventionist, School Street School, and

Valerie Wasserman, Speech Language Specialist, School Street School, to Part-Time Speech Language Specialist, School Street School, at a salary of \$45,723 (49.66% Step 17 MA), pending the outcome of negotiations.
5. Extra Hour: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves one additional hour for Debbie Salemi on 5/21/2021 at \$27.28.
6. Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a leave of absence request from Maria Hidalgo, Custodian, effective 6/16 – 7/2/21, utilizing two personal days followed by an unpaid leave of absence.
7. Paid Administrative Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a paid administrative leave of absence for Employee #1172, effective 5/21/2021 for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.
8. Speech and Language Services Agreement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a Speech and Language Services Agreement between the Board of Education and Susan Moseson, for the provision of speech and language therapy services for up to 500 hours at \$75/hr, not to exceed \$37,500 for the 2021-2022 school year.
9. Advisors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following advisors and stipends, pending the outcome of negotiations, at John Hill School for the 2021-2022 school year.

Staff Member	Position	Stipend
Isaiah James	Junior Band (3-5)	\$1,324.00
Yvonne Manca	Band (6-8)	\$2,650.00
Isaiah James	Junior Chorus (3-5)	\$ 793.00
Yvonne Manca	Chorus (6-8)	\$1,324.00
Julie Rogers	Drama Director	\$1,324.00
Jenna Mulcahy	Helping Hands Co-Advisor	\$ 276.00
Liz Nguyen	Helping Hands Co-Advisor	\$ 276.00
Bevin Hughen	Inclement Weather Co-Advisor	\$2,534.00
Michael Aquino	Inclement Weather Co-Advisor	\$2,534.00
Gerry Robinson	Inclement Weather Co-Advisor	\$2,534.00
Greg LaPointe	Mathletes/Chess Club	\$1,103.00
Zachary Sabatino	Student Council	\$1,103.00
Mary Beth Comer	Students for Change	\$1,103.00
Jenna Crithary	Students for Change	\$1,103.00

10. Volunteer Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Marybeth Comer as a Volunteer Girls Soccer Coach at John Hill School for the 2021-2022 school year.
11. Hours for Aide Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Marie Evans to assist and supervise Student State ID# 2944726256-B during the John Hill School dance on 6/4/2021, for up to 4 hours at \$27.28/hr.
12. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board of Education approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 8559939151-B, for up to 5 hrs/wk, beginning 6/3/2021, with instructional services to be provided by St Clare's, at \$55/hr.
13. Bridges to Learning Summer Early Learner's Academy Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Amy Zaniewski as a Lead Teacher Substitute for the Bridges to Learning Summer Early Learner's Academy at \$31/hr.

PK12 Resolutions

1. Appointment of Certified Staff Members: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of the following certified staff members at Boonton High School, effective 9/1/2021 for the 2021-2022 school year.

Kelly Mabin, Guidance Counselor, salary of \$62,004 (Step 1 MA), pending the outcome of negotiations, and

Cassidy Buchanan, Social Worker, salary of \$62,004 (Step 1 MA), pending the outcome of negotiations.
2. Summer Days for Secondary Guidance Counselor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves up to 5 days for Kelly Mabin, secondary guidance counselor, during July and August 2021, to be paid at the daily rate of 1/200th of her salary, as per the Negotiated Agreement, pending outcome of negotiations.

3. Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Mark DiGennaro, Business Education Teacher, Boonton High School, effective 6/30/2021.
4. Advisor Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Mark DiGennaro from Boonton High School Grade 11 Class Advisor and FBLA Advisor, previously approved 5/24/2021.
5. Revise Advisor Assignment: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to revise the advisor assignment for Marissa LaPlaca previously approved on 5/24/2021 from Class Advisor Grade 9 to Class Advisor Grade 11 at Boonton High School at a stipend rate of \$2,133, pending outcome of negotiations, for the 2021-2022 school year.
6. Advisor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Devon Engelberger as Class Advisor Grade 9, Boonton High School, at a stipend rate of \$1,481, pending the outcome of negotiations, for the 2021-2022 school year.
7. Volunteer Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Amanda Sheehan as Boonton High School Volunteer Field Hockey Coach for the 2021-2022 school year.
8. Common Lunch Monitors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members at Boonton High School as Common Lunch Monitors for the 2021-2022 school year, at a stipend rate of \$3,000 each, pending the outcome of negotiations.

Maureen Merritt	Jason Kaulfers	Alan Masters
Michael London	Laurene Carey	Devon Engelberger
9. ESY Program Summer Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Alaina Warner as a classroom aide for the ESY Special Education Preschool Program, effective 6/21 – 7/29/2021 (Mondays – Thursdays, excluding July 5), for 4 hr/day at a stipend of \$1,932, pending the outcome of negotiations.
10. Summer Days for Secondary Child Study Team Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves up to 10 days to Cassidy Buchanan during the summer of 2021 for summer testing, IEP meetings and miscellaneous duties at a pay rate of 1/200th of their salary, as per the Negotiated Agreement, pending the outcome of negotiations.
11. 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 May 2021.
12. Field Trips: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destinations for the 2020-2021 school year.

<u>Group</u>	<u>Destination</u>
CBI (Community Based Instruction) Grades 9-12 (8-12 students)	Curly's Boonton Unified Track and Field Meet at Mt. Olive High School

13. Summer District-Wide Custodian Substitute: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Alex Paulozzo as District-Wide Summer Custodian substitute at \$12/hr from 7/1 – 8/31/21.
14. NJ High School Voter Registration Law Annual Statement of Assurance: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the NJ High School Voter Registration Law Annual Statement of Assurance.
15. Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Peter Nienstadt as Assistant Football Coach at a stipend of \$8,306 (Step 4) for the 2021-2022 school year, pending receipt of substitute certificate and the outcome of negotiations.
16. Summer Substitute Secretary: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Brianna Affinito as a substitute summer secretary at \$95/day during the summer of 2021.
17. Teacher for IEP Meetings: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Amy Smith to attend IEP meetings, if needed, 6/21 – 8/31/2021, at \$25/hr.
18. Substitutes for Summer Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following substitutes for the 2021 Special Education Summer ESY Program, 6/21 – 7/29/21 (Mondays – Thursdays, excluding July 5).
Aides at \$21/hr (pending the outcome of negotiations): Gerald Davidove, Jenna Irwin and Amy Smith
Teacher at \$40/hr (pending the outcome of negotiations): Jenna Irwin
19. Out-of-District Placements: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following out-of-district placements for the 2021 Extended School Year Program and the 2021-2022 school year, and that transportation be arranged as needed.

The Bancroft School, Voorhees

Student State ID# 1410655793-B

ESY Summer Program and 2021-2022 School Year: Tuition - \$291.13/Day (212 days)

Sage Day School

Student State ID# 6140341184-B

ESY Summer Program: Tuition - \$3,977 (24 days)

2021-2022 school year: Tuition - \$369.77/day (180 days)

New Beginnings

Student State ID# 6993762811-B

ESY Summer Program and 2021-2022 school year: Tuition - \$402.68/day (212 days)

20. ABA Home Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of ABA Home Services for Student State ID# 6183953544-B, as follows, to be provided by Volt Wellness as a cost not to exceed \$15,070.

2021 ESY program – Behaviorist 24 hours, BCBA 5 hours

2021-2022 school year – Behaviorist 4 hr/wk x 40 wks, BCBA 1 hr/wk x 40 wks

21. Title III - Teacher for Family Engagement Events: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Tracy Col-Spector for Title III Family Engagement Events at the Elementary and High School levels for the 2020-2021 school year, at \$40/hr, 5 events per level for up to 3 hr/event. Number of teachers needed will be dependent on parental participation, to be paid with FY21 Title III funds.

C. OPERATIONS

Mr. Gardberg reported on the IDEA FY22 award; HVAC repairs at BHS; Safe Routes street lighting.

Mr. Geslao reported on the additional withdrawal from capital reserve, maintenance equipment and the joint transportation agreement with Montville.

Approval of Operations resolutions #1-13 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. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Vucenovic.

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.
\$495,034.33 5/26/2021 (machine checks)
\$473,242.81 6/14/2021 (machine checks)
2. Payroll Expenses: The Board approves the following payroll expenses.
5/15/2021 \$944,653.43
5/30/2021 \$941,909.49
3. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 6/14/2021 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
2105-0002	Boonton Football Parents Committee – JR Bomber Football Camp BHS JV Baseball Field 7/26 - 7/29/21 (2:45 – 6:15 PM)
2105-0006	Boonton Wrestling Boosters – Year End Banquet BHS Auditorium 6/8/21 (4:00 - 8:00 PM)

- 2105-0007 Boonton Boys LAX Boosters – Year End Celebration
BHS Cafeteria
6/23/21 (5:00 – 10:00 PM)
- 2105-0008 Town of Boonton – Fire Department Anniversary Celebration
Boonton High School – Practice Football Fields to Tennis Ct, including parking lots
8/26 - 9/9/21 Set up- Clean up
- 2106-0000 Boonton Baseball Boosters – Year End Banquet
BHS Auditorium
6/21/21 (6:00 - 9:00 PM)
- 2106-0005 Bridges to Learning – CPR Classes
SSS Multi-purpose Room
6/14/21 (5:30 – 8:00 PM)
- 2106-0006 Boonton Boys LAX Boosters – Fundraiser Pick up
BHS Cafeteria
6/14/21 (6:00 - 8:00PM)

4. Withdrawal from Capital Reserve: The Board approves to withdraw an additional \$20,000 from Capital Reserve to supplement the Boonton HS Bathroom Renovation project previously approved in the 2021-2022 budget.
5. Establish and/or Deposit into Certain Reserve Accounts at Year End: The Board approves to establish and/or deposit into capital reserve accounts at year end as follows: WHEREAS, NJSA 18A:21-2 and NJSA 18A:7G-13 permit a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at year end, and WHEREAS, the aforementioned statutes authorize procedures, under the authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permit a board of education to transfer anticipated excess current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts during the month of June by board resolution, and WHEREAS, the Boonton Board of Education wishes to deposit anticipated current year surplus into a Capital Reserve, Tuition Reserve and/or Maintenance Reserve, account at year end, and WHEREAS, the Boonton Board of Education has determined that up to \$1,500,000.00 each is available for such purpose of transfer; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Boonton Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the district's School Business Administrator to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.
6. Safety Grant Application: The Board approves submission of a grant application for the 2021 Safety Grant Program through the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group's Eric West Sub-fund for the purposes described in the application, in the amount of \$12,100, for the period 7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022.
7. Anticipated Contracts 2021-2022: Pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47, the Boonton Town Board of Education intends to renew, award, or permit to expire the following contracts previously awarded by the Board in 2020-2021. These contracts are, have been, and will continue to be in full compliance with all state and federal statutes and regulations; in particular, New Jersey Title 18A:18. et.seq, NJAC Chapter 23, and Federal Procurement Regulations 2CFR Part 200.317 et. Seq. (List of contracts on file in the Business Office).

8. Donation: The Board accepts the donation of a \$75 gift card from ACME Markets Boonton for AVID field day supplies.
9. Comprehensive Equity Plan: The Board authorizes submission of the 2021-2022 Comprehensive Equity Plan Statement of Assurance to the New Jersey Department of Education.
10. Contract: The Board approves the 2021-2022 Joint Transportation Agreement with Montville Township Board of Education for Route #ECLC for July 2021 through June 2022 for \$49,907.
11. School Depositories and Signatures: The Board approves creation of a new checking account and that all checks, drafts or other orders for payment or withdrawal of money from said account be signed by the person holding the appropriate title as listed below.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Signatures</u>
Venmo	#5668	2 of Business Administrator, Superintendent, President
12. Disposal of Surplus Property: The Board authorizes disposal of the following surplus property that is no longer needed for public use, by sale conducted directly with the Board and/or through GovDeals pursuant to State Contract A-83453/T2581 and Local Finance Notice 2008-9, while reserving the right to accept or reject any offer submitted; surplus property shall be sold in an “as is” condition without express or implied warranties with the successful bidder required to execute a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement concerning use of said surplus property; property not sold within 60 days may be discarded.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Item</u>
Maintenance	Backhoe
13. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 6/14/2021 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
2106-0004	Love More Judge Less – Boonton Rainbow Pride SSS, JHS, Parking Lots 6/12 (11:00 AM – 7:00 PM) BHS Parking Lot 6/12 (11:00 AM – 5:00 PM) SSS, JHS, NHS Parking Lots 6/13 (11:00 AM – 7:00 PM)

D. POLICY

Meeting on June 22

E. DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT

None

F. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no motions to move.

REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1. HS Committee by Mrs. Doherty: Planning for meeting in July; senior activities went flawlessly
2. Curriculum by Mrs. Katsakos: Met on June 1; Gateway rigor; Senior Summit; EOY activities; PreK moving up ceremony; Summer Reading; Learning recovery efforts; Freeze and Enrich; Thank you to the staff for working the recovery programs; new courses; Summer PD focus on math; interventionists hired.
3. PR/Communications by Mrs. Doherty: None
4. Communications/Legislation by Mrs. LeFebvre: None
5. ESC by Mrs. LeFebvre: None
6. MCSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: None
7. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: None

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Bossen thanked the Business Office for helping with a donation from the town's Birthday Committee; and asked about an angel fund for AC and an HVAC feasibility study as mentioned a few years ago at a board meeting; Mr.Presuto responded.

Linda Hogoboon addressed: Pride Committee; Thanked the district; Proclamation.

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 8:44 pm by Mr. Cartelli and seconded by Mr. Geslao, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: