

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

October 11, 2021

The Boonton Town Board of Education, of Morris County, New Jersey, held a meeting at John Hill School, 435 Lathrop Ave, Boonton, NJ, at 7:30 pm on October 11, 2021.

Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Board President, called the meeting to order, and Mr. Steven Gardberg, Board Secretary, read the following statement: This is the October 11, 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 (remote). ABSENT: Mrs. Elaine Doherty.

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 Mr. Geslao, 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 5 members of the public were in attendance, as well as the administrator Judy Sorochnyskyj.

ORDER OF THE DAY

A motion was made by Mrs. Katsakos 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 student representative: None
2. Boonton High School by Batisse Manhardt, SRA President: Tailgate; Anniversary/Spirit Week; Boomer mascot suit; Senior Night.
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8 by Kelly DelGaizo: Meeting tomorrow night; Kids Stuff books; book fairs; CPR training class; Meet the Candidates Night; ongoing fundraisers.
4. Home School Association 9-12 by: None
5. Town Council: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Steve Bossen, Boonton: Policy 2425; ACH payment; Check journal for student transportation.

SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Presuto reported Transistors Program; Town Walk/Bike to School; School Violence & Vandalism Report 2020-2021; Week of Repect.

ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. Minutes

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

1. Regular and Executive session: September 27, 2020

B. ADMINISTRATION

PK8 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-9 was moved by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mr. Cartelli. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Dr. Davis, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Ms. Hayes, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Vucenovic(remote). NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Doherty.

1. 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 September 1, 2021, pending outcome of negotiations.

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Approved to</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Janet Chauhan	Step 6 MA+15	\$65,611
Melanie Chin	Step 6 BA+15	\$61,611
Erika Faruolo	Step 4 Para/3 BA+15	\$44,695
Halli Goldsmith	Step 3 MA+15	\$63,204
Amanda Sheehan	Step 7 MA	\$65,882

2. Detention Monitor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Brian Kerien as a Detention Monitor at John Hill School at \$26/hr, pending the outcome of negotiations, for the 2021-2022 school year.
3. Long-Term Leave Replacement Lunch Aide: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves Elizabeth DeVincenzo as a long-term leave replacement lunch aide at School Street School, for three hours per day, at \$26.53/hr (Step 1), pending the outcome of negotiations, for 9/30 – 11/23/2021.
4. Approval of Extra Hours: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves extra hours for Elizabeth DeVincenzo, as needed and assigned by the Principal, to cover the front office at School Street School during the 2021-2022 school year at \$21/hr, pending the outcome of negotiations.
5. Sick Day Payout: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves a sick day payout to Carolyn Drugac for \$1,282.50 (85.5 unused days x \$15/day).
6. John Hill School Wellness Committee Members: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members for curriculum and professional development work at John Hill School for the 2021-2022 school year at \$35/hr, pending outcome of negotiations, paid with ESSER III funds.

Jenna Mulcahy
Liz Nguyen
Amy Smith
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, John Hill School and Boonton High School for the 2021-2022 school year.

Name	Position	Rate
Helaine Kerian	Adult Support Staff Sub	\$20/hr
Helaine Kerian	Lead Teacher Sub	\$32/hr
Anne Bobis	Adult Support Staff Sub	\$20/hr
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Nathalie Fominaya	Adult Support Staff Sub	\$20/hr
Susan Chara Post	Lead teacher Sub	\$32/hr
Shawn Womer	Adult Support Staff Sub	\$20/hr
Sarah Cortese	College Support Staff Sub	\$14/hr
McKayla Williams	Middle School Volunteer Staff	
Eleya Meneve	Middle School Volunteer Staff	
8. Out-of-District Placement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following out-of-district placement for the 2021-2022 school year, and that transportation be arranged as needed:

Calais School

Student State ID# 1755089072-B

2021-2022 school year: Tuition - \$393.58/day (161 days)

Allegro School

Student State ID# 4501631529-B

2021-2022 school year (start October 11): Tuition - \$508.68/day (162) days

9. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 5230919871-B at \$50/hr for up to 10 hr/wk, beginning 9/28/2021, provided by Learn Well Education.

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, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Ms. Hayes, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Vucenovic(remote). NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Doherty.

1. Report of School Violence/Vandalism: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves the Report of School Violence/Vandalism, listing 2021-2022 activities and count of incidents for the 2020-2021 school year.
2. 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 September 1, 2021, pending outcome of negotiations.

Employee	Approved to	Salary
Christopher Frangipane	5 MA	\$63,932
James Nash	12 MA+30	\$81,909
Christopher Hurd	13 MA+30	\$84,218

3. Field Trips: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destinations for the 2021-2022 school year:

Group	Destination
GSA	Market Street Mission, Morristown
Community Based Instruction (CBI)	Kiwanis, Wightman's Farm (Morristown), Silas Condict Park (Kinnelon)
Grades 9-11 (AVID)	Montclair State University

4. Volunteer Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Danielle Herbek as a volunteer Field Hockey Coach at Boonton High School effective 9/27/2021, for the 2021-2022 school year.
5. District-Wide Volunteers: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following to serve as district wide volunteers during the 2021-2022 school year.

Christina Graff	Kimberly DeCicco	Beatrice Lotito
Lucretia Koba	Jessica Merkel	Renee Caratozzolo
Karina Escalante	Krista Rogaski	Laura Hicinbothem
Sarah Vitale	Jessica Mondino	Brislyn Anton
Fernanda Chaves	Tammy Fabish	Paul Ippolito

6. Boonton High School Wellness Committee Members: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members for curriculum and professional development work at Boonton High School for the 2021-2022 school year at \$35/hr, pending outcome of negotiations, paid with ESSER III funds.

Kathie Foley	Daniel Matarazzo	Ken Ren
Caroline Dougherty	Krystal Stepien	

7. District Fire Drill and On-Roll Report: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the District's Fire Drill and On-Roll Report for the month of September 2021.

8. Addition(s) to Substitute List: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves addition(s) to the substitute list for the 2021-2022 school year.

<u>Substitute Secretary</u>	<u>Substitute Custodian</u>	<u>Substitute Bus Driver</u>
Miki Balaz	Luis Cavassa*	John Trahan*

<u>Substitute Teacher/Aide</u>	
Debbie Acevedo*	*Pending receipt of background check

9. Detention Monitor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Mary Foster as a Detention Monitor at Boonton High School at \$26/hr, pending the outcome of negotiations, for the 2021-2022 school year.

10. District-Wide Translators: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members as District-Wide Translators at \$21/hr, pending outcome of negotiations, for up to 100 total hours, paid with Title III Immigrant Funds.

Elsie Aurich	Joseph Diaz	Dalia Ibrahim	Linda Mauriello
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11. Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a leave of absence for Lee Clowers, Special Education Teacher, Boonton High School, for 12/21/2021 – 2/1/2022, utilizing accumulated sick days.

12. Staff for Crowd Control/Ticket Sales: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Olivia DiTrollo for Crowd Control and Ticket Sales at events as required for the 2021-2022 school year.

13. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 6686588549-LP for up to 10 hours per week, based on subjects needed, beginning 10/4/21, with instructional services to be provided by approved home instructors at \$40/hr, pending the outcome of negotiations

14. Approval of Outside Evaluation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Morris County Educational Services Commission to conduct a psychological evaluation for Student State ID# 2485321387-B, at a fee of \$392.00.

C. OPERATIONS

Mr. Gardberg reported on FY23 budget-meetings with administrators and contractors; ACH payments to vendors.

Mr. Geslao reported on SSS vestibule: waiting on delivery of parts; Busing: working at options for staff getting trained.

Approval of Operations resolutions #1-5 was moved by Mr. Geslao and seconded by Mrs. Darling. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Dr. Davis, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Ms. Hayes, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Vucenovic(remote). NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Doherty.

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.
\$455,009.61 10/11/2021 (machine checks)
\$4,573.83 10/11/2021 (ACH Payments)
2. Payroll Expenses: The Board approves the following payroll expenses.
9/15/2021 \$936,331.97
9/30/2021 \$1,032,556.41
3. 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
Karen Bonanni	11/30/2021	GSA Gift Giving Trip	\$0
Neda Pouki	10/21/21, 10/29, 11/18, 11/23, 12/14, 12/21, 1/18, 1/25, 2/15, 2/22, 3/10, 3/17, 4/26, 5/3, 5/24, 6/7/ 2022	PBSI Virtual Training	\$0
Lauren Shuryyn	9/27/2021, 12/7, 1/4, 2/7, 3/21/2022	Conquer Mathematics of Pompton Plains	\$36.05
Natalie Perez	9/27/2021, 12/8, 1/7, 2/10, 3/11/2022	Conquer Mathematics of Pompton Plains	\$36.05
Milena Sillett	9/21, 10/25, 11/30/2021, 1/5, 2/15, 3/22/2022	Conquer Mathematics of Pompton Plains	\$43.26
Bevin Hughen	10/6/2021	Breaking Bias- Amistad Lessons (virtual)	\$0
Louis Castano	10/22/2022	Northern New Jersey Mathematics Supervisors	\$0

4. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 10/11/2021 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
2109-0014	Gray Hawk's Football & Cheerleading - Games BHS Turf Field Sundays 9/12 - 10/31/2021 (12:00 - 1:00 PM) Mondays 9/12 - 10/31/2021 (6:00 - 8:00 PM)
2109-0015	Boonton PTA Meetings JHS Cafeteria Tuesdays 9/28, 10/12, 11/9/2021, 1/11, 2/8, 3/8, 4/12, 5/10, 6/14/2022 (6:30 - 9:00 PM)
2110-0000	Girl Scouts Troop 98289 - Meeting SSS Room 102 Thursday 12/16/2021 (3:00 - 4:30 PM)
2110-0002	Girl Scouts Troop 98289 - Meeting SSS Room 102 Thursday 10/28/2021 (3:00 - 4:30 PM)
2110-0003	Girl Scouts Day Camp – Bus Pick up and Drop off BHS Maple Ave Parking Lot Mondays - Fridays 7/5 - 8/19 (Pick Up 7:50 AM & Drop off 4:50 PM)
2110-0005	Eagle Martial Arts – Trunk or Treat BHS Parking Lot Saturday 10/23/2021 (5:15 - 9:30 PM)
2110-0006	BHS Field Hockey Parents – Play for the Cure Fundraiser BHS Concession Stand and Bathrooms Saturday 10/23/2021 (1:00 - 5:00 PM)

5. ARP IDEA FY22 Grant: The Board approves submission of the American Rescue Plan Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (ARP IDEA) Grant Fiscal Year 2022 in the following amounts.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Award</u>
Basic	\$77,673
Preschool	6,610
Total	\$84,283

D. POLICY

Approval of Policy resolutions #1-2 was moved by Mr. Cartelli and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Dr. Davis, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Ms. Hayes, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Vucenovic(remote). NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Doherty.

1. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #8420 – Emergency and Crisis Situations: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of Revisions to Policy #8420 – Emergency and Crisis Situations, as per the attached.

2. First Reading of Policy #2425 – Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program - Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of Policy #2425 – Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program, as per the attached.

E. DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Cartelli and seconded by Mr. Darling, the Board approved by roll call to affirm the findings and recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying complaints: JHS #1-2, BHS #1

YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Dr. Davis, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Ms. Hayes, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Vucenovic(remote). NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Doherty.

F. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no motions to move.

REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1. HS Committee by Mrs. Doherty: Meeting on October 18
2. Curriculum by Mrs. Katsakos: Meeting on October 19
3. PR/Communications by Ms. Hayes: Boonton Day on September 26; Walk to School Day; Meeting on October 21
4. Communications/Legislation by Mrs. LeFebvre: None
5. ESC by Mrs. LeFebvre: Meeting on October 13
6. MCSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: Meeting on October 20
7. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: Workshop October 26-28; Strategic Planning process

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Bossen, Boonton: Panorama Ed contracts? US Attorney General to protect the Board? Use an App named Reach or similar to record conversations about Covid.

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg

Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: