

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

October 25, 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 25, 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 25, 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, Mrs. Elaine Doherty, Mr. Bob Ezzi, Mr. Joseph Geslao, Ms. Natavia Hayes, Mrs. Loren Katsakos, Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Mrs. Sandra Vucenovic. Absent was Dr. Crystal Davis.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 7:32 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 7:56 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 8:00 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.

CORRESPONDENCE

Quarterly meeting with Town & Auditor

LIAISON REPORTS

1. John Hill School by Josie Myers, student representative (by video): Soccer, field hockey and lacrosse teams; Chess & drama clubs; enrichment projects.
2. Boonton High School by Tiffanie Henry, SRA Secretary: Alumni event October 22; Halloween October 29; door decorations with a fall theme; SRA; boys soccer night.
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8 by Nicole Cechony: School Street School book fair; PreK assembly; fundraisers (cookies, Square One, dinners to go); Undersheriff presentation in child safety; CPR training classes; tricky tray.
4. Home School Association 9-12 by: None
5. Town Council by Mayor Richard Corcoran: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Presuto reported on assessments; next board meeting includes a presentation on AP scores; Middle States Accreditation; both student reps are serving second year; onsite testing for non-vaccinated staff; congratulate 100 years of football; MCSBA award named in Mrs. LeFebvre honor.

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, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Ms. Hayes, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Dr. Davis.

1. Regular and Executive session: October 11, 2020

B. ADMINISTRATION

PK8 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-6 was moved by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mrs. Darling. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Ms. Hayes, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Dr. Davis.

1. John Hill School Wellness Committee Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Lauren Giammaria 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.

2. Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Rebecca Dempster as Girls Basketball Coach, John Hill School, at a stipend of \$5,103, pending outcome of negotiations for the 2021-2022 school year.
3. Title III Family Engagement Elementary Events: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves Deborah Gleeson for Title III Family Engagement Elementary events for up to 3 hours per event for planning and presentation of program per event at \$40/hr, pending outcome of negotiations, paid with Title III Funds.
4. 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# 3445778915-B, at a fee of \$392.00.
5. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 7195134178-B, for up to 10 hours per week, beginning 10/19/2021, provided by Learn Well Education, at \$50/hr.
6. 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
Marie Evans	Adult Support Staff sub	\$20/hr
Maximus Sampson	Middle School Student Volunteer	

PK12 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK12 resolutions #1-9 was moved by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mrs. Darling. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Ms. Hayes, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Dr. Davis.

1. 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.

Annette Ligertwood	Megan Dwyer	Laura Hesselink
Allison Delcalzo-Berens	Melissa DiSalvo	Heather Canova
Francine Marcello-Ury	Tabatha Banta	Allyson Gerdes

2. Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Daniel Sacco as Head Baseball Coach at Boonton High School at a stipend of \$6,723 (Step 1) pending outcome of negotiations, for the 2021-2022 school year.
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
Community Based Instruction	Denville Train Station
Grades 9-12	Tourne Park
Grade 12	Tomahawk Lake

4. Outside Evaluation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Morris County Educational Services Commission to conduct a psychological evaluation for Student State ID# 6148459566-B, at a fee of \$392.00.
5. Extracurricular Aide Services (TAG): Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Daniel Montgomery to assist/supervise Student State ID# 9460157166-B, for up to 16 evening TAG (Teen Advocacy Group) events at Boonton High School, for up to 3 hours per event (based on student attendance to events), at \$26.78/hr, pending outcome of negotiations.
6. Nursing Services (TAG): Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board of Education approves Kelli Shiels to assist/supervise Student State ID# 3696942131-B, for up to 16 evening TAG (Teen Advocacy Group) events at Boonton High School, for up to 3 hours per event (based on student attendance to events), at \$42.13/hr, pending outcome of negotiations.
7. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 5839035602-B, for up to 5 hours per week, beginning 10/18/21, provided by St. Clare's Hospital, at \$55/hr.
8. Additional Hours: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves up to one additional hour per day for the 2021-2022 school year for Kirstine Kleid to ride the bus with SSS/JHS/BHS students, before and after the school day, as an alternate as needed, at \$27.28/hr, pending the outcome of negotiations.
9. Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program to be implemented during a school closure lasting three or more consecutive school days due to reasons outlined in N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-9.

C. OPERATIONS

Mr. Gardberg reported on SSS vestibule; BHS bathrooms; Local Government Energy Audit; FY21 audit surplus discussion.

Mr. Geslao reported on BHS roofing; FY22 cost challenges from tuition and busing.

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, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Ms. Hayes, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Dr. Davis.

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.
\$229,355.33 10/25/2021 (machine checks)
\$2,693.47 10/25/2021 (ACH payments)
\$2,999,166.29 9/1/2021 -- 9/30/2021 (electronic checks, including payroll)

2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending 9/30/2021.
3. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer: The Board approves reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending 9/30/2021.
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
Danielle Sudak	10/29/21, 11/23/21, 12/21/21, 2/22/22, 3/17/22, 5/3/22, 6/7/22	NJ PBSIS Training	\$0
Laura Sudak	12/6/2021 and 12/7/2021	New Jersey Association of School Librarians Annual Conference	\$223.52
Erica Pelusio	11/12/21, 12/16/21, 1/26/22, 2/28/22, 4/4/22	Conquer Mathematics Workshop	\$35.35
Robin Schwalb	12/8/2021	Branching Minds MTSS Summit-Virtual	\$0
Nathash Laderach	10/29/21, 11/23/21, 12/21/21, 2/22/22, 3/17/22, 5/3/22, 6/7/22	NJ PBSIS Training	\$0
Yvonne Manca	2/24/22 and 2/25/22	Atlantic City Convention Center	\$580.05
Dalia Ibrahim	12/3/2021	The 40th Annual WP Bilingual/ESL Conference- Virtual	\$49.00

5. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 10/25/2021 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
2110-0016	Boonton Parks & Recreation – Adult Basketball JHS Gym Thursdays 10/28/21- 2/24/22 (7:00 - 9:00 pm)
2110-0017	Boonton PTA -Ashley Farms Order Pick up JHS Lobby Monday 12/13/21 (3:00 - 6:00 pm)
2110-0018	Boonton PTA – CPR Training JHS Cafeteria Thursday 11/11/21 (6:00 - 9:00 pm)
2110-0019	Kiwanis Club of Tri-Town – Food Distribution BHS Parking Lot Saturday 10/30/21 (10:00 am - 1:00 pm)

6. 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 10/20/2021, Authorization #577024.
7. M-1 and Comprehensive Maintenance Plan: The Board approves the M-1 and Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the 2021-2022 school year.

D. POLICY

Mr. Cartelli reported committee reviewed policies; policy for virtual meeting participation.

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

1. Final Reading of Policy #2425 – Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program - Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final 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 Mrs. Darling, the Board approved by roll call to affirm the findings and recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying complaints: BHS #2-4 and JHS #3-6.

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

F. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no motions to move.

REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1. HS Committee by Mrs. Doherty: Procedures from hybrid instruction, e.g. stairwells; Senior privilege at lunch; demeanor is up; virtual BTSN; Academy presentation to middle schoolers; wellness activities; staff PD Mondays focus on wellness; Middle States; Extracurricular meeting on November 18.
2. Curriculum by Mrs. Katsakos: Met October 19; AP scores, Social learning gaps, Health curriculum policy and opt-out Wellness Wednesdays; next meeting on December 14.
3. PR/Communications by Mrs. Doherty: Met, coordinate with Lincoln Park; meet in November.
4. Communications/Legislation by Mrs. LeFebvre: This Wednesday, there is a legislative session during the NJSBA workshop.
5. ESC by Mrs. LeFebvre: Presentation at NJSBA workshop.
6. MCSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: Meeting last week; next meeting November 18.

7. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: Workshop this week.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Bossen, Boonton: Thank you for the curriculum update; interested in additional opt-outs; Any voting process/background check in move-in students? Mr. Presuto responds.

Linda Hogoboom, Rainbow Pride and Diversity Committee: Who would be the appropriate contact at the schools? Harvard has studies about transgender students and violence. Mr. Presuto responds.

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 8:51 pm by Mr. Ezzi and seconded by Mr. Geslao, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: