

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

November 8, 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 November 8, 2021.

Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Board President, called the meeting to order, and Mr. Steven Gardberg, Board Secretary, read the following statement: This is the November 8, 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 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. Absent was Mr. Chris Cartelli.

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. Geslao and seconded by Ms. Hayes, 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 7:54 pm by Mrs. Darling 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 5 members of the public were in attendance, as well as the administrators Louis Castano, Rebecca Kipp-Newbold, Jason Klebez, Judy Sorochynskyj.

ORDER OF THE DAY

A motion was made by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Geslao 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 (by video): Fall sports teams finished season; field hockey placed second in the county; girls soccer in the semifinals; cross country runner Gavin Shollenberger placed 15th in the county; parent-teacher conferences last week; cafeteria-environmental competition.
2. Boonton High School by Batisse Manhardt, SRA President: Halloween costume contest; football; powder puff football; Mr. Cupcakes; student council meeting; winter sports; Mr. Klebez recognized Batisse Manhardt.
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8 by Allison Mania: SSS book fair; PreK pumpkin patch; Ashley Farms; tomorrow 7pm meeting; Undersheriff presentation; CPR training; Tricky Tray; Dinners to Go on November 16; marionettes assembly.
4. Home School Association 9-12: None
5. Town Council by Mayor Richard Corcoran: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Steve Bossen, Boonton Town: Policy 5751, Title IX Coordinator? District decision maker?

Write-in question from Nicole Cechony: Policy 1648.14; Mr. Presuto will review further, but responded about temperature check, kiosk check-in.

SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Presuto reported on Student Information System two weeks ago; DHQ, Pfizer vaccine approved for ages 5-11; AP scores presentation.

ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. Minutes

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

1. Regular and Executive session: October 25, 2020

B. ADMINISTRATION

PK8 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-3 was moved by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mrs. Darling. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mrs. Darling, Dr. Davis, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Ms. Hayes, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli .

1. Transfer of Paraprofessional: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a transfer for Amelia Zea, Paraprofessional, School Street School, to Paraprofessional, John Hill School, effective 10/21/2021.
2. Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Travis Hemmerich, Custodian, John Hill School, effective 10/28/2021.
3. 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
Brannagh Walker	Lead Teacher Sub	\$32/hr
Kelsey Lynch	Support Staff Adult Sub	\$20/hr
Zachary Ligertwood	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: Mrs. Darling, Dr. Davis, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Ms. Hayes, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli.

1. Field Trip: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destination for the 2021-2022 school year.

Group	Destination
Community Based Instruction	Rockaway Mall
2. 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.

Jeanette Edwards	Jennifer Banta	Cristal Rios
Alfred Papasso	Jaclyn Curran	Sarah Pagliara
Lindsay Bailey	Ashley Koppinger	Lauren Coloma
Frank Paulozzo	Jeanna Spezzacatena	Christina Papasso
3. Volunteer Club: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the volunteer Muslim-Student Association Club, at Boonton High School, under the volunteer supervision of Patrick Hancock.
4. Increase Stipend for Treasurer of School Monies: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to increase the stipend payment for Judith Favino, Treasurer of School Monies, from \$6,000 to \$6,300, retroactive to 7/1/2021 for the 2021-2022 school year.
5. District 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 October 2021.

7. Unified Sports Program: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Boonton High School's participation in the Unified Sports Program for the 2021-2022 school year, under the volunteer supervision of Cassidy Buchanan and Devon Engelberger.
8. 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# 1404502242-B, at a fee of \$392.00.
9. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 4274254941-B, for up to 10 hours per week, beginning 10/6/2021, provided by Aspire Counseling Center, at \$600/week.

C. OPERATIONS

Mr. Gardberg reported on BHS bathroom renovations; ESSER II approved and reimbursement requests; FY23 budget.

Approval of Operations resolutions #1-4 was moved by Mr. Geslao and seconded by Mrs. Darling. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mrs. Darling, Dr. Davis, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Geslao, Ms. Hayes, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli.

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

10/28/2021	\$875,417.10	machine checks
11/8/2021	290,567.30	machine checks
11/8/2021	21,323.47	ACH payment
2. Payroll Expenses: The Board approves the following payroll expenses.

10/15/2021	\$950,215.09
10/30/2021	956,124.24
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
Tiffanie Henry	2/4/2022	Scottsboro Trials Workshop- Rutgers University	\$35.00
Monica Nieves	12/3/2021	40th Annual William Patterson Bilingual/ESL Conference	\$49.00

4. Preschool Operational Plan: The Board approves submission of the Annual Preschool Operational Plan Update for 2022-2023 School Year, to the NJ Department of Education.

D. POLICY

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

1. First Reading of Policy #1648.14 – Safety Plan for Healthcare Settings in School Buildings: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of Policy #1648.14 – Safety Plan for Healthcare Settings in School Buildings, as per the attached.
2. First Reading of Revisions to Policy & Regulation #5751 – Sexual Harassment: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of revisions to Policy & Regulation #5751 – Sexual Harassment, as per the attached.

E. DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT

On a motion by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Ms. Hayes, the Board approved by roll call to affirm the findings and recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying complaints: BHS #5.

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

F. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no motions to move.

REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1. HS Committee by Mrs. Doherty: Virtual meeting on November 9; November meeting TBD.
2. Curriculum by Mrs. Katsakos: Meeting on December 14
3. PR/Communications by Mrs. Doherty: None
4. Communications/Legislation by Mrs. LeFebvre: Elections last week
5. ESC by Mrs. LeFebvre: Meeting this week
6. MCSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: Meeting on November 18
7. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: Workshop last week

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Karen and Bill McBride, Boonton: Increase in property tax? Mr. Gardberg responded.

Steve Bossen, Boonton: Thank you to Mr. Geslao for his service to the Boonton Board of Education.

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Mrs. Katsakos reported on Books and Beyond Festival on Saturday November 13

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 9:07 pm by Mr. Ezzi and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: