

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

December 13, 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 December 13, 2021.

Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Board President, called the meeting to order, and Mr. Steven Gardberg, Board Secretary, read the following statement: This is the December 13, 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. Dr. Crystal Davis arrived at 7:50 pm.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 7:01 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 8:01 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 8:02 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 10 members of the public were in attendance, as well as the administrators Danica Davidman and Judy Sorochnyskyj.

ORDER OF THE DAY

A motion was made by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Vucenovic to approve the order of the day. All present voted in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

LIAISON REPORTS

1. John Hill School: None
2. Boonton High School by Batisse Manhardt, SRA President: spirit days; Thanksgiving; Christmas; Multicultural Night; chess tournament.
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8 by Nicole Cechony and Sue Chara Post: Square One delivery.
4. Home School Association 9-12: None
5. Town Council by Edina Renfro Michel: Two playgrounds

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Presuto reported on SSS 100% remote: Covid stats, archive of prior years of Superintendent updates, state assessments, individual results.

ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. Minutes

Approval of minutes from previous meetings was moved by Mr. Ezzi, seconded by Mr. Geslao, 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: November 22, 2021

B. ADMINISTRATION

PK8 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-8 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. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

1. Extra Hours: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves extra hours as assigned by the principal(s) for Louisa Westura to cover the nurse's office at John Hill School during the 2021-2022 school year at \$33.61/hr, pending outcome of negotiations.
2. 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
Destiny Gonzalez*	Adult support staff	\$20/hr
Justin Lopez	Middle school volunteer	n/a

*Effective 12/7/21

3. John Hill School Wellness Committee Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Brannagh Walker 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.
4. 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
Preschool	Santa Land
5. Professional Service: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Epic Health Services, Inc (dba ANEANNA Healthcare) to provide 1:1 nursing services for Student State ID# 9156234508-B, beginning 1/3/2022 through the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year (per doctor's order), at a maximum rate of \$65/hr, not to exceed \$42,900.
6. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 5230919871-B, for up to 10 hr/wk, beginning 12/3/2021, provided by LearnWell Education, at \$50/hr.
7. Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Daniel Montgomery as John Hill School Baseball Coach at a stipend of \$4,460 for the 2021-2022 school year, pending outcome of negotiations.
8. Staff Member for Before and/or After School Academic Support: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Ellen Christian for before and/or after school academic support, at \$40/hr, pending outcome of negotiations, for up to 3 days/wk and up to 1.5 hr/day, dependent upon enrollment, paid with ESSER II funds for the 2021-2022 school year.

PK12 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK12 resolutions #1-10 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. Transfer Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a transfer for Jerry Montello, Custodian, from Boonton High School to John Hill School, effective 12/1/2021.

2. Addition to Substitute List: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Julia Maier as a substitute teacher/aide for the 2021-2022 school year.
3. 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 November 2021.
4. Additional Hours: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves up to an additional 0.25 hr/day, for Daniel Drugac on an as-needed basis to accompany Student State ID# 5153109356-B and/or Student State ID# 9180021575-B to Morris County School of Technology from 11/29/2021 through 6/30/2022, at \$27.28/hr, pending the outcome of negotiations.
5. Additional Hours: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves up to an additional 0.25 hr/day, for Gerald Davidove on an as-needed basis to accompany Student State ID# 5153109356-B and/or Student State ID# 9180021575-B to Morris County School of Technology from 9/22/2021 through 6/30/2022, at \$27.28/hr, pending the outcome of negotiations.
6. District-Wide Volunteer: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Cristina Cristao to serve as a district wide volunteer during the 2021-2022 school year.
7. Staff Members for ELA and Math Refresher: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members to provide ELA and math instruction for up to 6 hours each for ELA and 7.5 hours each for Math during December at \$40/hr, pending outcome of negotiations, dependent on student enrollment.

Math Instruction

Alyssa DeOrio
Sandra Greene

Samantha Pino
Kathleen Foley

Evan Levy

ELA Instruction

Michelle McBride
Sandy Seegers

Jillian Glaser

Jenn Tambakis

8. Volunteer Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Cassidy Buchanan as a volunteer Girls Lacrosse Coach at Boonton High School for the 2021-2022 school year.
9. Increase Hourly Rate of Pay for Substitute Bus Drivers: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to increase the hourly rate of pay for substitute bus drivers from \$22.00 to \$25.00 effective December 14, 2021, for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.
10. Superintendent Merit Goal Bonus Payment: The Board approves the following Merit Goal payment to the Superintendent for completion of one Qualitative Merit Goal for 2020-2021

approved by the Board on May 21, 2021 and approved for payment upon completion by the Morris County Superintendent of Schools on June 30, 2021:

Qualitative Goal #1: Based on Certified Educational Facility Manager coursework taken by the CSA at Rutgers School of Continuing Education, the Superintendent shall implement an energy saving upgrade at the Board of Education building by replacing all ballast-type T12 fluorescent 48" tube lights with LED lights. This will increase the efficiency of the lighting in this building substantially and have relatively short ROI period due to age and inefficiency of the current lighting system.

(2.5% of base salary - \$4,544).

C. OPERATIONS

Mr. Gardberg reported on Audit; BHS bathrooms; Pre-K playground.

Mr. Geslao reported on BHS roofing; FY23 budget; Donation.

Approval of Operations resolutions #1-9 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, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

\$9,787.48	12/6/2021 (machine checks)
\$927,817.72	12/13/2021 (machine checks)
\$41,207.88	12/13/2021 (ACH cafeteria)
\$216,184.28	12/13/2021 (ACH general fund)
\$2,969,689.06	11/01 -- 11/30/2021 (electronic checks, including payroll)
2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending 11/30/2021.
3. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer: The Board approves reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending 11/30/2021.
4. Payroll Expenses: The Board approves the following payroll expenses.

\$945,490.17	11/15/2021
\$1,024,300.36	11/30/2021
5. 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
Chris Frangipane	12/9/2021	Lincoln Tech Career Demos and Campus Tour	\$0
Marissa LaPlaca	12/9/2021	Lincoln Tech Career Demos and Campus Tour	\$0
Kelly Liberati	6/2/2022	NJTESOL/NJBE 2022 Spring Conference	\$281.84
Melissa Bialick	12/8/2021	Branching Minds MTSS Summit	\$0
Bryan Gallgher	12/9/2021	Morris County Football Coaches Association- All County Luncheon	\$0

6. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 12/13/2021 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
2111-0001	Boonton Parks & Recreation: Spring Track BHS Track Sundays 4/3 - 6/12/2022 (12:00 - 2:00 pm)
2112-0000	Boonton Parks & Recreation: Winter Soccer Clinic JHS Gym Wednesdays 1/12 - 2/16/2022 (6:00 - 8:30 pm)

7. Donation: The Board accepts the donation of food for Boonton High School's TAG Thanksgiving Feast on 11/19/2021, by Pizzanada Restaurant at a value of \$240.
8. Transportation: The Board approves a payment of \$97.65 to the parent of student # 3696942131-B for home-to-school transportation.
9. Internet Services: The Board approves to renew the service agreement with Lightpath per ESCNJ 20/21-45 for OTS 1,000 MB at \$1,500/mo and Internet services 3,000 MB at \$1,798/mo, effective 7/1/2022 - 6/30/2025.

D. POLICY

Approval of Policy resolution #1 was moved by Mr. Cartelli and seconded by Mr. Geslao. 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: Mrs. Vucenovic . ABSENT: None.

1. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy & Regulation #5751 – Sexual Harassment: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy & Regulation #5751 – Sexual Harassment, 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 #6-7.

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

F. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no motions to move.

REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1. HS Committee by Mrs. Doherty: Meeting on January 13
2. Curriculum by Mrs. Katsakos: Meeting on December 14
3. PR/Communications by Mrs. Doherty: Meeting in January
4. Communications/Legislation by Mrs. LeFebvre: None
5. ESC by Mrs. LeFebvre: Deal for Rockaway Building fell apart, but more offers received
6. MCSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: Next meeting in January
7. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: Meeting with Army representative, RE: STEAM

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Mr. Cartelli: Thank you to Mr. Joseph Geslao for his years of service on the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 8:35pm by Mr. Ezzi and seconded by Mr. Geslao, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: