

## **BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION**

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

February 14, 2022

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 February 14, 2022.

Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Board President, called the meeting to order, and Mr. Steven Gardberg, Board Secretary, read the following statement: This is the February 14, 2022, 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, Mr. Bob Ezzi, Ms. Natavia Hayes, Mr. Patrick Joyce, Mrs. Loren Katsakos, Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Mrs. Sandra Vucenovic arrived at 7:32. Absent were Dr. Crystal Davis and 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 Mr. Joyce, 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 Mrs. Darling, all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:03 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 40 members of the public were in attendance, as well as the administrators Danica Davidman, Judy Sorochynskyj.

### **ORDER OF THE DAY**

A motion was made by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Joyce 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: Valentine's Day; School Pride Essay Contest ends February 16; softball/baseball sport meeting next week; Take Flight program; Fifth Grade Olympics.
2. Boonton High School by Batisse Manhardt, SRA President: SRA volleyball fundraiser in April; sports events, e.g. dodgeball, kickball; basketball postseason, wrestling; bake sale; strategic planning, March 1.
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8 by Allison Mania: General meeting February 15; Dinners to Go February 17; Fundraiser: Gertrude Hawk, Flocking, Box Tops.
4. Home School Association 9-12 : None
5. Town Council: None

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

## **SUPERINTENDENT**

Mr. Presuto reported on masks in school: March 7, optional per Governor's announcement with some exceptions: school buses, immunocompromised staff and students, school health offices, if a change in public health, quarantine/close contacts; reported on results of the annual climate survey.

## **ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION**

### **A. Minutes**

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

1. Regular and Executive session: January 24, 2022

### **B. ADMINISTRATION**

Mrs. Loren Katsakos: Rosemarie Lynch, Bridges this summer.

### **PK8 Resolutions**

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-5 was moved by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mrs. Darling. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mr. Ezzi, Ms. Hayes, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Dr. Davis, Mrs. Doherty.

1. Volunteer Club: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a Volleyball Club for John Hill School middle school students, under the volunteer supervision of Heidi Brady, for the 2021-2022 school year.
2. Non-Certified Staff Appointment: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Elizabeth DeVincenzo to the position of Lunch Aide, School Street, for three hours per day, at an hourly rate of \$26.53 (Step 1), pending the outcome of negotiations, effective 2/3/22 for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.
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
Charles Henschel	Adult Support Staff
Michael Valle	Adult Support Staff
Beth Phelps	Adult Support Staff Sub
Laiba Choudhry	High School Staff
Jazlene Gerena	College Student Staff

4. John Hill School Wellness Committee Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Jennifer Coleman for curriculum and professional development work at John Hill School for the 2021-2022 school year at \$35 per hour, pending outcome of negotiations, to be paid with ESSER III funds.
5. Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a leave of absence for Kristen Cacciabeve, Preschool Paraprofessional, effective 4/25/22 utilizing 15 days of accumulated sick days followed by an unpaid leave of absence through 6/30/22.

### **PK12 Resolutions**

Approval of Admin PK12 resolutions #1-17 was moved by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mrs. Darling. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mr. Ezzi, Ms. Hayes, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Dr. Davis, Mrs. Doherty.

1. Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Erica Pelusio, Boonton High School Math Teacher, effective 3/21/22 or sooner should a suitable replacement be secured.
2. Bus Aide Substitute: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Kathleen Leva as a bus aide substitute during the 2021-2022 school year, effective 1/24/22 at \$27.28 per hour, pending the outcome of negotiations, on an as needed basis.

3. Addition to Substitute List: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Krista Wark Rogaski as a substitute teacher/aide, for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year, pending clearance of background check.

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

<u>Group</u>	<u>Destination</u>
Community Based Instruction (CBI) Grades 9-12	The Growing Stage, Netcong Caldwell College
Wrestling Team	Atlantic City
Wrestling Team	Various High Schools

5. Senior Portfolio Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff for Senior Portfolio at \$40 per hour, pending the outcome of negotiations:

ELA Staff – for up to 20 total hours each:

Jennifer Tambakis                      Michelle McBride                      Jillian Glaser

Math Staff – for up to 16 hours each:

Kathleen Foley                      Sandra Greene                      Alyssa DeOrio  
Evan Levy                      Samantha Pino

6. 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 January 2022.

7. District-Wide Volunteer: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves William Cardone as a district wide volunteer during the 2021-2022 school year.

8. Coaching Internship: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a 200-hour coaching internship for Matthew Hesse, Montclair State University, at Boonton High School, effective February 2022, under the supervision of David Hughen.

9. Student Observation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a student observation for Kelsey Sirica, County College or Morris, in the New Pathways to Teaching Program, for 8 hours at Boonton High School, under the supervision of Michelle McBride, Steve Barati, Ken Ren, and Louis Castano, during February and March, 2022, pending clearance of background check.

10. Home Instructors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Linden Klein and Mary Beth Comer to provide home instruction during the 2021-2022 school year, based on their individual certifications, at \$40 per hour, pending the outcome of negotiations.

11. Extracurricular Aide Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves up to 90 total hours for Beatrice Beatty to assist and Student State ID# 3101362241-LP, during rehearsals and performances of the Boonton High School Play/Production, at \$27.28 per hour pending outcome of negotiations.
12. Work Based Learning Site: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Boonton Coffee as a Work-Based Learning (WBL) site 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# 1379248754-B, for up to 10 hours per week, beginning 1/26/2022, with instruction to be provided by approved home instructors at \$40 per hour, pending the outcome of negotiations.
14. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction services for Student State ID# 1379248754-B, for 1 subject beginning 1/31/2022, with instructional services to be provided by Educere at \$29 per subject per week.
15. Common Lunch Monitor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Cassidy Buchanan as a common lunch monitor at Boonton High School at a stipend rate of \$3,000, pro-rated from 2/9/22 for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.
16. Online Courses: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Student State ID#7074376779-LP, to receive three (3) online courses provided by Educere, to fulfill the IEP requirement for academic instruction in the Least Restrictive Setting, beginning 2/14/2022:  
  
 Course# DCHSP2832, American History - HS, \$199.50  
 Course#DCHSP2782, American Literature, \$199.50  
 Course#DCHSP4200, Geometry – Part 2, \$199.50
17. Approve 2022-2023 School Calendar: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the 2022-2022 School Calendar.

### **C. OPERATIONS**

Mr. Gardberg reported on Bid for School Street kitchen equipment; bus evacuation drills; PreK playgrounds.

Mrs. Darling reported on Class of 1972; audit.

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

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.
 

\$454,902.38	2/1/2022 (machine checks)
\$20,665.14	2/1/2022 (ACH general fund)
\$383,293.26	2/14/2022 (machine checks)
\$30,200.73	2/14/2022 (ACH cafeteria)
\$63,100.75	2/14/2022 (ACH general fund)
  
2. Payroll Expenses: The Board approves the following payroll expenses.
 

\$1,117,768.39	1/15/2022
\$915,854.66	1/30/2022
\$3,156.25	1/31/2022
  
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
Louis Castano	4/4 - 4/5/2022	Next Gen Science Standards Conference	\$489.00
Rosemarie Lynch	4/29/2022	NJSACC Annual Conference	\$217.96
Rosemarie Lynch	3/14 - 3/16/2022	Tri-State Camp Conference	\$426.50
David Hughen	3/2 - 3/5//2022	NJSIAA Wrestling Championship	\$1,879.64
Liam Bostrum	3/2 - 3/5//2022	NJSIAA Wrestling Championship	\$206.50
Anthony Shovlowsky	3/2 - 3/5//2022	NJSIAA Wrestling Championship	\$206.50
Reid Doney	3/2 - 3/5//2022	NJSIAA Wrestling Championship	\$206.50
Jason Smith	3/2 - 3/5//2022	NJSIAA Wrestling Championship	\$206.50
Joe Fonbano	3/2 - 3/5//2022	NJSIAA Wrestling Championship	\$206.50
Artur Landkof	3/2 - 3/5//2022	NJSIAA Wrestling Championship	\$206.50
Kerrie Bellisario	3/2 - 3/5//2022	2022 NAEA National Convention	\$667.50

4. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 02/14/2022 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
2201-0008	Boonton PTA: JHS Book Fair JHS Art Room Thursday 4/14/2022 Set up (3:00-5:00PM) Monday 4/25, Tues 4/26 & Thurs 4/28/2022 (8:00 AM – 3:30 PM) Wednesday 4/27 (8:00 AM - 8:30 PM), Fri 4/29 (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM)
2201-0009	OLMC: CYO Basketball BHS Gym Sundays 2/6 & 3/6/2022 (11:30 AM - 5:30 PM)

- 2202-0002            Boonton PTA: Meeting RESCHEDULED  
JHS Cafeteria  
Tuesday 2/15/2022 (6:30 - 8:30 PM)
  
- 2202-0003            Boonton Hills & Valley LAX: Games  
BHS Turf  
Sundays 3/13 - 5/29/2022 (3:45 – 7:00 PM)
  
- 2202-0004            Boonton Hills & Valley LAX: Practice  
BHS Turf  
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 3/4 - 6/10/2022 (6:05 - 9:35 PM)
  
- 2202-0005            Tri-Town Little League: Parade  
BHS Parking Maple Ave & Covered Walk  
Saturday 4/9/2022 (8:30 AM- 12:00 PM)
  
- 2202-0006            Tri-Town Little League: Practice & Games  
JHS Upper & Lower Fields  
Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat 3/28 - 6/29/2022 (5:30 – 8:00 PM)
  
- 2202-0008            Boonton PTA: Fund Run & Walk  
BHS Turf, Concession, Concession Bathrooms  
Friday 4/29/2022 (5:00 - 9:00 PM)
  
- 2202-0010            Trailblazers: Practice  
BHS Bathrooms  
Wednesdays 3/2 - 5/25/2022 (6:00 – 8:00 PM)
  
- 2202-0011            Trailblazers: Practice & Games  
BHS Turf  
Sundays 3/6 - 5/29/2022 (12:00 - 3:35 PM)

- 5.     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 01/21/2022, Authorization #578762.

**D. POLICY**

Approval of Policy resolutions #1-12 was moved by Mr. Cartelli and seconded by Mrs. Darling. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mr. Ezzi, Ms. Hayes, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Dr. Davis, Mrs. Doherty.

- 1.     First Reading of Revisions to Policy #2415.05 – Student Surveys, Analysis, Evaluations, Examinations, Testing, or Treatment: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of revisions to Policy #2415.05 – Student Surveys, Analysis, Evaluations, Examinations, Testing, or Treatment, as per the attached.

2. First Reading of Revisions to Policy & Regulation #2431.4 – Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of revisions to Policy & Regulation #2431.4 – Prevention and Treatment of Sports-Related Concussions and Head Injuries, as per the attached.
3. First Reading of Regulation #2460.30 – Additional/Compensatory Special Education and Related Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of Regulation #2460.30 – Additional/Compensatory Special Education and Related Services, as per the attached.
4. First Reading of Revisions to Policy #2622 – Student Assessment: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of revisions to Policy #2622 – Student Assessment, as per the attached.
5. First Reading of Regulation #2622 – Student Assessment: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of Regulation #2622 – Student Assessment, as per the attached.
6. First Reading of Revisions to Policy #3233 – Political Activities: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of revisions to Policy #3233 – Political Activities, as per the attached.
7. First Reading of Revisions to Policy #5460 – High School Graduation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of revisions to Policy #5460 – High School Graduation, as per the attached.
8. First Reading of Policy #5541 – Anti-Hazing: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of Policy #5541 – Anti-Hazing, as per the attached.
9. First Reading of Revisions to Policy #6600: Student Activity Fund: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of revisions to Policy #6600 – Student Activity Fund, as per the attached.
10. First Reading of Revisions to Policy #7540 – Joint Use of Facilities: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of revisions to Policy #7540 – Joint Use of Facilities, as per the attached.
11. First Reading of Revisions to Policy and Regulation # 8465 – Bias Crimes and Bias-Related Acts: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of revisions to Policy & Regulation #8465 - Bias Crimes and Bias-Related Acts, as per the attached.
12. First Reading of Revisions to Policy #9560 – Administration of School Surveys: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of revisions to Policy #9560 – Administration of School Surveys, as per the attached.



**E. DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT**

None

**F. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mrs. LeFebvre: Strategic Planning meeting March 1; masks in school.

**REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES**

1. HS Committee by Mrs. Vucenovic: Schedules for 2022-2023; increase in academy applications; peer tutoring; portfolio process; Middle States accreditation; “Frozen” musical; girls wrestling; college/athletic acceptances; next meeting in April.
2. Curriculum by Mrs. Katsakos: Meeting tomorrow night; standards to be implemented
3. PR/Communications by Mrs. Hayes: None
4. Communications/Legislation by Mrs. LeFebvre: None
5. ESC by Mrs. LeFebvre: Problems with hiring drivers and selling property
6. MCSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: February 23 meeting
7. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: search for new executive director; spring workshop

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tara Joyce, Boonton: Comments and questions about any required masking; Mr. Presuto responds.

Michael Adamo, Boonton: Not forcing my kids to wear masks unless state public emergency.

Tracy Paulozzo, Boonton: Comments about masks in school.

**OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion at 9:11 pm by Mr. Joyce and seconded by Mr. Cartelli, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg  
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: