

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

February 28, 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 7:00 pm on February 28, 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 28, 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 Mrs. Jennifer Darling, Dr. Crystal Davis, Mr. Bob Ezzi, Ms. Natavia Hayes, Mrs. Loren Katsakos, Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Mrs. Sandra Vucenovic. Absent were Mr. Chris Cartelli , Mrs. Elaine Doherty, Mr. Patrick Joyce.

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 Mrs. Darling 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 7:55 pm by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Ms. Hayes, 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 15 members of the public were in attendance, as well as the administrators Sara Brogan, Danica Davidman, David Hughen, Jason Klebez, Alison Schessler, Judy Sorochnykyj and Thomas Valle.

ORDER OF THE DAY

A motion was made by Ms. Hayes 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 by Josie Myers, student representative: Fifth Grade Olympics; Read Across America; Crazy Sock and PJ Day; week long book swap: Student Council trick questions; Congratulations to Wania Mohammad for the Pride Essay Contest.
2. Boonton High School by Batisse Manhardt, SRA President: SRA met as a whole group; restaurant fundraiser; prom June 9; Easter egg hunt; GSA clothing orders; Biggest Loser weight loss fundraiser; Valentine's Day fundraiser; clubs.
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8 by Sue Chara Post: Gertrude Hawk fundraiser; assemblies; Read Across America; looking for volunteers; flocking, box tops; elections.
4. Home School Association 9-12: None
5. Town Council by John Meehan: New CFO; web updates, PR person to connect with Ms. Hayes; asks about where non-district contacts can receive info about fundraisers.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Presuto introduced school principals, who presented on their Teacher and Educational Services Professionals Educator of the Year.

School Street: Alison Schessler for Janet Chauhan and Diane Melione

John Hill: Sara Brogan for Heidi Brady and Bevin Hughen

Boonton High School: Jason Klebez for Louisa Sinatra and Jennifer Tambakis

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

1. Regular and Executive session: February 14, 2022

B. ADMINISTRATION

PK8 Resolutions

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

1. After School Academic Support Substitute: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Amy Smith as an After School Academic Support Substitute Teacher at a rate of \$40 per hour for the 2021-2022 school year, to be paid for with ESSER II funds.

PK12 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK12 resolutions #1-11 was moved by Dr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Darling. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mrs. Darling, Dr. Davis, Mr. Ezzi, Ms. Hayes, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Chris Cartelli, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce.

1. Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Brian Hoyos, Network Technician, effective March 18, 2022.
2. Revise Job Description: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to revise the job description for Network Technician.
3. Additions to Substitute List: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following substitutes for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year:

<u>Teachers/Aides</u>		
Julia Hecht	Henry Samek	Patricia Bednar*

* Pending clearance of background check
4. Appointment of Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Sameera Hanafi to the position of Math Teacher, Boonton High School, at a salary of \$89,496 (Step 15 MA+30), pending outcome of negotiations, prorated from May 1, 2022 or sooner if available, for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.
5. Psychology Internship: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a psychology internship for Gabrielle Rowell, The College of Saint Rose, for the 2022-2023 school year, under the supervision of Toni DeCotiis and Melissa Bialick, pending clearance of background check and contingent upon status of health crisis.
6. English Language Learner (ELL) Three-Year Plan 2021-2024: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the English Language Learner (ELL) Three-Year Plan for years 2021-2024.
7. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for the following students for up to 10 hours per week each beginning 2/14/22, to be provided by approved home instructors at a rate of \$40 per hour pending the outcome of negotiations:

Student State ID# 2721595070-B, and
Student State ID# 6956742286-B

8. Outside Evaluation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Dr. Sostre to conduct a psychiatric evaluation for Student State ID# 2721595070-B, at a fee of \$1,000.
9. Revise Student ID for Online Courses: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to revise the Student ID for online courses previously approved on 2/14/22 for Student State ID#7074376779-LP, to Student State ID# 6140341184-B; courses and provider remain the same.
10. Staff for Crowd Control: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves James Nash and Kelly Mabin for Crowd Control at events as required for the 2021-2022 school year.
11. Volunteer Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Henry Samek as a volunteer baseball coach at Boonton High School for the 2021-2022 school year.

C. OPERATIONS

Mr. Gardberg reported on Budget and School Street kitchen upgrades.

Approval of Operations resolutions #1-7 was moved by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mrs. Darling, Dr. Davis, Mr. Ezzi, Ms. Hayes, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce.

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

\$216,046.36	2/28/2022 (machine checks)
\$15,862.36	2/28/2022 (ACH cafeteria)
\$21,423.75	2/28/2022 (ACH general fund)
\$5,189,731.16	1/1 -- 1/31/2022 (electronic checks, including payroll)
2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending 1/31/2022.
3. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer: The Board approves reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending 1/31/2022.
4. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 2/28/2022 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
2202-0013	Tri-Town Little League Practice & Games BHS JV Baseball Field Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat 3/28 - 6/29/2022 (5:30 – 8:00 pm)

5. FY2021 Audit: The Board accepts the FY2021 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Auditors Management Report (AMR).
6. Corrective Action Plan FY2021: The Board accepts the Corrective Action Plan in response to the FY2021 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Auditors Management Report (AMR).
7. Award of Contract for Kitchen Equipment School Street School (Bid #22-01)
 On Friday, February 25, 2022, at 2:00 pm the District received one response to its advertisement for the Kitchen Equipment Bid School Street School, Bid #22-01. The bid originally was advertised to be received at 10:00 am, however, the District postponed the bid opening to 2:00 pm due to inclement weather. It is recommended to award the contract to MAP International Import & Export Corp. for \$54,339.61. Public Notice: Procuring Goods and Services Financed with Federal Funds. Federal funds from the National School Lunch Program cover 100% of the cost to procure the goods listed in the resolution.

#	Description of Equipment	Qty	Each
1	Convection Oven, Electric	1	\$5,099.00
2	Mobile Heated Cabinet	1	2,900.00
3	Reach-In Freezer	1	5,860.00
4	Work Table, Stainless Steel Top	1	3,610.00
5	Hot Food Serving Counter/Table	1	7,026.30
6	Serving Counter, Utility	1	3,849.12
7	Serving Counter, Cold Food	1	10,163.19
8	Self-Service Refrigerated Open Air Screen Case	1	11,930.00
9	Cash Register Stand	1	2,902.00
10	Disposal of Current Equipment	1	1,000.00

D. POLICY

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

1. Final 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 final reading of revisions to Policy #2415.05 – Student Surveys, Analysis, Evaluations, Examinations, Testing, or Treatment, as per the attached.

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

E. DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT

On a motion by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos, the Board approved by roll call to affirm the findings and recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying complaints: JHS #11-12.

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

F. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no motions to move.

REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1. HS Committee by Mrs. Doherty: None
2. Curriculum by Mrs. Katsakos: Met February 15; Curriculum update, standard based unit plans, Grades 3-5, Grades 6-8, Grades 9-12; Wellness Committee; Take Flight; I-Ready; GT Consortium; May 10 next committee meeting.
3. PR/Communications by Mrs. Hayes: Met February 25; fixing links on town website; focus on 2022 outside stakeholders; beautification.
4. Communications/Legislation by Mrs. LeFebvre: None
5. ESC by Mrs. LeFebvre: None
6. MCSBA by Mrs. Darling: meeting past week; April 7 next meeting; Spring Forum.
7. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: Executive Director search committee formed.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Jason Klebez: Two wrestlers competing at state tournament in Atlantic City.

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Mrs. Katsakos: Pathways of History April 30-May 1

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 9:04 pm by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Ezzi, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: