

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

March 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 March 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 March 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 Mrs. Jennifer Darling, Dr. Crystal Davis, Mrs. Elaine Doherty, Mr. Bob Ezzi, Ms. Natavia Hayes, Mr. Patrick Joyce, 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 Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos, 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 7:50 pm by Mrs. Katsakos 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 7:55 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 10 members of the public were in attendance, as well as the administrators Danica Davidman Alison Schessler, Judy Sorochynskyj.

ORDER OF THE DAY

A motion was made by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Loren Katsakos 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: wrestling; spring sports.
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8 by Suzanne Tavalacci: Gertrude Hawk fundraiser; assemblies; family STEM nights; book fairs; fund run; multicultural festival; flocking, Box Tops.
4. Home School Association 9-12 by: None
5. Town Council by John Meehan: Website changes; Easter egg hunt; river clean-up; slope failure.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

SUPERINTENDENT

1. Mr. Presuto reported BHS play/musical; Joseph Fongaro wrestling state champ, BEA agreement
2. School Street School: Alison Schessler

ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. Minutes

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

1. Regular and Executive session: February 28, 2022

B. ADMINISTRATION

PK8 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-15 was moved by Dr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Darling. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mrs. Darling, Dr. Davis, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Ms. Hayes, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli.

1. John Hill School Wellness Committee Members: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff for curriculum and professional development work at John Hill School for the 2021-2022 school year:

Pete Nosal at a rate of \$35 per hour and Gregg LaPointe at a rate of \$21 per hour, to be paid with ESSER III funds.

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:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Position</u> |
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| Satinder Manj | Adult support staff |
| Barbara Rodriguez | College support staff |

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

| <u>Group</u> | <u>Destination</u> |
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| Grade 8 | Round Valley Recreation Area |

4. Movement on Salary Guide: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves the following staff members' movement on guide in accordance with the Bargaining Agreement between the Board of Education and the Boonton Education Association, retroactive to February 1, 2022, pending outcome of negotiations:

| <u>Employee</u> | <u>Approved to</u> | <u>Salary</u> |
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| Caroline Dougherty | Step 3 BA+15 | \$59,204 |
| Jenna Mulcahy | Step 4 BA+15 | \$60,303 |

5. Unpaid Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves an unpaid leave of absence for Staff Member #1184 from March 7-11, 2022.

6. Translator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves Marcia Cifelli as a translator at School Street School for 3 hours on April 4, 2022 for night conferences at a rate of \$21 per hour.

7. Detention Monitor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves Monica Nieves as a detention monitor at John Hill School at a rate of \$26 per hour, for the 2021-2022 school year.

8. Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Alaina Warner, Paraprofessional, School Street School, effective April 1, 2022 or sooner should a suitable replacement be secured.

9. Appointment of Long-Term Leave Preschool Teacher: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves Pavlina Mineva as long-term leave Preschool Teacher, at Boonton High School, at a salary of \$58,004 (Step 1 BA), prorated from date certificate is issued through June 3, 2022.

10. Appointment of Long-Term Preschool Paraprofessional: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves Debora Acevedo as long-term leave Preschool Paraprofessional, at Boonton High School, at a salary of \$36,047 (Step 4), prorated from March 14, 2022 through June 3, 2022.

11. Summer Academic Support Program: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves the Summer Academic Support Program for students in Grades K-2 at School Street School and Grades 3-8 at John Hill School from August 1-12, 2022.
12. Summer Academic Program Supervisor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves Peter Nosal as Program Supervisor for the 2022 Summer Academic Support Program at School Street School/John Hill School at a stipend of \$3,000, to be paid with ESSER III funds and is dependent upon student enrollment.
13. Staff for Summer Academic Support Program: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves the following teachers/substitutes for the 2022 Summer Academic Support Program at School Street School/John Hill School, at a rate of \$40 per hour, up to 4 hours per day, for 10 days, to be paid with ESSER III funds and is dependent upon student enrollment:

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| Jennifer Gregg | Tracy Col-Spector | Amy Smith |
| Dina Davis | Ellen Christian | Zachary Sabatino |
| Jennifer Tambakis | Matthew Voswinkel | Jesica Harbeson |
| Cindy Tserkis (substitute) | Janet Hunter (Substitute) | |

14. Revise Job Descriptions: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves to revise the job descriptions for Bridges to Learning Summer Counselor, Bridges to Learning Summer Lead Teacher and Bridges to Learning Summer Paraprofessional.
15. Appointment of Paraprofessional: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves the appointment of Samantha Newell to the position of Paraprofessional, School Street School, at a salary of \$ 36,047 (Step 4), prorated from March 28, 2022 for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.

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

1. Ratified Agreement Between the Boonton Education Association and Boonton Board of Education: The Board ratifies the Memorandum of Agreement and salary guides between the Board and the Boonton Education Association effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024. Further the Board President and Board Secretary are authorized to sign the final version of the contract document when approved by the Board’s Negotiations Counsel.
2. 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 February 2022.

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:

| <u>Group</u> | <u>Destination</u> |
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| Community Based Instruction (CBI) Grade 12 | Roma Pizzeria, Boonton Lanes, Artsy Six Flags |
| Grades 9-12 | Casa Bianca, Dorney Park |

4. Student Observation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a student observation for Giovanni Laboy Valentin, Fairleigh Dickinson University, for ten days between May 16, 2022 and June 10, 2022, at Boonton High School, under the supervision of the Math Department staff and Louis Castano.

5. Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Mary Foster, ELA Teacher, Boonton High School, effective June 30, 2022 for the purpose of retirement.

6. Amend Total Hours for Senior Portfolio Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to amend the total hours previously approved on 2/14/22 for Senior Portfolio from 16 hours to 21 hours for each of the following math staff:

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|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Kathleen Foley | Sandra Greene | Alyssa DeOrio |
| Evan Levy | Samantha Pino | |

7. Extra Hours: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves up to 6 extra hours for Tonia Merlino for administrative work during February 2022 at the rate of \$28.63 per hour.

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

9. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for the following students:

Student State ID# 6100984208-B, for up to 12 hours per week, beginning 2/28/22, with instruction provided by approved home instructors at a rate of \$40 per hour, and

Student State ID# 8426348138-B, for up to 10 hours per week, beginning 3/1/22, with instruction provided by LearnWell Education at a rate of \$50 per hour.

10. 2022 Special Education Extended Year Programs – Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following 2022 Special Education Extended Year Programs, to be held at John Hill School:

Preschool, June 27 - July 29, 2022 (Monday-Friday), excluding July 4th, from 8:30 am - 11:30 am, and

Gr K-12, June 27 - July 29, 2021 (Monday-Friday), excluding July 4th, from 8:00 am -12:00 pm

- 11. Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Bob Bongo as Head Track and Field Coach at Boonton High School at a stipend of \$11,010 (Step 4).

C. OPERATIONS

Mr. Gardberg reported on FY23 budget.

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

- 1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.
 - \$1,965.00 3/2/2022 (check journal)
 - \$806,901.66 3/14/2022 (check journal)
 - \$53,631.66 3/14/2022 (ACH cafeteria)
 - \$46,530.44 3/14/2022 (ACH general fund)
- 2. Payroll Expenses: The Board approves the following payroll expenses.
 - \$969,133.37 2/15/2021
 - \$956,117.93 2/30/2021
- 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 |
|------------------|--------------------------------------|--|------------|
| Tracy Paulozzo | 4/6 - 4/7/2022 | Dyslexia Conference | \$499.54 |
| Michelle McBride | 6/10, 6/13, 6/14, 6/15 and 6/16/2022 | ETS AP Reader Language and Composition | N/A |
| Elizabeth Nguyen | 3/28/2022-4/1/2022 | IMSE Comprehensive Orton-Gillingham Training | \$1,275.00 |
| Susan Wieland | 3/28/2022-4/1/2022 | IMSE Comprehensive Orton-Gillingham Training | \$1,275.00 |

- 4. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 03/14/2022 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. Huguen, Athletic Director. All permits are pending building administration final approval and receipt of documentation.

| Permit # | Requested by / Facility / Dates |
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| 2202-0007 | Boonton Parks & Recreation: Summer Camp BHS Auditorium, Cafeteria, Covered Walk, JV, Varsity & Turf Fields, Track, Main Gym, Classrooms 110, 112, 115, 116, 118, 120, 114, 14, Mondays – Fridays 6/27 - 7/29/2022 (7:15 am – 2:30 pm) |

- 2202-0014 Boonton Hills & Valley LAX: Games
BHS Turf
Saturdays 3/19 & 5/21/2022 (1:30 – 4:00 pm)
- 2203-0000 Boonton PTA: Multicultural Night
JHS Upper Field & Parking Lot
Thursday 5/26/2022 (3:30 - 9:30 pm)
- 2203-0001 BHS Lacrosse Boosters: Banquet
BHS Cafeteria
Tuesday 6/7/2022 (5:00 - 10:00 pm)
- 2203-0002 BHS Lacrosse Boosters: Concessions
BHS Concession Stand,
During Home Games 3/19 - 5/21/2022 (3:30 – 8:30 pm)
- 2203-0003 Amateur Baseball Association: Games
BHS JV Field
Sundays 4/3 - 8/14/2022 (2:00 – 8:00 pm)
- 2203-0004 Vikings AAU Team: Practice
JHS Gym
Mondays & Thursdays 4/11 - 6/16/2022 (7:00 - 8:30 pm)

5. Contract: The Board approves awarding the contract for security camera upgrades to Let's Think Wireless for \$24,409.32, per NASPO master contract #MNWNC-24 and NJ participating addendum #89980.

D. POLICY

There were no Policy motions to move.

E. DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT

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

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

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: more curriculum has been distributed; meeting on May 10
3. PR/Communications by Mrs. Hayes: funds in FY23 budget

4. Communications/Legislation by Mrs. LeFebvre: None
5. ESC by Mrs. LeFebvre: new offer received to sell building
6. MCSBA by Mrs. Darling: meeting April 7
7. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: search for new Executive Director; May Delegate Assembly will be in person

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Bossen, Boonton: 1) Strategic Plan-review of prior plan to see what was in that to consider for the new plan? 2) Policy about 15 minutes of physical contact 3) Co-teaching.

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Special meeting on March 21; Regular meeting on March 28; Strategic Planning on March 29.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 8:58 pm by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Dr. Davis, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: