

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

March 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 7:30 pm on March 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 March 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 Mr. Chris Cartelli, Mrs. Jennifer Darling, Dr. Crystal Davis, Mr. Bob Ezzi, Mr. Patrick Joyce, Mrs. Loren Katsakos, Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Mrs. Sandra Vucenovic. Absent was Mrs. Elaine Doherty, Ms. Natavia Hayes.

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 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 7:59 pm by Mr. Cartelli 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 8:03 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 30 members of the public were in attendance, as well as the administrators Louis Castano, Danica Davidman, David Hughen, Jason Klebez, .

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

Mr. Presuto: Office of the Governor: PreK classes

LIAISON REPORTS

1. John Hill School by Josie Myers, student representative: None
2. Boonton High School by Batisse Manhardt, SRA President: GSA; volleyball tournament; Earth Day/Wellness Day; NHS; spring sports. Mr. Klebez: BHS earned AP Computer Science Women's Access Award.
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8 by Kelly DelGaizo: Fundraisers (Dinners-to-Go, Gertrude Hawk, flocking, Box Tops); family STEM nights; BOGO book fairs; 4/28 fund run and walk; teacher/staff appreciation; Valentine Dance, Spring Fling; multicultural festival; election year for executive board.
4. Home School Association 9-12: None
5. Town Council: website updated.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

SUPERINTENDENT

1. Recognition of State wrestling champion Joe Fongaro by David Hughen
2. Gateway Presentation: Nupur Bahl, Vicki Cornell, Patrick Hancock

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

1. Regular and Executive session: March 14, 2022
2. Regular and Executive session: March 21, 2022

B. ADMINISTRATION

PK8 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-12 was moved by Dr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Darling. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Dr. Davis, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Doherty, Ms. Hayes.

1. Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves a leave of absence for Kaitlin Greenberg beginning March 28, 2022 utilizing 5 days of accumulated sick days followed by an unpaid leave of absence through June 30, 2022.

2. Long-Term Leave Elementary Replacement Teacher: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves Jennifer Gregg as a long term leave replacement elementary teacher at School Street School at a salary of \$58,754 (Step 2 BA), prorated from March 28, 2022 through June 30, 2022.
3. Long Term Leave Paraprofessional: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves Madison Affinito as a Long-Term Leave Paraprofessional at School Street School at a salary of \$35,078 (Step 1) prorated from March 28, 2022 through June 30, 2022.
4. Extend Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to extend the leave of previously approved on January 3, 2022 for Caroline Dougherty from March 14, 2022 through June 5, 2022 to extend through June 12, 2022.
5. Extend Contract for Long-Term Leave Preschool Teacher: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves to extend the contract for Pavlina Mineva, long-term leave Preschool Teacher, though June 12, 2022.
6. Extend Contract for Long-Term Leave Preschool Paraprofessional. Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves to extend the contract for Debora Acevedo, long-term leave Preschool Paraprofessional, through June 12, 2022.
7. Detention Monitor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves Julie Rogers as a detention monitor at John Hill School at a rate of \$26 per hour, for the 2021-2022 school year.
8. Approval of Custodian: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves Carmen Cavassa-Freyre to the position of Custodian, School Street School, at a salary of \$38,625 (Step 1), pro-rated from April 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022.
9. Extra Hours: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves extra hours as assigned by the building principals for the following to cover the front office at John Hill School during the 2021-2022 school year:

Luisa Westura at a rate of \$30.96 per hour and Rachael Biago at a rate of \$27.23 per hour
10. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 3563217708-B, for up to 10 hours per week, beginning March 8, 2022, with instruction to be provided by approved home instructors at a rate of \$40 per hour.
11. 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 5 hours per week, beginning March 17, 2022, with instruction to be provided by St. Clare's at a rate of \$55 per hour.

12. Out-of-District Placement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Student State ID# 4885742630 to attend Chapel Hill Academy, at a daily rate of \$345.00, beginning March 17, 2022 through the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year, and that transportation be arranged as needed:

PK12 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK12 resolutions #1-9 was moved by Dr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Dr. Davis, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Doherty, Ms. Hayes.

1. 6th Period Stipend: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves a 6th period stipend for Kathie Foley at Boonton High School in the amount of \$5,500, prorated from March 22, 2022 through April 14, 2022.
2. Amend hours for Bus Aide: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves to amend the hours previously approved on August 23, 2021 for Diana Palmieri, Bus Aide, from 4.7 per day to 5 per day effective October 1, 2021.
3. Additions to Substitute List: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Lauren Zeris as a substitute teacher/aide, pending receipt of certification, for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.
4. Vacation Day Payout: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a vacation day payout to Brian Hoyos, District Network Technician, in the amount of \$2,245.49 (13 unused vacation days x \$172.73 per day).
5. After School Academic Support Program: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a school-wide intervention program at Boonton High School, After School Academic Support Program, for the 2021-2022 school year, to assist students that have been identified as performing below average to improve grades and achieve academic success
6. Home Instructors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members to provide home instruction during the 2021-2022 school year, based on their individual certifications, at a rate of \$40 per hour:

Sheila Barrientos Courtney Tormey Zachary Sabatino
7. Outside Evaluation Service: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Employment Horizons to conduct a Vocational Evaluation for Student State ID# 5028089364-B, at a cost of \$800.
8. Volunteer Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Kathie Foley as volunteer Boys Tennis Coach at Boonton High School for the 2021-2022 school year.

9 Sidebar Agreement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Sidebar to the Agreement between the Board of Education and the Boonton Education Association for 2021-2024, regarding the following:

1. Replace the John Hill School Coaches stipend with corrected guide to include a 1% increase per year,
2. Add John Hill School Grades 3-5 (Jr. Chorus) stipend to the John Hill School stipend guide to include a 1% increase per year, and
3. Add John Hill Coordinator / Facilitator positions (Note: Only John Hill School Activities Financial Advisor stipend is subject to 1% increase per year to coincide with the Boonton High School Financial Advisor position.

C. OPERATIONS

Approval of Operations resolutions #1-6 was moved by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Dr. Davis. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Dr. Davis, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Doherty, Ms. Hayes.

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.
 \$607,634.66 3/28/2022 (machine checks)
 \$25,080.71 3/28/2022 (ACH general fund)
 \$33,247.75 3/28/2022 (ACH cafeteria)
 \$2,905,162.04 2/01 -- 2/28/2022 (electronic checks, including payroll)
2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending 2/28/2022.
3. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer: The Board approves reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending 2/28/2022.
4. 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
Elizabeth Nguyen	3/28/2022-4/1/2022	IMSE Comprehensive Orton-Gillingham Training	\$1275.00
David Hughen	4/8/2022	Morris County Wrestling Luncheon	N/A
Anthony Skovlowsky	4/8/2022	Morris County Wrestling Luncheon	N/A
Julie Rienzi	4/8/2022	NJALC Spring Conference 2022-Regulations: Assessment, Legal and Social/Emotional Challenges	\$130.00

5. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 03/28/2022 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
2203-0007	Boonton PTA: Multicultural Night (in case of inclement weather) JHS Cafeteria & Gym Thursday 5/26/2022 (3:30 - 9:30 PM)
2203-0010	Boonton PTA: Spring Fling Family Dance JHS Gym & Locker Rooms Friday 5/6/2022 (5:00 - 10:00 PM)
2203-0011	Girl Scouts: Car Wash BHS Main Parking Lot Saturday 5/14/2022 (8:00 AM – 3:00 PM)
2203-0012	Boonton PTA: Spring Fling Family Dance SSS Multipurpose Room Friday 5/13/2022 (5:00 - 10:00 PM)

6. Preschool Operational Plan: The Board approves submission of the Preschool Education Aid 2022-2023 District Enrollment and Planning Workbook to the NJ Department of Education, and appropriation of funds in the amount of \$2,128,715.

D. POLICY

There were no Policy motions to move.

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: BHS #12 and JHS #13-15.

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

F. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no motions to move.

REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1. HS Committee by Mrs. Doherty: April 14 meeting
2. Curriculum by Mrs. Katsakos: None
3. PR/Communications by Mrs. Hayes: None
4. Communications/Legislation by Mr. Presuto: bill to delay the start of high school start time; minimum number of school day minutes
5. ESC by Mrs. LeFebvre: special meeting on Wednesday March 30
6. MCSBA by Mrs. Darling: April 7 meeting

7. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: search for new Executive Director; PTA invited NJSBA to meet together

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

- Strategic Planning meeting tomorrow night
- Mrs. LeFebvre commends the recent presentations
- Mrs. Katsakos: Dylan Visioli: for winning Best Hometown Documentary Short

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 9:09 pm by Mr. Ezzi and seconded by Mrs. Vucenovic, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: