

## **BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION**

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

April 11, 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 April 11, 2022.

Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Board President, called the meeting to order, and Mr. Steven Gardberg, Board Secretary, read the following statement: This is the April 11, 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, Ms. Natavia Hayes, Mr. Patrick Joyce, Mrs. Loren Katsakos, Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Mrs. Sandra Vucenovic. Absent was 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 7:01 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 8:00 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 8:04 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. No members of the public or administrators were present.

### **ORDER OF THE DAY**

A motion was made by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. 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: Volleyball tourney; spikeball; Senior field day; student-teacher competitions; prom.
- 3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8 by Steve Bossen: Tuesday, April 12 meeting; STEM night; book fairs; fun run and walk; JHS graduate yard signs; staff appreciation week; Spring Fling family dance; multicultural night; flocking, Box Tops; election year.
- 4. Home School Association 9-12: Needs new leadership
- 5. Town Council by John Meehan: Little League parade; set April 23 river clean-up; April 24 PBA 5K; May 7 Bed Race and Kentucky Derby; council meetings on Zoom.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**SUPERINTENDENT**

- 1. 4th Marking period
- 2. Spring break
- 3. Loaves and Fishes food pantry
- 4. John Hill School presentation about Social Emotional Learning

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

- 1. Regular and Executive session: March 28, 2022

**B. ADMINISTRATION**

Dr. Davis reported that the Administration Committee met tonight; personnel.

**PK8 Resolutions**

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-8 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, Ms. Hayes, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Doherty.

- 1. 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>
Grade 3	Turtle Back Zoo

Grade 5  
Grade 4  
Grade 6

New Jersey Sea Grant Consortium  
Waterloo Village  
Tourne

2. Long-Term Leave Preschool Paraprofessional: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Julia Leva as Long-Term Leave Preschool Paraprofessional at Boonton High School, at a salary of \$35,078 (Step 1), prorated from April 25, 2022 through June 30, 2022.
3. School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Reports: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Reports for the month of March 2022 for School Street School and John Hill School.
4. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 7750205633-B, for up to 10 hours per week, beginning 3/29/2022, with instruction to be provided by Silvergate Prep at a rate of \$30 per hour.
5. Outside Evaluations: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Educational Specialized Associates to conduct Bilingual Educational, Psychological and Speech Evaluations for Student State ID# 1582497741-B, at a cost of \$500 each, not to exceed \$1,500 total, during the 2021-2022 school year.
6. Online Courses: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Student State ID# 6093252807-B, to receive the following online courses provided by Educere, to fulfill the IEP requirement for academic instruction in the least restrictive setting, beginning April 4, 2022:

Course# DCISP3127, Physical Science-MS, \$199.50  
Course#DCISP3128, World History (to Renaissance)-MS, \$199.50  
Course#DCISP3322, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Mathematics-Basic, \$199.50  
Course#DCISP2879, Language Arts I-MS, \$199.50

7. Coaches: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following coaches and stipends for the 2022-2023 school year at John Hill School:

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Amanda Sheehan	Head Field Hockey	\$4,500
Gregory LaPointe	Assistant Field Hockey	\$2,275
Zachary Sabatino	Cross Country	\$4,550
Brad Davidson	Boys Soccer	\$4,550
Michael Smulewicz	Girls Soccer	\$4,550
James Nash	Boys Basketball	\$5,206
Rebecca Dempster	Girls Basketball	\$5,206

8. Staff for Before and/or After School Academic Support: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Deborah Gleeson as a certified substitute for the before and/or after school Academic Support, dependent on enrollment, at John Hill

School and School Street School, during the 2021-2022 school year at a rate of \$40 per hour for up to 3 days per week for 1.5 hours per day, to be paid with ESSER III funds.

**PK12 Resolutions**

Approval of Admin PK12 resolutions #1-17 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, Ms. Hayes, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Doherty.

1. 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 March 2022.
2. Curricular Assistance: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves extra hours for the following staff members to complete lesson plans, update gradebooks, and provide instructional materials and student feedback in the math department at Boonton High School, at a rate of \$35 per hour from March 21 – April 21, 2022.

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Course(s)</u>	<u>Total # Hours</u>
Alyssa DeOrio	1 course - Pre-Algebra	Up to 9 hours
Evan Levy	2 courses - Algebra I CP	Up to 18 hours
Samantha Pino	1course - Geometry	Up to 9 hours
Stephen Young	1 course – Math Strategies	Up to 9 hours

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>
Grade 12 CBI	Dave & Busters, Willowbrook, Turtle Back Zoo
Grades 9-12	Jorge’s Dance Studio

4. Ratified Agreement Between the Boonton Board of Education and the Boonton Administrators’ Association: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the ratified agreement between the Boonton Board of Education and the Boonton Administrators’ Association covering the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025.
5. Weightlifting Supervisor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Bryan Gallagher as Weightlifting Supervisor at Boonton High School for the Winter 2021 and Spring 2022 coaching seasons at a total stipend rate of \$1600 (2/3 of total \$2400 stipend).
6. Appointment of Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Jordan Goldson to the position of Special Education Teacher, Boonton High School, at a salary of \$79,569 (Step 11 MA/30), pro-rated from June 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 and further at a salary of \$79,875 (Step 11 MA/30) effective September 1, 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year.

7. School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report for the month of March 2022 for Boonton High School.

8. Vacation and Sick Day Payout: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a vacation and sick day payout for Roberto Bautista, Custodian, as follows:

Vacation Day Payout: 12 days @ \$154.75/day - \$1,857  
 Sick Day Payout: 27 days @ \$20/day - \$540

9. Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a leave of absence for Gerald Davidove, Boonton High School Paraprofessional, beginning May 16, 2022, utilizing 10 days of accumulated sick leave followed by an unpaid leave of absence through June 30, 2022.

10. Coaches: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following coaches and stipends for the 2022-2023 school year at Boonton High School::

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Step / Stipend</u>
Bryan Gallagher	Head Football Coach	4 / \$12,456
Peter Llana	Assistant Football Coach	4 / \$ 8,473
Ryan Connolly	Assistant Football Coach	4 / \$ 8,473
Peter Neinstadt	Assistant Football Coach	4 / \$ 8,473
Cynthia Tserkis	Head Field Hockey	4 / \$11,120
Tina Londino	Assistant Field Hockey	4 / \$ 7,437
Kristy Shovlowsky	Assistant Field Hockey	4 / \$ 7,437
Rebecca Dempster	Assistant Field Hockey	3 / \$ 6,182
Patrick Hancock	Head Cross Country	4 / \$ 6,949
James Nash	Head Boys Soccer	4 / \$11,120
Wayne Barreto	Assistant Boys Soccer	4 / \$ 7,437
Peter Nosal	Head Girls Soccer	4 / \$11,120
Jenna Irwin	Assistant Girls Soccer	4 / \$ 7,437
Kathleen Foley	Head Girls Tennis	4 / \$ 6,936
Jabari Jackson	Head Boys Basketball	2 / \$ 8,282
Gregory LaPointe	Assistant Boys Basketball	4 / \$ 7,528
Christopher Hurd	Assistant Boys Basketball	4 / \$ 7,528
Michael Carlin	Head Girls Basketball	4 / \$11,511
Brad Davidson	Assistant Girls Basketball	4 / \$ 7,528
Amanda Sheehan	Assistant Girls Basketball	4 / \$ 7,528
David Hughen	Head Wrestling	4 / \$11,511
Anthony Shovlowsky	Assistant Wrestling	4 / \$ 7,528
Alfred Bellini	Football Video	\$ 935

11. Staff for Crowd Control/Clock Operators/Announcing/Ticket Sales/Track Meet Events: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members and stipends for crowd control/clock operators/announcing/ ticket sales and track meets at events as required for the 2022-2023 school year:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Event(s)</u>
Christopher Hurd	Crowd Control / Clock Operator / Football Announcer
Tiffanie Henry	Crowd Control / Ticket Sales / Clock Operator
Olivia DiTrolio	Crowd Control / Ticket Sales
Gregory LaPointe	Crowd Control / Ticket Sales / Clock Operator
Daniel Montgomery	Crowd Control
Roxanne London	Crowd Control / Ticket Sales
Rosemarie Sullivan	Ticket Sales / Track Meet Attendant
Karen Bonanni	Ticket Sales
Patrise Danzi	Ticket Sales

<u>Event Description</u>	<u>Rates of Pay</u>
Crowd Control Varsity	\$50.00
Crowd Control JV	\$25.00
Crowd Control Freshman	\$25.00
Crowd Control John Hill School	\$25.00
Football Announcer	\$50.00
Ticket Sales	\$35.00 (half time) \$50 (full game)
Track Meet Event Attendants	\$52.00 (Single) \$82.50 (Double/Triple)
Clock Operator Varsity	\$50.00
Clock Operator JV	\$25.00
Clock Operator Freshman	\$25.00
Clock Operator John Hill School	\$25.00

12. District-Wide Volunteers: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following to serve as district-wide volunteers during the 2021-2022 school year:

Carlos Campanelli	Sediqa Sadiqi	Christopher DelGaizo
Kristen Emmel	Laylonnie Savage	

13. AP Hours: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves up to 13 total hours to Matthew Voswinkel (effective from 4/1/22) and Courtney Degro (effective from 4/11/22), for AP Calculus at a rate of \$30 per hour.
14. Wraparound Program Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Effective School Solutions to provide the Wraparound Program for School Street School, John Hill School and Boonton High School, for the 2022-2023 school year, at a cost not to exceed \$395,210.
15. Extracurricular Aide Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves up to 120 total hours for Sandy Seegers to assist and supervise Student State ID# 3101362241-LP, during practices/meets for the 2021-2022 track season, beginning 3/29/22, at a rate of \$27.99 per hour, and further approve Matthew Voswinkel to serve as the alternate, as needed, at a rate of \$27.99 per hour.

16. Revise Extracurricular Alternate Aide: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves up to revise the alternate aide previously approved on 9/27/21 to assist Student State ID# 5153109356-B, for the 2021-2022 track season, from Sandy Seegers to Julie Rienzi, as needed, at a rate of \$27.99 per hour.
17. After School Academic Support Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff for after school academic support at Boonton High School for two days per week, one hour per day from April 12, 2022 through June 9, 2022 at a rate of \$40 per hour, paid for with ESSER III funds and based on student enrollment:

Tiffanie Henry	Michael LaVaglio	Laurene Carey
Olivia DiTrollo	Barbara Gilbert	Karen Reich
Samantha Pino		

### **C. OPERATIONS**

Mr. Gardberg reported on the FY23 budget.

Approval of Operations resolutions #1-13 was moved by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Ms. Hayes. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Dr. Davis, Mr. Ezzi, Ms. Hayes, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Doherty.

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.
 

\$462,608.49	4/11/2022 (machine checks)
\$51,224.24	4/11/2022 (ACH General)
\$24,919.57	4/11/2022 (ACH Cafeteria)
\$2,950,495.21	3/01 -- 3/31/2022 (electronic checks, including payroll)
2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending 3/31/2022.
3. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer: The Board approves reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending 3/31/2022.
4. Payroll Expenses: The Board approves the following payroll expenses.
 

\$956,650.28	3/15/2021
\$1,002,356.45	3/30/2021
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
Melissa Bialick	5/4/2022	Beyond Bias: Talking About Race (virtual)	N/A
Melissa Bialick	5/6/2022	NJASP Spring Conference (virtual)	\$195.00
Melissa Bialick	5/19/2022	Trauma Sensitive Schools (virtual)	N/A
Steven Gardberg	6/7 – 6/10/2022	NJASBO Annual Conference Atlantic City, N.J.	\$961.15

6. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 4/11/2022 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
2203-0013	BHS Baseball Boosters: Team Dinner BHS Cafeteria Thu 3/31/22 (5:30 – 7:00 PM)
2203-0014	BHS Boys LAX: Kickoff Dinner BHS Cafeteria Tue 3/29/22 (4:30 – 8:30 PM)
2203-0015	Boonton Hills & Valley LAX BHS Turf Sat 4/9/22 (2:30 – 4:00 PM)
2204-0000	Boonton Parks & Recreation: Soccer Camp BHS Varsity Field Mon – Fri 6/27-7/1/2022 (5:00 – 8:00 PM)
2204-0001	BHS Class of '72: Reunion BHS Cafeteria Sun 10/16/2022 (11:00 AM – 3:00 PM)
2204-0002	Heart, Hustle, Hockey: Field Hockey Camp BHS Turf Tue 7/5 - Fri 7/8/2022 (3:00 – 7:00 PM) Mon 7/11- Thu 7/14/2022 (3:00 – 7:00 PM)
2204-0003	Boonton PTA: Penny Wars SSS Multipurpose Room Mon - Fri 6/6 - 6/10/2022 (11:45 AM -1:15 PM)
2204-0004	Boonton PTA: Multicultural Night Volunteer Meeting JHS Cafeteria Thu 5/12/2022 (7:00-9:00 PM)
2204-0005	BHS Baseball Parents: Meeting BHS Classroom 14 Thu 4/14/2022 (7:00 – 8:00 PM)

7. Contract: The Board approves awarding the contract for security camera upgrades to Let's Think Wireless for \$10,632.60, per NASPO master contract #MNWNC-24 and NJ participating addendum #89980.



8. Contract: The Board approves awarding the contract for replacement windows in the John Hill School Annex to BRG Corporation for \$55,674, per Ed Data bid #10882, using PEA funds.
9. Submission of ESEA FY22 Grant: The Board approves the submission of the amended Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA aka ESSA) Grant Fiscal Year 2022, to include carry-over, in the following amounts.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Original</u>	<u>FY21 Carryover</u>	<u>Amended</u>
I-A	\$185,539	\$22,334	\$207,873
I SIA-A	12,400	0	12,400
II-A	32,873	11,459	44,332
III	16,385	3,542	19,927
III Immigrant	6,159	1,001	7,160
<u>IV-A</u>	<u>14,549</u>	<u>1,932</u>	<u>16,481</u>
Total	\$267,905	\$40,268	\$308,173

10. ARP-HCY II Funding: The Board approves submission of the application for the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Fund – Homeless Children and Youths (ARP-HCY II) to the NJ Department of Education in the amount of \$5,609.
11. Menu Price Lists for 2022-2023 School Year: The Board approves the meal and a la carte price lists for the 2022-2023 school year, as per the attached.
12. Appointment of Auditor: The Board approves the appointment of Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, LLC as School District Auditor for the 2022-2023 school year, and to perform the annual school district audit for the 2021-2022 school year at a fee of \$27,600. Additional fees include \$1,500 each for services in connection with GASB Statement No.68 and No.75, and hourly rates as per the agreement to analyze the ASSA and DRTRS and additional services.
13. Comprehensive Equity Plan Statement of Assurance: The Board approves submission of the Comprehensive Equity Plan Statement of Assurance for 2022-2023 to the NJ Department of Education.

#### **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: JHS #16-18.

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

#### **F. OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no motions to move.

**REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES**

1. HS Committee by Mrs. Doherty: Meeting on Thursday
2. Curriculum by Mrs. Katsakos: Meeting moved to May 17
3. PR/Communications by Mrs. Hayes: None
4. Communications/Legislation by Mrs. LeFebvre: None
5. ESC by Mrs. LeFebvre: signed contract to sell building
6. MCSBA by Mrs. Darling: meeting last week; June 15 elections; workshop registration; next meeting in June
7. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: Delegate Assembly in person; leadership training on June 3-5

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

Steve Bossen, Boonton: When is the district publishing curriculum for Grade 11-12 health?

**OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion at 8:46 pm by Mr. Cartelli and seconded by Mr. Ezzi, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg  
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: