

## **BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION**

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

April 25, 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 25, 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 25, 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, Mr. Bob Ezzi, Ms. Natavia Hayes, Mr. Patrick Joyce, Mrs. Loren Katsakos, Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Absent were Mr. Chris Cartelli, Dr. Crystal Davis, Mrs. Elaine Doherty, Mrs. Sandra Vucenovic.

Also present was Mr. Steven Gardberg, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion at 7:31 pm by Mr. Joyce and seconded by Mr. Ezzi, 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 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 8:02 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Three members of the public were present.

### **ORDER OF THE DAY**

A motion was made by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Ezzi 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: Pep Rally; softball and games; Spring book fair; selling lollipops for Ukraine.
2. Boonton High School by Batisse Manhardt, SRA President: Lip Sync battle; Spike ball tournament; Senior field day; next representative; AP tests.
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8 by Steve Bossen: Book Fairs, JHS-April 25-29 and SSS-May 2-6; Fun and Run Walk April 29; 8th Grade graduation signs; Staff Appreciation Week May 2-6; Spring Fling Dances, May 6 for JHS Grades 3-8, May 13 for SSS PreK-2; Cliff Wright's Dancing with the Honeybees Assembly May 13 for K-2; Multicultural Festival May 26; Fundraisers: flocking, Box Tops; Election pushed to June.
4. Home School Association 9-12: Looking for new leadership
5. Town Council by John Meehan: None

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

### **SUPERINTENDENT**

None

## **ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION**

### **A. Minutes**

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

1. Regular and Executive session: April 11, 2022

### **B. ADMINISTRATION**

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-4 and PK12 resolutions #1-10 was moved by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mrs. Darling. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mrs. Darling, Mr. Ezzi, Ms. Hayes, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Dr. Davis, Mrs. Doherty.

### **PK8 Resolutions**

1. Reappointments of K-8 Tenured Certified Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the reappointments of K-8 tenured certified staff, for the 2022-2023 school year, based upon 2021-2022 assignments, in accordance with the Agreement Between the Board of Education and the Boonton Education Association. Professional assignments may move based on administrative action within the parameters of the negotiated agreement. Steps and salaries are on file at the Board of Education Office.

K-8 Tenured Certified Staff for 2022-2023

Aquino, Michael	Gleeson, Deborah	Paulozzo, Tracy
Bariso, Lynn	Greenberg, Kaitlin	Pereira, Vicky
Barrientos, Sheila	Groeneveld, Kristin	Perez, Natalie
Bartell, Michele	Guenther, Mary	Petrella, Elise
Baseil, Laura	Haight, Carol	Pollina, Nicole
Brady, Heidi	Halliwell, Lindsay	Pourki-Deak, Neda
Bridi, Jennifer	Harbeson, Jesica	Robinson, Gerald
Bruseo, Catherine	Houser, Kristen	Rodrigues, Teresa
Bulkeley, Amanda	Hughen, Bevin	Sabatino, Zachary
Chauhan, Janet	Irwin, Jenna	Sacco, Krystle
Chin, Melanie	Jones-Cassino, Pamela	Sayle, Marianne
Chiodo, Paul	Kelly, Julie	Schreiber, Laura
Christian, Ellen	Kiernan, Lorraine	Sheehan, Amanda
Col-Spector, Tracy	Kovall, Karen	Shiels, Kelli
Coleman, Jennifer	Laderach, Natasha	Smith, Amy
Comer, Marybeth	Maier, Christine	Smulewicz, Michael
Crithary, Jennifer	Manca, Yvonne	Sudak, Danielle
Cunningham, Elisabeth	McCue, Jamie	Sudak, Laura
Davidson, Robert	Melione, Diana	Theiller, Judith
Davis, Dina	Nguyen, Elizabeth	Tserkis-Schlitt, Cynthia
DeCotiis, Toni	Norton, Michael	Viggiano, Susan
Diaz, Joseph	Nosal, Peter	Viruet, Gina
DiNapoli, Meg	O'Dell, Terence	Wasserman, Valerie
Giannotti, Lorraine		Wieland, Su
		Wolk, Rachel

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2. Reappointment of PreK-8 Tenured Administrators: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the reappointment of the following PreK-8 tenured administrators in accordance with the Agreement Between the Boonton Administrators' Association and the Boonton Board of Education for the 2022-2023 school year. Salaries are on file at the Board of Education Office.

Sara Brogan

Thomas Valle

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3. Revise Leave of Absence Return Date for Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to revise the leave of absence return date for Kaitlin Greenberg, Elementary Teacher, School Street School, previously approved on March 28, 2022 through June 30, 2022 to extend through the last day of marking period II in the 2022-2023 school year.
4. Revise Leave of Absence Return Date for Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to revise the leave of absence return date for Susan Viggiano, Elementary Social Studies Teacher, John Hill School, previously approved on November 22, 2021 through June 30, 2022, to extend through January 1, 2023.

**PK12 Resolutions**

1. Reappointments of K-12 Tenured Certified Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the reappointments of K-12 tenured certified staff, for the 2022-2023 school year, based upon 2021-2022 assignments, in accordance with the Agreement Between the Board of Education and the Boonton Education Association. Professional assignments may move based on administrative action within the parameters of the negotiated agreement. Steps and salaries are on file at the Board of Education Office.

9-12 Tenured Certified Staff for 2022-2023

Bahl, Nupur	Gallagher, Bryan	Matarazzo, Daniel
Barreto, Wayne	Galle-Carey, Laurene	Mauriello, Linda
Bellini, Alfred	Gatti, John	McBride, Michelle
Bialick, Melissa	Gilbert, Barbara	Nash, James
Birchler, Leah	Glaser, Jillian*	Oliveri, Jody
Braner, Lisa	Goodell, Aaron	Podwoski, Matthew
Buck, Christina	Greene, Sandra	Reich, Karen
Callahan, Diana	Haddad, Edward	Ren, Ken
Cornell, Vicki	Hancock, Patrick	Schwalb, Robin
Cumbo, John	Hebert, Dawn	Shan, Roger*
Davis, Robert	Hurd, Christopher	Shera Courtenay
Degro, Courtney	LaPlaca, Marissa	Tambakis, Jennifer
Engelberger, Devon	Levy, Evan	Tucci, Marcia
Faessinger, Colleen	LoGiudice, Vincenzo	Voswinkel, Matthew
Foley, Kathleen	Mafaro, Jason	Young, Stephen
	Masters, Alan	Zwain, Jodi

\*To be paid with Title I Funds

2. Reappointments of 9-12 Tenured Administrators: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the reappointments of the following 9-12 tenured administrators in accordance with the Agreement Between the Boonton Administrators’ Association and the Boonton Board of Education for the 2022-2023 school year. Salaries are on file at the Board of Education Office.

Debra Ballway	Edward Forman	David Huguen
Jason Klebez	Rebecca Kipp-Newbold	

3. Reappointment of District-Wide Tenured Administrator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the reappointment of Judy Sorochny, district-wide tenured administrator, for the 2022-2023 school year: Salary is on file at the Board of Education Office.
4. Addition to Substitute List: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Kelsey Sirica as a substitute teacher/aide for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.

5. 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:

Sandy Seegers	Matthew Voswinkel
Raul Aguilar	Christina Buck

6. Staff for Ticket Sales/Track Meet Events: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members for ticket sales and track meet events at events as required for the 2022-2023 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Event(s)</u>
Michele Wolchesky	Ticket Sales
Patrise Danzi	Track Meet Attendant
Christopher Hurd	Track Meet Attendant

7. Academy Job Descriptions: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the job descriptions for the following Academies at Boonton High School:

Business Academy Coordinator  
 Criminal Justice Academy Coordinator  
 Teaching and Learning Academy Coordinator  
 STEM Academy Coordinator

8. 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:

Lindsay Bouroult	Eric Shollenberger	Leah Coyle
Melissa Gross	Elizabeth Ganley	Matt Bouroult

9. ESY Special Education Summer Program Supervisor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Jennifer Coleman as the Program Supervisor for the 2022 ESY Special Education Summer Program from June 27, 2022 – July 29, 2022 (Mondays – Fridays, excluding July 4<sup>th</sup>) at a stipend rate of \$7,590.00.

10. 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>
CBI (Community Based Instruction)	Home Depot, Dave & Busters

### **C. OPERATIONS**

Mrs. Darling reported on Budget, Capital Projects-bathrooms; PreK playgrounds; Annex windows; Vreeland and Lathrop.

Approval of Operations resolutions #1-8 was moved by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Ezzi. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mrs. Darling, Mr. Ezzi, Ms. Hayes, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Dr. Davis, Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Vucenovic.

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

\$31,597.74	04/25/2022 (machine checks)
\$6,794.74	04/25/2022 (ACH General)

2. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 4/25/2022 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
2204-0006	BHS Wrestling Boosters – Summer Camp BHS Aux Gym Thursday & Friday 6/23 - 6/24/22 (2:00 – 5:30 PM)
2204-0007	Boonton PTA – Penny Wars JHS Cafeteria Monday - Friday 6/6 - 6/10/2022 (10:45 AM – 1:45 PM)
2204-0008	Boonton Hills & Valley LAX Grades 2-8 BHS Turf Saturdays 3/5 - 6/11/22 (12:00 – 4:00 PM)
2204-0009	Boonton Hills & Valley LAX Games BHS Turf Wednesdays 3/9 - 5/25/2022 (8:15 – 9:00 PM)
2204-0010	Boonton Hills & Valley LAX gr2-8 BHS Turf Various days 4/11 - 5/12/22 (7:35 – 9:35 PM)

3. 2022-2023 District Budget: The Board approves adoption of the 2022-2023 budget.

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
Budget	\$31,848,858	\$4,431,508	\$1,478,050	\$37,758,416
Tax Levy	20,946,479	0	1,100,011	22,046,490

4. Contract: The Board approves awarding contracts to CDW Government, per ESCNJ contract #18/19-03, for \$13,071.20 for Chromebooks.

5. Joint Transportation Agreement: The Board approves the agreement with the Educational Services Commission of Morris County for the 2022-2023 school year to transport public, nonpublic and special education pupils.

6. Donation: The Board accepts a donation of art supplies valued at \$3,902 from Veronica and Ed Jelic.
7. Professional Support/Non-Public Services Agreement: The Board approves the agreement with the Educational Services Commission of Morris County for the 2022-2023 school year for Professional Support, OT, PT, Speech services, and for non-public IDEA, Chapters 192/193 Textbook, Nursing and Technology aid services.
8. Tuition Rates: The Board approves the following tuition rates for the 2022-2023 school year.

Kindergarten	\$19,193	Multiple Disabilities	\$48,707
Grades 1-5	18,002	Learning Language Disabilities	79,437
Grades 6-8	16,584	Preschool Handicapped	82,588
Grades 9-12	18,563		

**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 #19.

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

**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: Next meeting May 17
3. PR/Communications by Mrs. Hayes: None
4. Communications/Legislation by Mrs. LeFebvre: NJSBA
5. ESC by Mrs. LeFebvre: Next meeting May 11
6. MCSBA by Mrs. Darling: None
7. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: Spring Symposium; May 13 Board of Directors; May 14 Delegate Assembly.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

Steve Bossen, Boonton: 1) District Policy 2464 for Gifted and Talented 2) Media report about Start Strong assessment given to incorrect students.

**OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

Mrs. Katsakos: May 1: Boonton Historical Society, Pathways to History

Mrs. LeFebvre: Superintendent evaluation

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion at 8:36 pm by Mr. Ezzi and seconded by Mr. Joyce, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg  
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: