

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

May 23, 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 May 23, 2022.

Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Board President, called the meeting to order, and Mr. Steven Gardberg, Board Secretary, read the following statement: This is the May 23, 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 7:31 pm by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Dr. Davis, 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. Darling and seconded by Mr. Ezzi, 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 10 members of the public were in attendance, as well as the administrators Louis Castano, Alison Schessler, Judy Sorochnykyj .

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

Religious holidays on district calendar.

LIAISON REPORTS

1. John Hill School: None
2. Boonton High School: None
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8 by Nicole Cechony: Grant money for assemblies; JHS graduate signs; Field trip bussing -subsidies -Field trip enhancements; May 26 Multicultural Festival at 5:30; BMX stunt show assembly; Fundraiser: Penny Wars, Flocking, Box Tops; Fire and Ice Show; Haiku assemblies; June 14 PTA meeting; Quiver farms.
4. Home School Association 9-12: None
5. Town Council: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Presuto commented on Conquer Mathematics; MS Leadership Award Dinner: Josie Myers was the winner; HS Valedictorian and Salutatorian dinner.

Presentation on Conquer Mathematics: Louis Castano, Gina Viruet, Michael Smulewicz, Sandra Greene.

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: May 9, 2022

B. ADMINISTRATION

PK8 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK8 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, Ms. Hayes, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Doherty.

1. Substitute Support Staff for Afternoon Enrichment Academy: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves Charles Henschel as Substitute Support Staff for the Afternoon Enrichment Academy at John Hill School from June 27, 2022 through

July 29, 2022 (excluding July 4th), for 4.25 hours per day, at a rate of \$21 per hour plus 4 hours for orientation.

2. Revise Employment Contract for Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves to revise the employment contract for Valerie Wasserman, John Hill School Speech Language Specialist, from 49.66% to 69.09% of Step 17 MA (\$64,789) effective September 1, 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year.

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>
PreK	Roma Pizzeria
Kindergarten	Boonton Holmes Library
Grades K-2	BHS Concession Stand – Football Field
Grade 3	Boonton High School
Grade 4	Boonton Historical Society
Grades 3-5	Curly's
Grade 6	Boonton Library / Roma Pizzeria
Grade 7	Boonton Lanes

4. Staff for Attendance Hours: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Rachael Biago for two hours per day at John Hill School for attendance at an hourly rate of \$28.26 (Step 2), effective September 1, 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year.

5. Teacher for Parent and Child Title I Nights for PreK-5 Families: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Jillian Catlett for Parent and Child Title I Nights for PreK-5 Families, at a rate of \$40 per hour, for up to 4 hours per night, during the 2021-2022 school year for planning and presentation of program, based on enrollment.

6. Social Worker Internship: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a social worker internship for Meghan Reilly Colonna, University of Central Florida, from August 2022 – August 2023, pending receipt of substitute certificate, at John Hill School, under the supervision of Jennifer Coleman.

7. Job Description: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Job Description for Elementary Art / Gifted and Talented Teacher.

8. Leave of Absence for Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a leave of absence request from Laura Schreiber, Elementary Teacher John Hill School from September 1, 2022 through February 2, 2023, utilizing 19 days of accumulated sick days followed by an unpaid leave of absence.

9. Terminate Employment of Non-Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to terminate the employment for Staff Member #1090, effective June 30, 2022.

PK12 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK12 resolutions #1-13 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. Appointment of Certified Staff Members: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves the appointment of the following certified staff members at Boonton High School effective September 1, 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year:

Rachel Olivo to the position of Social Studies Teacher, at a salary of \$59,000 (Step 1 BA), and
Kate Brennan to the position of ELA Teacher at a salary of \$93,775 (Step 17 MA)

- 2. Acceptance of Letter of Resignation from Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Tyler Miller, Boonton High School Business Education Teacher, effective June 30, 2022.
- 3. Acceptance of Letter of Resignation from Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Raul Aguilar, Spanish Teacher, Boonton High School, effective June 30, 2022.
- 4. Rescind Appointment: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves to rescind the appointment of Michael Ruth, Network Technician previously approved on May 9, 2022, effective May 23, 2022.
- 5. 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>
Grades 9-12	Tourne Park
Grade 12	The Met Cloisters, New York

- 6. District Mentoring for Quality Induction Program Plan: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves the Boonton Public School District Mentoring for Quality Induction Program Plan for years 2022-2025.
- 7. Summer Substitute Secretaries: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following substitute secretaries at a rate of \$95 per day during the summer of 2022:

Claire Zarzecki	Rachael Biago	Doris Yanez
Bridget Burke Weiss	Nathalie Fominaya	Elisabeth Cunningham
Janet Long	Deb Salemi	Nancy Questa
Doreen Ohlott	Susan Chara	

8. Summer Hours for Bus Drivers: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves summer transportation hours, as required, during the summer of 2022 for the following staff, at their contracted hourly rates:

Wendy Wolgast

Agustina Perman

Karina Avilez

9. Revise Rate for ESY Speech Therapist: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to revise the rate for Valerie Wasserman, ESY Speech Therapist, previously approved on May 9, 2022, from up to 50 hours not to exceed \$1,606 to up to 50 hours, at contractual hourly rate, not to exceed \$3,233.50, due to percentage increase in contract.

10. 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:

Abolish the one BHS Anti-Bullying coordinator and associated rate and replace with (2) BHS Anti-Bullying Coordinators at the compensation rate for each as follows:

2021-2022	N/A
2022-2023	\$1524
2023-2024	\$1539

11. Aide for Out-of-District Bus: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Maureen Cosentino as the aide to ride the bus with out-of-district special education students, to and from school for up to 4 hours per day, from July 5, 2022 – August 1, 2022 at a rate of \$28.72 per hour.
12. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 6100984208-B, for 3 subjects, beginning May 3, 2022, with instruction to be provided by Educere at a rate of \$29 per day per subject.
13. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 6342258696-LP, for up to 6 hours per week, beginning May 10, 2022, with instruction to be provided by approved home instructors at a rate of \$40 per hour.

C. OPERATIONS

Mr. Gardberg commented on BHS bathrooms, PreK playgrounds, RFP for Food Service Management Company.

Approval of Operations resolutions #1-10 was moved by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos. 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.
 \$628,511.89 5/23/2022 (machine checks)
 \$65,233.90 5/23/2022 (ACH General)
 \$48,139.83 5/23/2022 (ACH Cafeteria)
 \$2,978,600.00 4/01 – 4/30/2022 (electronic checks, including payroll)
2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending 4/30/2022.
3. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer: The Board approves reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending 4/30/2022.
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
Vicki Cornell	5/13/2022	NJ Computer Science Summit Piscataway, NJ	\$26.60
Kelly Mabin	6/27 – 6/29/2022	AVID Summer Institute Seattle, Washington	\$2,668.98
Bryan Gallagher	5/19/2022	NJSFC Meeting	\$0
Daniel Matarazzo	5/19/2022	CCM Engineering E3 Day Randolph, NJ	\$0

5. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 05/22/2022 to organizations, provided all required documents are submitted. District teams have priority. No activities on days that 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
2205-0000	OLMC: Picnic SSS Multipurpose Room, Field, Parking Lot Sunday 7/17/22 (9:00 AM – 6:00 PM)
2205-0001	School St School: Title I Family Night SSS Multipurpose Room Monday 5/23/22 (5:00-8:00 PM)
2205-0002	Town of Boonton: Fire Department Anniversary Celebration Boonton High School Practice Football Fields to Tennis Ct, including Parking lots Thursday 8/25 - Thursday 9/8/22 Set up- Clean up

6. Contract: The Board approves awarding the contract for replacement windows in the John Hill School Annex to BRG Corporation for \$61,860, per Ed Data bid #10882, using PEA funds.

7. Agreement: The Board approves to renew an agreement with Saint Clare’s Behavioral Health, Denville, NJ, for back-to-school evaluations at \$250 each for the 2022-2023 School Year.
8. Tax Levy Payment Schedule 2022-2023: The approves this schedule with the Town of Boonton.

Month	Gen Fund	Debt Svc	TOTAL
Jul-22	\$1,745,539.92	\$279,025.00	\$2,024,564.92
Aug-22	1,745,539.92		1,745,539.92
Sep-22	1,745,539.92		1,745,539.92
Oct-22	1,745,539.92		1,745,539.92
Nov-22	1,745,539.92		1,745,539.92
Dec-22	1,745,539.92		1,745,539.92
Jan-23	1,745,539.92	820,986.00	2,566,525.92
Feb-23	1,745,539.92		1,745,539.92
Mar-23	1,745,539.92		1,745,539.92
Apr-23	1,745,539.92		1,745,539.92
May-23	1,745,539.92		1,745,539.92
Jun-23	1,745,539.92		1,745,539.92
	\$20,946,479.00	\$1,100,011.00	\$22,046,490.00

9. Health Service Insurance Provider Agreement: The Board approves the renewal of health service insurance agreement with Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Jersey, with a 0% increase from current rates, effective 7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023.
10. Dental Insurance Provider Agreement: The Board approves the renewal of dental insurance agreement with Delta Dental, with a 0% increase from current rates, effective 7/1/2022 - 6/30/2023.

D. POLICY

Approval of Policy resolutions #1-13 was moved by Mr. Cartelli 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. Final Reading of Policy #1648.15 – Recordkeeping for Healthcare Settings in School Buildings: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of Policy #1648.15 – Recordkeeping for Healthcare Settings in School Buildings, as per the attached.
2. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #2415.04 – Title I District-Wide Parent and Family Engagement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #2415.04 – Title I District-Wide Parent and Family Engagement, as per the attached.

3. Final Reading of Policy #2415.50 – Title I – School Parent and Family Engagement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of Policy #2415.50 – Title I – School Parent and Family Engagement, as per the attached.
4. Final Reading of Policy #2416.01 – Postnatal Accommodations for Students: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of Policy #2416.01 – Postnatal Accommodations for Students, as per the attached.
5. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #2417 – Student Intervention and Referral Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #2417 - Student Intervention and Referral Services, as per the attached.
6. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #2461 – Special Education/Receiving Schools: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #2461 – Special Education/Receiving Schools, as per the attached.
7. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #3161 – Examination for Cause: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #3161 – Examination for Cause, as per the attached.
8. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #4161 – Examination for Cause: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #4161 – Examination for Cause, as per the attached.
9. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #5512 – Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #5512 – Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying, as per the attached.
10. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy & Regulation # 7410 – Maintenance and Repair: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy & Regulation #7410 – Maintenance and Repair, as per the attached.
11. Final Reading of Revisions to Regulation #7410.01 – Facilities, Maintenance, Repair Scheduling, and Accounting: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Regulation #7410.01 – Facilities, Maintenance Repair Scheduling, and Accounting, as per the attached.
12. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #8420 – Emergency and Crisis Situations: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #8420 – Emergency and Crisis Situations, as per the attached.
13. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy & Regulation #9320 – Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy & Regulation #9320- Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies, as per the attached.

E. DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT

On a motion by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mrs. Darling, the Board approved by roll call to affirm the findings and recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying complaints: BHS #13 and JHS #20-24.

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.

F. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no motions to move.

REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1. HS Committee by Mrs. Doherty: Next meeting May 31
2. Curriculum by Mrs. Katsakos: Next meeting June 1
3. PR/Communications by Mrs. Hayes: None
4. Communications/Legislation by Mrs. LeFebvre: Possible adjustment to licensing for drivers
5. ESC by Mrs. LeFebvre: closed on sale of building
6. MCSBA by Mrs. Darling: Next meeting June 16
7. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: New Executive Director is the county ECBO; Leadership Conference is being postponed; USED workshop about SpEd instruction.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

- Steve Bossen, Boonton: Take Flight
- Aneela Awan, Boonton: Raise awareness Re: Eid
- Louis Castano, Boonton: Gateway senior thesis presentations on May 25

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Superintendent evaluation

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 8:57 pm by Mr. Cartelli and seconded by Mr. Joyce, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: