

## **BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION**

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

July 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 July 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 July 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, Dr. Crystal Davis, Mrs. Elaine Doherty (arrived at 7:35), Mr. Bob Ezzi, Ms. Natavia Hayes, Mr. Patrick Joyce, Mrs. Loren Katsakos, Mrs. Irene LeFebvre. Absent were Mr. Chris Cartelli, Mrs. Sandra Vucenovic.

Also present were Mr. Thomas Valle, Superintendent and Mr. Steven Gardberg, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion at 7:35 pm by Mr. Joyce 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 7:57 pm by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mrs. Darling, all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session. Mrs. Doherty left the meeting.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 2 members of the public were in attendance. No Administrators were present.

### **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**

None

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

1. John Hill School: None
2. Boonton High School: None
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8 : None
4. Home School Association 9-12: None
5. Town Council by John Meehan: None

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Steve Bossen, Boonton, asked about Regulation 3220 and 5513, PreK-8 resolution #9 and PreK-12 resolutions #12-13, and Mr. Valle responded.

## **SUPERINTENDENT**

Mr. Valle said Thank you for helping with the transition. Also commented on Administrator's retreat-police joined; AVID training this week; District website; social media presence; School safety specialist training; Boonton Bomber bulletin.

## **ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION**

### **A. Minutes**

Approval of minutes from previous meetings was moved by Mr. Ezzi, seconded by Mrs. Darling, and approved on roll call. YES: Mrs. Darling, Dr. Davis, Mr. Ezzi, Ms. Hayes (7/18 minutes), Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Ms. Hayes (7/11 minutes). ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Vucenovic.

1. Regular and Executive session: July 11, 2022, and July 18, 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: Mrs. Darling, Dr. Davis, Mr. Ezzi, Ms. Hayes, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Doherty.

1. Appointment of Long-Term Leave Replacement Elementary Teacher: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Olivia Shiel as the Long-Term Leave Replacement Elementary Teacher, John Hill School, at a salary of \$61,000 (Step 1 BA+15), prorated from September 1, 2022 through February 2, 2023.
2. Appointment of Paraprofessional: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Debora Acevedo to the position of Preschool Paraprofessional, John Hill School, at a salary \$36,996 (Step 4), effective September 1, 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year.
3. Resignation of Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Brad Davidson, John Hill School Boys Soccer Coach, for the 2022-2023 school year.

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

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Devon Engelberger	Cross Country	\$4,550
Renee Rivera	Softball	\$4,550

5. Curriculum Writers: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members for a combined total of 110 hours of curriculum writing for TAKE Flight units:

Marybeth Comer      Julie Rogers      Michael Smulewicz      Cindy Tserkis

6. Revise Summer Academic Program Supervisor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves to revise the Summer Academic Program Supervisor previously approved on March 14, 2022 as follows:

Peter Nosal to serve as Program Supervisor through July 18, 2022 at a total stipend of \$1,500 and appoint Alan Masters as the Program Supervisor at a stipend of \$1,500 from July 18 through August 2022.

7. New Jersey Child Assault Prevention Application: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves the New Jersey Child Assault Prevention (NJCAP) Application, to help cover the PE/Health standards, for School Street School and John Hill School for the 2022-2023 school year.

8. Itinerant Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Lake Drive School to provide Itinerant Services for Student State ID#6590698493, 1 time per month at a rate of \$170 per session, during the 2022-2023 school year (dates to be determined), not to exceed \$1700.

9. Extracurricular Aide Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves up to 100 total hours for Lorraine Kiernan to assist and supervise Student State ID# 7420683566-B, for the 2022-2023 Girls Soccer Season, at a rate of \$28.72 per hour, pending student clearance and participation, and further approve Lauren Giammaria to serve as the alternate, as needed, at a rate of \$28.72 per hour

### **PK12 Resolutions**

Approval of Admin PK12 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, Mr. Ezzi, Ms. Hayes, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Vucenovic.

- 1 Vacation Day Payout: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a vacation day payout for Robert Presuto in the amount of \$5,268.85 (7 days @ \$752.69 per day).

2. District-Wide Volunteers: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves the following to serve as district wide volunteers during the 2022-2023 school year:

Danielle Sudak

Mannal Ramadan

Susan Chara

3. Resignation of Coach Appointments: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board accepts letters of resignation from the following coaches at Boonton High School for the 2022-2023 school year:

Peter Nosal as Girls Head Soccer Coach, and  
Jenna Irwin as Assistant Girls Soccer Coach

4. Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves Jenna Irwin as Head Girls Soccer Coach at Boonton High School at a stipend rate of \$8,676 (Step 3) for the 2022-2023 school year.

5. Resignation of Advisor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Alan Masters from the following advisor positions at Boonton High School for the 2022-2023 school year:

Marching Band Director, Drama Music Director, Jazz Band Advisor

6. Resignation of Common Lunch Monitor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Alan Masters, Common Lunch Monitor, Boonton High School, for the 2022-2023 school year.

7. Resignation of Criminal Justice Academy Coordinator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Alan Masters, Criminal Justice Academy Coordinator, Boonton High School, for the 2022-2023 school year.

8. Resignation of Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Patrick Hancock, Special Education Teacher, Boonton High School, effective July 21, 2022.

9. Appointment of Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves the appointment of Dennis Johnson to the position of Music Teacher, Boonton High School, at a salary of \$86,025 (Step 15 MA) effective September 1, 2022 or soon after dependent on release date from current district, through June 30, 2023.

10. Establish Special Education Program at Boonton High School: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to establish a Learning/Language Disabilities Mild to Moderate Special Education Program at Boonton High School for students in need of a less restrictive environment than is currently available for the 2022-2023 school year.

11. Revise Job Description: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves to revise the job description for Vice Principal.
12. Extracurricular Aide Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves up to 100 total hours for Clare Zarzecki to assist and supervise Student State ID# 5153109356-B, for the 2022-2023 Boys Soccer Season, at a rate of \$28.72 per hour, pending student clearance and participation, and further that Kathy Post serve as alternate, as needed, at a rate of \$28.72 per hour.
13. Extracurricular Aide Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves up to 100 total hours for Matthew Voswinkel to assist and supervise Student State ID# 3101362241-LP, for the 2022-2023 Girls Tennis Season, at a rate of \$28.72 per hour, pending student clearance and participation.
14. Revise Out-of-District Placement Rates: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following revised out-of-district placement rates previously approved on June 13, 2022 for the 2022 Extended School Year Program and 2022-2023 school year:

ECLC - Chatham

Student State ID# 9460157166-B  
 2022 ESY Summer Program and 2022-2023 school year  
 Tuition - **\$353.22/day** (200 days)  
 1:1 aide - \$245/day (200 days)

Student State ID# 3696942131-B  
 2022 ESY Summer Program and 2022-2023 school year  
 Tuition - **\$353.22/day** (200 days)

15. Transition Program: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Student State ID# 5153109356-B, to attend the Center for Workforce Development at County College of Morris. This program runs 1 day per week (14 sessions) from September.

**C. OPERATIONS**

Mr. Gardberg commented on capital projects and the FY0222 audit, and Mrs. Darling commented on facility usage.

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

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.
 

\$5,487.09	7/14/2022 (ACH General )
\$25,152.43	7/14/2022 (Check Journal)
\$67,053.61	7/15/2022 (check Journal)
\$3,648,731.91	6/01 -- 6/30/2022 (electronic checks, including payroll)

2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending 6/30/2022.
3. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer: The Board approves reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending 6/30/2022.
4. Professional Development: The Board approves these professional development expenses, in accordance with OMB Guidelines, State travel regulations and/or employee contracts.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Date (s)</b>	<b>Workshop / Conference</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Roger Shan	7/18/22-7/22/22	AP Statistics For the New AP Teacher Watertown, Connecticut	\$1,050.00
Petra Wiche-Lieberman	8/3/22	Handle With Care Jersey City, NJ	\$495.86
Andrea Villegas	9/26/22-9/30/22	Comprehensive Orton Plus Training-Virtual	\$1,275.00
Jennifer Bridi	9/26/22-9/30/22	Comprehensive Orton Plus Training-Virtual	\$1,275.00
Halli Goldsmith	9/26/22-9/30/22	Comprehensive Orton Plus Training-Virtual	\$1,275.00
Jenna Irwin	9/26/22-9/30/22	Comprehensive Orton Plus Training-Virtual	\$1,275.00
Elizabeth Nguyen	9/26/22-9/30/22	Comprehensive Orton Plus Training-Virtual	\$1,275.00
Su Wieland	9/26/22-9/30/22	Comprehensive Orton Plus Training-Virtual	\$1,275.00
Maribel Martinez	7/26/2022	Legal One Compensatory Supervisors in Special Education	\$100.00
Sandra D. Harmon	7/25/2022-7/27/2022	Avid Pathway Training Baltimore, Maryland	\$1,581.50
Thomas Valle	8/8/2022-8/11/2022	School Safety Specialist Training Burlington Twp. High School	\$205.24
James Nash	7/25/2022-7/27/2022	Avid Pathway Training Baltimore, Maryland	\$1,581.50

5. Contract: The Board approves a one-year renewal for the 2022-2023 school year of the contract with Realtime Information Technology for \$42,027.12, per NJSA 18A:18A-5(a)(19).
6. Contract: The Board approves awarding a contract to CDW Government, per ESCNJ contract #18/19-03, for \$68,552.68 for Chromebooks.

**D. POLICY**

Approval of Policy resolutions #1-11 was moved by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mrs. Darling. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mrs. Darling, Dr. Davis, Mr. Ezzi, Ms. Hayes, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Vucenovic.

1. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #0143.2 – High School Student Representative to the Board of Education: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #0143.2 – High School Student Representative to the Board of Education, as per the attached.
2. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #0163 – Quorum: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #0163 – Quorum, as per the attached.
3. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #1511 – Board of Education Website Accessibility: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #1511 – Board of Education Website Accessibility, as per the attached.
4. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #2415 – Every Student Succeeds Act: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #2415 – Every Student Succeeds Act, as per the attached.
5. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #3216 – Dress and Grooming: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #3216 – Dress and Grooming, as per the attached.
6. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #3270 – Professional Responsibilities: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #3270 – Professional Responsibilities, as per the attached.
7. Final Reading of Revisions to Regulation #3270 – Lesson Plans and Plan Books: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Regulation #3270 – Lesson Plans and Plan Books, as per the attached.
8. Final Reading of Policy #4216 – Dress and Grooming: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of Policy #4216 – Dress and Grooming, as per the attached.
9. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy & Regulation #5513 – Care of School Property: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy and Regulation #5513 – Care of School Property, as per the attached.
10. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #5517 – School District Issued Student Identification Cards: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy 5517 – School District Issued Student Identification Cards, as per the attached.
11. Final Reading of Policy #5722 – Student Journalism: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of Policy #5722 – Student Journalism, as per the attached.

### **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: JHS #29.

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

### **F. OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no resolutions to approve.

### **REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES**

1. HS Committee by Ms. Hayes: Meeting August 15 at 6pm
2. Curriculum by Mrs. Katsakos: August 9 meeting; goal to have Board approved by August 22; all students in PE and Driver's Ed-no health in the first marking period; Tonight approved application for NJCAP.
3. PR/Communications by Ms. Hayes: Brief meeting in August
4. Communications/Legislation by Mrs. LeFebvre: NJ healthcare premiums
5. ESC by Mrs. LeFebvre: None
6. MCSBA by Mrs. Darling: 2022-2023 dates out soon
7. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: working on workshop

### **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

Steve Bossen, Boonton: Thank you for update on curriculum; Please alert us when Atlas updates are posted; Policy on use of personal cell phones during school day? Mr. Valle responds that use must be with teacher permission.

### **OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

Mrs. LeFebvre: August meetings

### **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: