

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

August 8, 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 August 8, 2022.

Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Board President, called the meeting to order, and Mr. Steven Gardberg, Board Secretary, read the following statement: This is the August 8, 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, 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 7:30 pm by Mr. Joyce and seconded by Mrs. Doherty, 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. Doherty and seconded by Dr. Davis , all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 5 members of the public were in attendance, as well as the administrators Sara Brogan and Judy Sorochnykyj.

ORDER OF THE DAY

A motion was made by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Doherty to approve the order of the day. All present voted in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Gardberg: Thank you from the Recreation Department regarding summer camp.

LIAISON REPORTS

1. John Hill School by student representative: None
2. Boonton High School by SRA President: None
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8 by Nicole Cechony: 2022-2023 plans; Tricky Tray; Facility requests; Thank you to the Board for Social Media updates.
4. Home School Association 9-12: None
5. Town Council by John Meehan: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Valle said Twitter coming soon; class schedules; health protocols; Back to School nights; New staff orientation; parent and student orientations; Freshman orientation; PreK playdates.

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

1. Regular and Executive session: July 25, 2022

B. ADMINISTRATION

PK8 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-5 was moved by Dr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Darling. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mrs. Darling, Dr. Davis, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Ms. Hayes, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli.

1. Detention Monitors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff as Detention Monitors at John Hill School at a rate of \$26 per hour, for the 2022-2023 school year:

Bevin Hughen
Erika Faruolo
Amy Smith

Brad Davidson
Laura Affinito

Zachary Sabatino
Gregg LaPointe

2. Advisor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Erika Faruolo as the Forensics Club Advisor at John Hill School at a stipend of \$1,125 for the 2022-2023 school year.
3. Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Daniel Montgomery as the Boys Soccer Coach at John Hill School, at a stipend of \$4,550 for the 2022-2023 school year.
4. Revise Transportation Reimbursement Rate: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to revise the transportation reimbursement rate previously approved on 6/13/22 from \$.35 per mile to \$.47 per mile for the following:

Parent(s) of Student State ID#6871142752-B, for providing transportation to and from PG Chambers School in Cedar Knolls for the 2022 summer program and the 2022-2023 school year, to be paid based on student attendance, and

Parent(s) of Student State ID# 6993762811-B, for providing transportation to and from New Beginnings School in Fairfield for the 2022 summer program and the 2022-2023 school year, to be paid based on student attendance.
5. Appointment of Long-Term Leave Elementary Teacher: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Katelyn Barth to the position of Long Term Leave Elementary Teacher, John Hill School, at a salary of \$59,000 (Step 1 BA), effective September 1, 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year.

PK12 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK12 resolutions #1-11 was moved by Dr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Darling. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mrs. Darling, Dr. Davis, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Ms. Hayes, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Mr. Joyce (#5). ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Vucenovic.

1. Criminal Justice Academy Coordinator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Vincenzo LoGiudice as the Criminal Justice Academy Coordinator at Boonton High School, at a stipend of \$5,500 for the 2022-2023 school year
2. Common Lunch Monitor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Dennis Johnson as a Common Lunch Monitor at Boonton High School at a stipend of \$3,000 for the 2022-2023 school year.
3. Advisor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves the following advisor and stipends at Boonton High School for the 2022-2023 school year:

<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Dennis Johnson	Band Director	\$10,472
Dennis Johnson	Jazz Band	\$ 1,765
Dennis Johnson	Drama Music Director	\$ 1,865

4. Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves Lorraine Kiernan as Assistant Girls Soccer Coach at a stipend of \$4,751 (Step 1) at Boonton High School for the 2022-2023 school year.

5. 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:

Liana Morvillo	Nicole Cechony	Renee Caratozzolo
Matthew Benjamin	Kristin Enstrom	Johan Enstrom
Stephanie Lampe	Heather Wolfgang	Jan Michael Pfeil
Lauren Checke	Catherine McKenzie	Danielle Lobell
Tara Benjamin		

6. Appointment of Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves the appointment of Anne Roque to the position of Social Studies Teacher, Boonton High School at a salary of \$64,800 (Step 4 MA) effective September 1, 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year.

7. John Hill School Drill Report: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves John Hill School's Drill Report for the month of July 2022, while Extended School Year was in session.

8. Summer Days for Board Certified Behavior Analyst: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves up to 2 days for Petra Wiehe Lieberman during the summer of 2022, paid at the daily rate of 1/200th of their salary, as per the Negotiated Agreement.

9. Athletic Field Trips: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves the following athletic field trip destinations during the 2022-2023 school year:

Knights of Columbus (Boonton)
Hilton Garden Inn (Rockaway)
Casa Bianca Banquets & Catering (Oak Ridge)
Morris County Park, Tourne Park (Boonton)
Bally's Atlantic City Hotel & Casino - Caesars Entertainment (Atlantic City)
Jim Whelan Boardwalk Hall (Atlantic City)
Seton Hall University (South Orange)
Montclair State University (Montclair)
William Paterson University (Wayne)
Sussex Technical High School (Sparta Twp)
Randolph High School (Randolph)
Mount Olive High School (Flanders)
Newton High School (Newton)
Kittatinny Regional High School (Newton)

10. 6th Period Stipends for Certified Staff Members: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves 6th period stipends, in full or in part, for the

following Boonton High School staff for the 2022-2023 school year, as per the Agreement Between the BEA and the Board of Education:

The following will receive full 6th period stipends - \$5,500:

Bryan Gallagher	Devon Engelberger	Tina Londino
Kate Brennan	Michelle McBride	Jennifer Tambakis
Courtney Shera	Nupur Bahl	Laurene Carey
Marissa LaPlaca	John Sisto	Jody Oliveri
Alyssa DeOrio	Samantha Pino	Roger Shan
Sameera Hanafi	Dragana Vranesevic	Leonid Yuz
Olivia DiTrollo	Michael LaVaglio	Tiffanie Henry
Christopher Hurd	Vincenzo LoGiudice	Vicki Cornell
Dan Matarazzo	Sandra Greene	Jordan Goldson
John Gatti	Beth Forward	Tara Signorelli

The following will receive partial 6th period stipends in the amount of \$4,015 (73%)

Wayne Barreto	Dean Del Guercio	Wei Shi
Ken Ren	Matt Ross	

The following will receive partial 6th period stipends in the amount of \$2,750 (50%)

Kelly Mabin	James Nash
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The following will receive partial 6th period stipends in the amount of \$803 (14.6%)

Steve Barati	Jason Kaulfers
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11. Revise Job Descriptions: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves to revise the job descriptions for Principal and Vice Principal.

C. OPERATIONS

Mr. Gardberg commented on rooms and hallways; maintenance of Equity FY22 for \$363,309; ARP Grant for Bridges at BHS: \$30K; Facilities assessment and demographic study.

Approval of Operations resolutions #1-5 was moved by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Doherty. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mrs. Darling, Dr. Davis, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Ms. Hayes, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Vucenovic.

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

\$19,208.28	7/29/2022 (Check Journal)
\$891.59	7/29/2022 (ACH General)
\$36,243.79	7/29/2022 (ACH Cafeteria)
\$858,166.76	8/2/2022 (Check Journal)
\$44,206.60	8/2/2022 (ACH General)
\$314,860.05	8/8/2022 (Check Journal)
\$18,770.12	8/8/2022 (ACH General)
2. Payroll Expenses: The Board approves the following payroll expenses.

\$214,132.21	7/15/2022
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\$10,171.47 7/15/2022
 \$215,273.24 7/30/2022

3. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 08/08/2022 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
2206-0008	BHS Summer Girls Wrestling Camp BHS Aux Gym Monday 6/27/2022 (2:00 - 6:00 PM)
2207-0000	BHS Field Hockey Boosters: Uniform Distribution BHS Main Gym Monday 8/22/2022 (5:30 - 8:00 PM)
2207-0001	Trailblazers: Practice & Games BHS Turf & Concession Bathrooms Saturdays 9/10 - 11/5/2022 (12:30 - 4:15 PM)
2207-0002	Trailblazers: Practice & Games BHS Turf & Concession Bathrooms Wednesdays 9/21 & 9/28/2022 (7:15 - 9:00 PM)
2207-0003	Trailblazers: Practice & Games BHS Turf & Concession Bathrooms Thursdays 7/7 - 7/28/2022 (7:20 - 9:00 PM)
2207-0014	Preschool Playdate BHS Aux Gym / Preschool Playground Wednesday 8/3/2022 (4:00 - 6:00PM)
2207-0015	Preschool Playdate JHS Preschool Playground Wednesday 8/10/2022 (4:00 - 6:00PM)
2207-0016	Preschool Playdate SSS Field / Preschool Playground Tuesday 8/9/2022 (4:00 - 6:00PM)
2207-0017	Boonton PTA: Tricky Tray JHS Cafeteria, Gym, Lobby, Music Suite, Parking Lot, Friday 11/18/2022 (4:00 - 8:00 PM) Saturday 11/19/2022 (12:00 - 10:00 PM)

4. Professional Services: The Board approves the proposal from DiCara Rubino Architects for \$23,000 for a facilities assessment report and report, and to update the Long Range Facilities Plan.
5. Contract: The Board approves the proposal from Statistical Forecasting LLC for up to \$17,100 to perform a demographic study.

D. POLICY

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

1. First Reading of Revisions to Policy #0163 – Quorum: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of revisions to Policy #0163 – Quorum, as per the attached.

E. DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT

There were no resolutions to approve.

F. OTHER BUSINESS

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

1. Opposition to Proposed Increases to SEHPB: In response to rate changes of 14.9% and greater for medical and prescription drug coverage for the Active 2023 Local Education Employer Group, the Board (per the attached resolution) calls upon the School Employees Health Benefits Commission to reconsider the rate increase; urges the Legislature to expand the composition of the Commission and School Employees' Health Benefits Plan Design Committee; and urges the Legislature and executive branch to adopt legislation that will reverse any negative consequences of Chapter 44 and provide relief to those districts.

REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1. HS Committee by Mrs. Doherty: August 15 meeting
2. Curriculum by Mrs. Katsakos: August 9 meeting; fourth drop of curriculum
3. PR/Communications by Ms. Hayes: Meeting in August/September
4. Communications/Legislation by Mrs. LeFebvre: Resolution approved tonight
5. ESC by Mrs. LeFebvre: Meeting this week
6. MCSBA by Mrs. Darling: Planning(?)
7. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: Curriculum issues; SEHBP; workshop

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Bossen, Boonton: Demographic study; Mrs. LeFebvre and Mr. Gardberg respond
Jonathan Weininger, Boonton: Strategic Planning; Mrs. LeFebvre responds

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Mrs. Katsakos: Boonton Historical Society, fall schedule, volunteers; Christmas Parade

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 8:38 pm by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Doherty, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: