

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

August 22, 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 22, 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 22, 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. Robert 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. Thomas Valle, Superintendent and Mr. Steven Gardberg, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 7:31 pm by Mr. Cartelli 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 8:00 pm by Mr. Cartelli 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 8:01 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 5 members of the public were in attendance. Administrators Sara Brogan and Judy Sorochny were present.

ORDER OF THE DAY

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from auditor

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 (Mr. Gardberg read report): Staff Welcome Back Breakfast September 6; Meet and Greet September 9, JHS Upper Field; Table at Boonton Day; Tricky Tray November 19; Working on date for Meet the Candidates Night; CPR training course on September 29 at JHS.
4. Home School Association 9-12: Mrs. Jennifer Darling new board member
5. Town Council by John Meehan: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Valle commented on HIB self-assessment; Updated health practices; Thanks to custodial & maintenance staff; New staff orientation; Freshman orientation; Updating district website.

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

1. Regular and Executive session: August 8, 2022

B. ADMINISTRATION

PK8 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-11 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. School Street School and John Hill School Parent / Student Handbooks: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the School Street School and John Hill School Parent / Student Handbooks for the 2022-2023 school year.

2. Elementary Professional Development Plans: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Elementary Professional Development Plans for School Street School and John Hill School for the 2022-2023 school year.
3. Detention Monitor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Noah Zaki as a detention monitor at John Hill School at a rate of \$26 per hour, for the 2022-2023 school year.
4. Additional Curriculum Writer: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Jenna Crithary as an additional curriculum writer for the combined total of 110 hours of curriculum writing for TAKE Flight units previously approved on July 25, 2022, at an hourly rate of \$35 during the 2022-2023 school year.
5. School Street School Wellness Curriculum Committee Members: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff for curriculum and professional development work at School Street School for the 2022-2023 school year at a rate of \$35 per hour, to be paid with ESSER III funds:

Committee Members

Laura Baseil Marianne Sayle Nicole Pollina Neda Pourki

6. John Hill School Wellness Curriculum Coordinators and Committee Members: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff for curriculum and professional development work at John Hill School for the 2022-2023 school year at a rate of \$35 per hour, to be paid with ESSER III funds:

Coordinators

Heidi Brady and Christine Maier

Committee Members

Jenna Crithary Dina Davis Lauren Giammaria Bevin Hughen
 Karen Kovall Janine LaPointe Jenna Mulcahy Kelli Shiels
 Amy Hennessey Laura Sudak

7. Extra Hours for Morning Arrival: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves Deborah Gleeson for extra hours during morning arrival at School Street School, as assigned by the Principal, at a rate of \$21 per hour, during the 2022-2023 school year.
8. Transfer of Paraprofessionals: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to transfer the following Paraprofessionals, effective September 1, 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year:

Debora Acevedo from John Hill School to School Street School, and
 Maureen Cosentino from School Street School to John Hill School
 Wafia Larbi-Cherif from School Street School to John Hill School

9. Appointment of Paraprofessional: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Mackenzie Hascup to the position of Paraprofessional, Preschool, John Hill School, at a salary of \$36, 996 (Step 4) effective September 1, 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year.
10. Bridges to Learning Before/After School Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves staff for the Bridges to Learning Before/After School Program at School Street School, John Hill School and Boonton High School for the 2022-2023 school year, as per the attached. The assignment of hours is contingent on enrollment and the program running, and appointment is no guarantee of assignment of hours.
11. Revise Aide and Alternate Aide for Extracurricular Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to revise the aide and alternate aide previously approved on July 25, 2022 for up to 100 total hours during girls soccer to assist Student State ID# 7420683566-B from Lorraine Kiernan (aide) and Lauren Giammaria (alternate) to approve Lauren Giammaria to assist and Laura Affinito as the alternate, as needed, at a rate of \$28.72 per hour.

PK12 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK12 resolutions #1-21 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. Substitute Rates of Pay: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following substitute rates of pay for the 2022-2023 school year:

Teachers/Aides - County or State Certificate:	\$125.00 per day
Secretary:	\$ 95.00 per day
Secretary Hourly Rate	\$12.00 per hour
Nurse:	\$165.00 per day
Custodian:	\$ 15.44 per hour
Maintenance:	\$ 19.50 per hour
Bus Driver:	\$ 25.00 per hour
*Bus Driver holding tank & passenger endorsements:	\$ 30.33 per hour

2. Substitutes: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following substitutes for the 2022-2023 school year:

<u>Substitute</u>	<u>Position (s) to be Approved</u>
Rehana Abraham	Teacher / Paraprofessional / Secretary
Christen Adair-Hart	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Brianna Affinito	Teacher / Paraprofessional / Secretary
Haya Ali	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Miki Balaz	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Patricia Bednar	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Anne-Claire Bobis	Teacher / Paraprofessional

Bridget Burke-Weiss	Teacher / Paraprofessional / Secretary
Susan Chara	Teacher / Paraprofessional / Secretary
Daniel Clavijo	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Kellei Cosby	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Shari Danzi	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Sero DiGiacopo	Maintenance
Adriane Eoga	Paraprofessional / Secretary
Julia Heckt	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Janet Hunter	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Helaine Kerian	Teacher / Paraprofessional
John Kobilarcik*	Bus
Lili Laderach	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Daisy Lazo	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Julia Leva	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Madelyn Leva	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Joel Levy	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Yorcelia Lima	Custodian
Janet Long	Teacher / Paraprofessional / Secretary / Bus
Julia Maier	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Cynthia Mascia	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Elizabeth McCollum	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Melissa Mihalko	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Melinda Miksad	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Rakib Momen	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Deborah Pawlikowski	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Brian Pearl	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Nancy Questa	Teacher / Paraprofessional / Secretary
Krista Rogaski	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Hannah Salemi	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Henry Samek	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Aaron Schnitzler	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Kimberly Shay	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Eric Shollenberger	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Kelsey Sirica	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Geraldine Stetz	Secretary
Motaleb Taher	Teacher / Paraprofessional
John Trahan	Bus
Jennifer Van Sadars	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Jaresd Zak	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Lauren Zeris	Teacher / Paraprofessional

3. 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:

Jessica Harbeson	Caitlyn Magennis	Christina Thompson
Tammy Fabish	Gina DeRosa	Veronica Adamo
Erin Carcich	Allison Mania	Carley Fleres

Kelly DelGaizo
Clare Clear

Andrea Pfeil
Carly Pena

Sarah Vitale

4. Secondary Parent / Student Handbook: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Boonton High School Parent / Student Handbook for the 2022-2023 school year.
5. Secondary Professional Development Plan: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Secondary Professional Development Plan for Boonton High School for the 2022-2023 school year.
6. District Professional Development Plan: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the District Professional Development Plan for the 2022-2023 school year.
7. Realtime Trainers: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Marissa LaPlaca and Jenna Crithary as Realtime Trainers at New Staff Orientation during August 2022 for up to 3 hours each at a rate of \$35 per hour.
8. Resignation of Advisor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Patrick Hancock, E-Sports Advisor, Boonton High School, for the 2022-2023 school year.
9. Resignation of Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Patrick Hancock, Assistant Track Coach, Boonton High School for the 2022-2023 school year.
10. Advisor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Vincenzo LoGiudice as E-Sports Advisor at Boonton High School at a stipend of \$1,530 for the 2022-2023 school year.
11. Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Jason Kaulfers as Assistant Track and Field Coach, Boonton High School, at a stipend of \$6,182 (Step 3) for the 2022-2023 school year.
12. Staff for Crowd Control/Clock Operator/Ticket Sales: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff for crowd control/ clock operator and ticket sales at events as required for the 2022-2023 school year:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Events</u>
Michael Aliotta	Crowd Control / Clock Operator / Ticket Sales
Michael Aquino	Crowd Control / Clock Operator

13. Detention Monitors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Barbara Gilbert and Sandy Seegers as detention monitors at Boonton High School at a rate of \$26 per hour, for the 2022-2023 school year.

14. Job Description: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the job description for Public Relations Coordinator.
15. 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:

The Board of Education and BEA agree to establish the position of Public Relations Coordinator, effective immediately. The compensation for this 12-month position is in the amount of \$5,500 annually.

16. Boonton High School Wellness Curriculum Coordinators and Committee Members: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff for curriculum and professional development work at Boonton High School for the 2022-2023 school year at a rate of \$35 per hour, to be paid with ESSER III funds:

Coordinators

Al Bellini and Jennifer Tambakis

Committee Members

Kerrie Bellisario	Lisa Braner	Christina Buck	Alyssa DeOrio
Olivia DiTrolio	Barbara Gilbert	Jordan Goldson	Sameera Hanafi
Samantha Pino	Matthew Voswinkel		

17. Updated Curriculum: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the updated curriculum for the 2022-2023 school year for Grades K-12.
18. Field Trip: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves the following field trip destination during the 2022-2023 school year:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Destination</u>
Grades 9-12 Field Hockey	Tomahawk Lake

19. Revise Outside Evaluation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to revise the outside evaluation previously approved on June 27, 2022 for Student State ID# 7829553026-B from Vocational Services to now be provided by Employment Horizons, between June 27, 2022 and September 30, 2022, at a cost of \$900.00.
20. Outside Evaluation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Dr. Sostre-Oquendo, MD, to conduct a Psychiatric Evaluation for Student State ID# 2721595070-B, at a cost of \$900.
21. Terminate Non-Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to terminate the employment of Staff Member #2223 with 60 calendar days' notice, effective at end of business day October 20, 2022.

C. OPERATIONS

Mr. Gardberg commented on BHS roof and fields.

Approval of Operations resolutions #1-5 was moved by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Cartelli. 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.

\$5,263.14	8/22/2022 (Check Journal FY22)
\$168,399.63	8/22/2022 (Check Journal FY23)
\$26,042.41	8/22/2022 (ACH General)
\$911,325.95	7/01 -- 7/31/2022 (electronic checks, including payroll)

2. 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
2208-0009	Boonton PTA: Welcome Back Breakfast BHS Cafeteria Tuesday 9/6/2022 (6:00 - 10:00 AM)
2208-0010	Boonton PTA: Family STEM Night SSS Multipurpose Room, Parking Lot Wednesday 4/19/2023 (3:30 - 10:00 PM)
2208-0011	Boonton Police Department: Bike Rodeo BHS Parking Lot Saturday 8/13/2022 (8:00 AM - 1:45 PM)
2208-0012	Boonton PTA: Valentines Dance SSS Multipurpose Room, Parking Lot Friday 2/3/2023 (4:00 - 10:00 PM)
2208-0013	Boonton PTA: SSS Penny Wars SSS Multipurpose Room Monday-Friday 1/9 - 1/13/2023 (11:00 AM – 12:30 PM)
2208-0014	Boonton PTA: Meetings JHS Cafeteria Tuesdays 9/27, 10/11, 11/1, 12/6/2022, 1/2, 2/7, 3/7, 4/4, 5/1, 6/5/2023 (6:30-8:30 PM)

2208-0015 Boonton PTA: Meet & Greet
JHS Upper Field, Parking Lot
Friday 9/9/2022 (5:00 - 9:00 PM)

2208-0016 Boonton PTA: CPR Training
JHS Cafeteria
Thursday 9/29/2022 (6:00-9:30 PM)

3. Contract: The Board approves awarding the contract for \$53,610.00 to McGraw-Hill Education for social studies textbooks at Boonton High School.

4. IDEA FY23 Grant: The Board approves submission of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Grant Fiscal Year 2023 in the following amounts.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Award</u>
Basic	\$395,161
Preschool	\$14,280
Total	\$409,441

5. Submission of ESEA FY23 Grant: The Board approves the submission of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA aka ESSA) Grant Fiscal Year 2023 in the following amounts.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Award</u>
I-A	\$ 180,092
I-A Reallocated	\$0
I SIA-A	\$20,000
II-A	\$30,327
III	\$16,069
III Immigrant	\$9,841
IV-A	\$15,455
Total	\$271,784

D. POLICY

Mr. Cartelli: To revise facility use policy.

Approval of Policy resolutions #1-3 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 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.

2. First Reading of Revisions to Policy #9180 – School Volunteers: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of revisions to Policy #9180 – School Volunteers, as per the attached.

3. Abolish Policy 1648.13 – School Employee Vaccination Requirements: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to abolish Policy 1648.13 – School Employee Vaccination Requirements, as per the attached.

E. DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT

There were no resolutions to approve.

F. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no resolutions to approve.

REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1. HS Committee by Mrs. Vucenovic: Met on August 19; Back to School Night on September 20; New staff orientation; Administrative retreat; Summer AP assignments; Freshman orientation; Parking lot project; AP scores show upward trend, open campus-seniors only; Academy updates- more enrolled; 8th grade open house in October; GPA requirement for extracurricular participation.
2. Curriculum by Mrs. Katsakos: Met on August 9; Health & PE-CAP trainer; what if a parent opts out depends on # of opt outs; Testing results; PD, AVID; SSS sheltered English; JHS-Teacher's College.
3. PR/Communications by Ms. Hayes: Approved PR Coordinator position; Next meeting August 31
4. Communications/Legislation by Mrs. LeFebvre: None
5. ESC by Mrs. LeFebvre: Labor issue with retro pay; reduced the school program
6. MCSBA by Mrs. Darling: None
7. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: Workshop, State wants non-member training within 60 days of being elected or appointed.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Hogoboom, Boonton: Asks if BHS would like a Gender/Sexuality Alliance Club?

Steve Bossen, Boonton: Boonton Bomber bulletin; Curriculum updates, but how can it be live/ changing if teachers are relying on it? Gifted & Talented: How are students identified? Mr. Valle responds.

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 8:45 pm by Mr. Ezzi and seconded by Mr. Joyce, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: