

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

October 10, 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 October 10, 2022.

The meeting was called to order, and the following statement was read: This is the October 10, 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. Christopher Cartelli, Mrs. Jen Darling, Dr. Crystal Davis, Mrs. Elaine Doherty, Mr. Robert Ezzi, Ms. Natavia Hayes, Mr. Patrick Joyce, Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Mrs. Sandra Vucenovic. Absent was Mrs. Loren Katsakos.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 7:33pm by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Cartelli, 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 Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Cartelli, 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 10 members of the public were in attendance.

ORDER OF THE DAY

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

CORRESPONDENCE

None

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 Allison Mania: Class parent ambassador meeting; October membership meeting October 11; Book Fairs-Scholastic Book Fair, SSS-October 24-28; Parents Night Out; Spirit Wear; Square One Fundraiser due October 14; Ashley Farms Fundraiser October 21; Super 50/50 Raffle.
4. Home School Association 9-12: None
5. Town Council by John Meehan: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

SUPERINTENDENT

- District News & Updates: Homecoming - accepted donations in lieu of tickets for admission; Week of Respect; COVID quarantines, synchronous instruction; PD Day today; AVID staff
- Presentation of Annual School Violence, Vandalism and Substance Abuse Report
- Strategic Planning Update: Establish Goals and Objectives

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

1. Regular and Executive session: September 26, 2022

B. ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Davis: Met tonight

PK8 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-12 was moved by Dr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Doherty. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Dr. Davis, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Ms. Hayes, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. LeFebvre. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Mrs. Katsakos.

1. Movement on Salary Guide: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves the following staff member's movement on guide in accordance with the Bargaining Agreement between the Board of Education and the Boonton Education Association, retroactive to September 1, 2022:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Placement on Guide</u>
Jenna Mulcahy	BA+15 to MA+15

2. Field Trips: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destinations for the 2022-2023 school year:

<u>Grade / Group</u>	<u>Destination</u>
Community Based Instruction (CBI) Grades 3-5 Gifted and Talented	Roma Pizzeria Morristown Unitarian Fellowship (Math Marathon)
Grade 6 Grades 6-8	The Tourne Radio City Music Hall

3. Amend Hourly Rate for Bridges to Learning Before/After School Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to amend the hourly rate for Omar Beltran, previously approved on August 22, 2022 as College Support Staff at \$15 per hour for the Bridges to Learning Before/After School Program to Adult Support Staff at a rate of \$21 per hour, retroactive to September 27, 2022 for the 2022-2023 school year.
4. Bridges to Learning Enrichment Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following for the Bridges to Learning Enrichment Staff at School Street School and John Hill School, for the 2022-2023 school year, to be paid \$40 - \$70 per class, based upon enrollment:

Kristen Groeneveld	Nicole Pollina	
Julie Rogers	Beth Phelps	Doreen Ohlott

5. Amend Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to amend the leave of absence previously approved on May 23, 2022 for Laura O'Shea, Elementary Teacher John Hill School, beginning September 1, 2022 utilizing a total of 19 accumulated sick days to use 21 accumulated sick days followed by an unpaid leave.
6. Unpaid Leave of Absence for Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves an unpaid leave of absence for Ellen Christian, Elementary Teacher John Hill School, effective November 8, 2022 for approximately 3-4 weeks.
7. Class Parent Volunteers: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves the following as Class Parent Volunteers at School Street School and John Hill School during the 2022-2023 school year:

Brady Cook	Lindsay Bouroult	Anthony Bucco
Candice Blackwell	Jason Blackwell	Sarah Pagliara
Vicki Sromek	Raihan Ashraf	Jennifer Fredericks
Stephan Hoffman-Cooper	Katie Frank	Tashina Aubel
Alexandra Barillas-Fishlock	Lucy Barillas-Fishlock	Danielle Lobell
Pavlina Mineva	Allison Delcalzo-Berens	Melinda Miksad
Danielle Speciale	Michele Roberts	Lauren Coloma
Jessica Rodriguez	Jessica Mondino	Donna Nilsson
Gina DeRosa	Gabby Lotito	Catherine McKenzie

Angela Chavez	Laura Hesselink	Mannal Ramadan
Veronica Adamo	Danielle Sudak	Laura Sudak
Ashley Koppinger	Jaclyn Curran	Clare Clear
Michael Clear	Stacey Lazar	Brislyn Anton
Tammy Fabish	Jennifer Meier	Melissa Camacho
Elizabeth Ganley	Erin Carcich	Robin Barroso
Stephanie Lampe	Lee Feldermann	Amy Smith
Lauren Checke	Katie Melendez	Katie Frank
Francine Marcello-Ury	Sridevi Sree Simgekar	Leah Coyle
Shannon Grivalsky	Fred Papasso	Allison Mania
Lauren Wainer	John Whartenby	Yariha Jaffri
Karleigh Weymers	Rachael Biago	Cynthia Tserkis-Schlitt
Laura Hicinbothem	Heather Wolfgang	Sabrina Ali
Kristen VanMeenen	Beth Zuffelato	Lindsay Bailey
Renee Caratozzolo	Jessica Merkel	Kelly DelGaizo
Kristin Enstrom	Lucretia Koba	Courtney Mondino
Caroline Cunningham	Veralyn Looker	Nicole Melito
Edina Renfro-Michel	Sue Chara-Post	Liz Nguyen

8. Staff for Elementary Level Title III ELL Family Engagement Events: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following certified and non-certified staff for Elementary Level Title III ELL Family Engagement Events for the 2022-2023 school year, at a rate of \$40 per hour for certified staff and \$21 per hour for non-certified, for up to 4 events per level and up to 3 hours per event, to be paid with Title III Funds:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Rate of Pay</u>
Dalia Ibrahim	\$40 per hour
Janet Chauhan	\$40 per hour
Teresa Rodrigues	\$40 per hour
Marcia Cifelli	\$21 per hour

9. Additional Certified Elementary Staff Members for Before and/or After School Academic Support: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Ellen Christian and Kristen Groeneveld for Elementary Before and/or After School Academic Support during the 2022-2023 school year at John Hill School/School Street School, at a rate of \$40 per hour, for up to 2 days per week and up to 1.5 hours per day, dependent on enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year, to be paid for with Title I ESSER II and III funds.
10. Detention Monitor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Laura Sudak as a Detention Monitor at John Hill School at a rate of \$26 per hour, for the 2022-2023 school year.
11. Student Observations: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following student observations during the 2022-2023 school year:

Madison Dooreman, County College of Morris, at School Street School for 5 hours, under the supervision of Nicole Pollina, and

Shabina Nasiri, Rutgers University, at John Hill School for 17 hours, under the supervision of Kelly Liberati, pending receipt of background check.

12. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision home instruction for Student State ID# 6962093758-B, for up to 10 hours per week, beginning October 4, 2022, with instruction to be provided by LearnWell Academics at a rate of \$55 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: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Dr. Davis, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Ms. Hayes, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Katsakos.

1. Report of School Violence/Vandalism: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Report of School Violence/Vandalism, listing 2022-2023 activities and count of incidents for the 2021-2022 school year.
2. Movement on Salary Guide: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves the following staff members’ movement on guide in accordance with the Bargaining Agreement between the Board of Education and the Boonton Education Association, retroactive to September 1, 2022:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Placement on Guide</u>
Vicki Cornell	MA+15 to MA+30
Barbara Gilbert	BA to BA+15
Alyssa DeOrio	BA to BA+15
Rachel Olivo	BA to BA+15
Samantha Pino	MA to MA+15
Matthew Ross	MA+15 to MA+30

3. Additions to Substitute List: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following substitute additions for the 2022-2023 school year:

<u>Substitute Teacher/Aides</u>	
Vera Mirashi	Jessica Giordano

4. Field Trips: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destinations for the 2022-2023 school year:

<u>Grades / Group</u>	<u>Destination</u>
Community Based Instruction (CBI)	Rockaway Mall, Turtle Back Zoo, Kiwanis, Roma Pizzeria
Grades 9-12	Stockton College

4. District Drills and On-Roll Report: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the District's Drills and On-Roll Report for the month of September 2022.
5. Leave of Absence for Advisor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a leave of absence for Boonton High School Key Club Advisor, Melissa Bialick, from October 31, 2022 through March 14, 2023, and further prorates the previously approved stipend on June 27, 2022 from \$816 to \$449.
6. Leave of Absence for Paraprofessional: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a leave of absence for Shawn Robertson, Boonton High School Paraprofessional, from October 17, 2022 through approximately December 23, 2022, utilizing 10 days of accumulated sick days followed by an unpaid leave of absence.
7. Additional AP Hours for Staff Member for Advanced Placement Course: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves an additional 5 hours be added to the previously approved hours on September 26, 2022, for Alyssa DeOrio for AP Computer Science to be used by December 31, 2022 at a rate of \$40.00 per hour.
8. Volunteer Advisor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Tiffanie Henry as a volunteer advisor for the Muslim-Student Association Club, at Boonton High School, for the 2022-2023 school year.
9. Avid Committee Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Olivia DiTrollo as an AVID Committee Member for Professional Development, at a stipend rate of \$500, to be paid with Title IIA funds during the 2022-2023 school year.
10. Staff for Clock Operator/Crowd Control/Ticket Sales: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members for Clock Operator/Crowd Control/Ticket Sales at events as required for the 2022-2023 school year:

Anne Roque - Crowd Control, Clock Operator & Ticket Sales
 Barbara Gilbert - Clock Operator & Ticket Sales

11. District Program: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following program for the MD Classes at Boonton High School, at no cost to the district, for the 2022-2023 School year as follows:

Dawn Council of Independent Living will present its STEP-UP Program to Boonton High School students that participate in the Pathways & Transition Programs. The purpose of this program is to teach students to prepare for adult life. The core areas that will be taught are Workplace Readiness, Counseling, Guidance & Training, Self-Advocacy & Mentoring, Counseling on Enrollment in Post-Secondary Education or other Comprehensive Transition Training Programs, and Work-Based Learning Experiences. This program is free to the district and students and paid through The Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS). The program will start as soon as possible and run through the end of July of 2023.

12. Amend Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to amend the home instruction services for Student State ID# 6140341184-B previously approved on September 26, 2022 for a total of 4 hours per week to now provide up to an additional 6 hours, totaling up to 10 hours per week.
13. Home Instructors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Tina Londino and Joseph Diaz to provide home instruction during the 2022-2023 school year, based on their individual certifications, at a rate of \$40 per hour.
14. Additional Hours for Alternate Aides: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves additional hours for alternate aides, Clare Zarzecki and Kathleen Post, of up to 0.75 per day to ride the bus with School Street School, John Hill School and Boonton High School students, before and after school, as their schedule permits, for the 2022-2023 school year at a rate of \$28.72 per hour.
15. Client Services Agreement with ProCare Therapy: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a Client Services Agreement with ProCare Therapy to provide school psychology services at Boonton High School from October 26, 2022 through approximately March 14, 2023, at a rate of \$95 per hour, for approximately 22 hours per week, pending receipt of certification and background clearance.

C. OPERATIONS

Mr. Gardberg commented on Turf; Facilities assessment; Chromebook fees.

Mrs. Darling commented on Donations.

Approval of Operations resolutions #1-12 was moved by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Cartelli. On roll call the resolutions were approved. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Dr. Davis, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Ms. Hayes, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Katsakos.

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

\$632,598.96	10/10/2022 (Check Journal)
\$24,870.13	10/10/2022 (ACH Cafeteria)
\$73,303.77	10/10/2022 (ACH General)
\$553,818.29	8/01 -- 8/31/2022 (electronic checks, including payroll)
2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending 8/31/2022.
3. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer: The Board approves reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending 8/31/2022.
4. Payroll Expenses: The Board approves the following payroll expenses.

\$1,018,141.55	9/15/2022
\$1,083,285.37	9/30/2022
5. 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
James Nash	10/19/22	Suicide Prevention in a School Setting, Virtual Workshop	\$60.00
Cassidy Buchanan	10/19/22	Suicide Prevention in a School Setting, Virtual Workshop	\$60.00
Kelly Mabin	10/19/22	Suicide Prevention in a School Setting, Virtual Workshop	\$60.00
Julie Rienzi	10/12/22	Transition from School to Adult Life: Regulations and Best Practices Piscataway, NJ	\$39.20
Linda Mauriello	10/12/22	Transition from School to Adult Life: Regulations and Best Practices Piscataway, NJ	\$39.20
Kristen Houser	10/10/22	NJSMA-Amy Abbott Fall Music Workshop, Mountain Lakes, NJ	\$98.85
Peter Nosal	11/3/22	HIB Law Update Legal One Workshop (Virtual)	\$125.00
Sara Brogan	11/3/22	HIB Law Update Legal One Workshop (Virtual)	\$125.00
Liz Nguyen	11/3, 3/16, 4/17/23	Conquer Math Pompton Plains, NJ	\$29.05
Stacy Calise	11/4, 1/25, 4/18, 5/4/23	Conquer Math Pompton Plains, NJ	\$38.73
Andrea Villegas	11/4, 1/25, 4/18, 5/4/23	Conquer Math Pompton Plains, NJ	\$38.73
Zachary Sabatino	11/4, 1/25, 4/18, 5/4/23	Conquer Math Pompton Plains, NJ	\$38.73
Halli Goldsmith	11/4, 1/25, 4/18, 5/4/23	Conquer Math Pompton Plains, NJ	\$38.73
Stacy Calise	10/19, 11/29, 1/26, 3/27/23	Conquer Math Pompton Plains, NJ	\$38.73
Carol Haight	12/5, 3/17, 4/26/23	Conquer Math Pompton Plains, NJ	\$29.05
Michael Smulewicz	12/5, 3/17, 4/26/23	Conquer Math Pompton Plains, NJ	\$29.05
Lauren Shuryn	12/14, 12/16/22, 3/28, 3/31, 4/20, 4/28/23	Conquer Math Pompton Plains, NJ	\$58.09

6. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 10/10/2022 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
2209-0015	Boonton High School Field Hockey Parents: Pasta Dinner BHS Cafeteria Wednesday 10/12/2022 (5:10-6:35 PM)
2209-0016	Boonton SEPAG: Transition Fair BHS Cafeteria, Room 110,112,114 Thursday 1/26/2023 (5:00 – 8:00 PM)
2209-0017	OLMC CYO: Basketball Games BHS Gym Sundays 12/4, 12/18/2022, 1/8, 1/15, 1/29/2023 (11:30 AM -5:30 PM)

7. Scholarship Awards: The Board approves creation of the new Eleanor M. Greik Wagner Memorial Scholarship with a \$10,000 grant from Ruth Wagner.
8. Disposal of Records: The Board approves the disposal of public records per New Jersey Division of Archives and Records Management Guidelines. Authorization for disposal was approved by the Department of Treasury on 09/22/2022, Authorization #585798.
9. M-1 and Comprehensive Maintenance Plan: The Board approves submission of the M-1 and Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the 2022-2023 school year to the Department of Education.
10. Transportation Agreement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the transportation reimbursement for Student State ID# 6871142752-B for transportation to and from PG Chambers School in Cedar Knolls for the 2022-2023 school year, at a rate of \$0.47/mile, to be paid based on student attendance, not to exceed \$2,410.80.
11. Donation: The Board accepts the donation of \$800 from the Rosenthal family to help preschool students and their families.
12. Donation: The Board accepts the donation of items valued at \$200 from Walmart for a preschool family.

D. POLICY

Mr. Cartelli: Meeting next month

E. DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT

On a motion by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Doherty, the Board approved by roll call to affirm the findings and recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying complaints: BHS #1.

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

F. OTHER BUSINESS

None

REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1. HS Committee by Mrs. Doherty: Meeting tomorrow
2. Curriculum by Mrs. Katsakos: Meeting on November 9
3. PR/Communications by Ms. Hayes: None
4. Communications/Legislation by Mrs. LeFebvre: No action
5. ESC by Mrs. LeFebvre: None
6. MCSBA by Mrs. Darling: Meeting last week
7. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: Workshop October 24-26; October 19 in Cape May County to honor a member's 60th year of service

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Mrs. Darling: Thank you to district for facilitating donations for family

Mr. Cartelli: Thanks to Administration for finding funding

Mrs. LeFebvre: Budget, separate Ad Hoc process with public participation

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 8:49 pm by Mrs. Doherty and seconded by Dr. Davis, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg

Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: