

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

November 28, 2022

The Boonton Town Board of Education, of Morris County, New Jersey, held a meeting at Boonton High School, 306 Lathrop Ave, Boonton, NJ, at 7:30 pm on November 28, 2022.

The meeting was called to order, and the following statement was read: This is the November 28, 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. Jennifer Darling, Dr. Crystal Davis, Mrs. Elaine Doherty, Mr. Robert Ezzi, Mr. Patrick Joyce, Mrs. Loren Katsakos, Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Mrs. Sandra Vucenovic. Absent was Ms. Natavia Hayes.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 7:33 pm by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Vucenovic, 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 7:58 pm by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Vucenovic, 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 50 members of the public were in attendance. Administrators present were Jason Klebez, Alan Masters, Judy Soroehynskyj, Rebecca Kipp-Newbold and Louis Castano.

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. Boonton High School by Jackie Martinez, SRA President: Powder Puff; Wellness Day; Open Mic Night moved to March; Basketball Tryouts; Senior vs Faculty Basketball Game; Open House for 8th Graders; Drama Club-play this year Footloose; Christmas Parade Float; Class of 2023 Bundt Cake Fundraiser.
2. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8 by Steve Bossen: Tricky Tray and the Super 50/50 a huge success; Kit's Interactive Theater at SSS November 14; Ashley Farms orders delivered for December 12; Square 1 Art Orders delivery week of December 12; Holiday Crafts Market December 9; Next Meeting December 6 at 7pm; Brain Challenge Game Show at JHS December 21; Spiritwear Sale; Flocking Fundraiser.
3. Home School Association 9-12 by Mrs. Darling: Raffle

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Steve Bossen: Administration PK12 #10

SUPERINTENDENT

- A. District News & Updates: Notifications about school closures; Board meetings at BHS
- B. District and School Websites
- C. Winter Concerts
- D. AP Scholars Recognitions

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

1. Regular and Executive session: November 7, 2022

B. ADMINISTRATION

PK8 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-7 was moved by Dr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Cartelli. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Dr. Davis, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Ms. Hayes.

1. 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>
Preschool	Santa Land

Grade 2
Grade 3

The Growing Stage Theater (Succasunna)
Bronx Zoo (New York City)

2. Short-Term Leave Kindergarten Paraprofessional: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Brianna Affinito as the Short-Term Leave Kindergarten Paraprofessional, School Street School, at a salary of \$36,076 (Step 1), prorated from November 16, 2022 through December 23, 2022.
3. Extend Leave of Absence Return Date for Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a request from Kaitlin Greenberg, Elementary Teacher, School Street School, to extend the leave of absence return date previously approved on April 25, 2022 through the last day of marking period 2 in the 2022-2023 school year to extend through June 30, 2023.
4. Revise Long Term Elementary Teacher Replacement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to revise the long-term leave elementary replacement assignment for Jennifer Kretschmer, previously approved on July 11, 2022 through the last day of marking period 2 for the 2022-2023 school year, to extend through March 3, 2023.
5. Math Student Field Experience Assignment: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a math student field experience assignment for Michael Sofia, Fairleigh Dickinson University, from January 3, 2023 through May 5, 2023, for a total 60 hours, at John Hill School, under the supervision of Michael Smulewicz, pending receipt of background clearance.
6. Itinerant Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Lake Drive School to provide Itinerant Services for Student State ID# 7766254727-B, one time per month, at a rate of \$170 per session, beginning November 1, 2022 through the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year (dates to be determined), not to exceed \$1360.
7. Outside Evaluation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves bilingual Speech, Educational and Psychological Evaluations for Student State ID# 5761965015-B, to be conducted by Hillmar, LLC, at a fee of \$600 per evaluation.

PK12 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK12 resolutions #1-15 was moved by Dr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Darling. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Dr. Davis, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None . ABSENT: Ms. Hayes.

1. 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>
Grades 9-12 (French class/club)	Museum of Modern Art (NYC)
Grades 9-12 (Business Law)	Boonton Municipal Court (Mock Trial)
Grades 9-12 Community Based Instruction (CBI)	Mt. Olive High School (Holiday Social) DeLizia's & Sazon-Boonton (Lunch)

Grade 12 (All County Soccer Banquet) Randolph Diner
Grades 11-12 (Visit 8th Grade Students) Lincoln Park Middle School

2. 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 October 2022.
3. Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Alfred Bellini, ELA Teacher, Boonton High School, effective June 30, 2023 for the purpose of retirement.
4. 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:

Substitute Teacher/Aides
Steven Delaporte Aileen Lange*

*Pending receipt of background check

5. School Safety and Security Plan Statement of Assurance: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the School Safety and Security Plan Annual Review Statement of Assurance.
6. Hours for Staff Member to be Paid for Advanced Placement Preparation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves 13 hours for Christina Buck to prepare a student for the AP exam at a rate of \$40 per hour.
7. Volunteer Chaperone for STEM Japan Field Trip: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Mary Matarazzo as a volunteer chaperone for the STEM field trip to Tokyo, Japan, from April 9, 2023 through April 17, 2023.
8. Club: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the New Jersey Future Educators' Association Club at Boonton High School, for students interested in the field of education and to promote excellence by supporting academic achievement, under the volunteer supervision of Tiffanie Henry.
9. Volunteer Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Matt Hesse as a volunteer wrestling coach at Boonton High School for the 2022-2023 school year, pending receipt of substitute certificate.
10. Curricular Assistance: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves extra hours for the following staff members to complete lesson plans, provide instructional materials, provide student feedback and update the gradebook as appropriate in the math department at Boonton High School, for up to two hours per week per course section, beginning November 22, 2022 and to continue as needed during the 2022-2023 school year at a rate of \$35 per hour:

Staff Member	Course(s)	Periods
Dragana Vranesevic	Geometry CP	Periods 1 and 7
Steve Young	AP Calculus AB	Period 5
Sameera Hanafi	Algebra I CP	Period 2
Matthew Voswinkel	Algebra I CP	Periods 4 and 8

11. Assistant Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Louis Sinatra as Assistant Wrestling Coach at Boonton High School at a stipend rate of \$4,862 (Step 1) for the 2022-2023 school year.

12. Outside Evaluations: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Specialized Evaluation Services, as listed below, for Student State ID# 6391386824-B, provided by Lake Drive School:
 - Psychological Evaluation \$825.00
 - Educational Evaluation \$825.00
 - Speech/Language Evaluation \$825.00

13. Home Instructor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board of Education approves Jordan Goldson to provide home instruction during the 2022-2023 school year, based on individual certification(s), at a rate of \$40 per hour.

14. Terminate Employment of Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to terminate the employment for Staff Member #1362, with 60 calendar days' notice, effective at end of business day January 27, 2023.

15. Appointment of Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Philip Johnson to the position of Math Teacher, Boonton High School, at a salary of \$59,000 (Step 1 BA), prorated from date of background clearance for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.

C. OPERATIONS

Mr. Gardberg commented on the Turf.

Mrs. Darling commented on the Rotary donation.

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

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.
 - \$479,648.62 11/28/2022 (check journal)
 - \$31,280.91 10/26/2022 (ACH General)
 - \$62,977.04 11/28/2022 (ACH General)
 - \$29,073.79 11/28/2022 (ACH Cafeteria)
 - \$3,145,016.17 10/01 – 10/31/2022 (electronic checks, including payroll)

2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending 10/31/2022.

3. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer: The Board approves reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending 10/31/2022.
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
Maribel Martinez	12/2/2022	NJ School Administrator Conference, Cherry Hill, N.J.	\$94.00

5. Contract: The Board approves to award contracts to Keystone Sports Construction for replacement of the Boonton High School turf field for \$464,409.55, per Sourcewell cooperative contract #060518-AST and competitive quotes, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c.139, and Local Finance Notice 2012-10.
6. Contract: The Board approves awarding contracts for \$43,660.12 to Amazon.com per Omnia/US Communities/National IPA Contract R-TC-17006.

D. POLICY

Approval of Policy resolutions #1-3 was moved by Mr. Cartelli and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Dr. Davis, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None . ABSENT: Ms. Hayes.

1. Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #2425 – Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #2425 – Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction, as per the attached.
2. Final Reading of Regulation #2425 – Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of Regulation #2425 – Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction, as per the attached.
3. 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.

E. DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Cartelli 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 #2-3, JHS #2-6.

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

F. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no resolutions to approve.

REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1. HS Committee by Mrs. Doherty: Meeting on December 7
2. Curriculum by Mrs. Katsakos: Meeting November 9; Health and PE: Letters to parents, 98% have not opted out; PE at JHS; PD at K-2 Sheltered Instruction, 3-12 Conquer Math, 6-12 AVID; December PD day; January PD day; Parent Night; Take Flight at JHS; G and T; Concerts; Next meeting February 7.
3. PR/Communications: None
4. Communications/Legislation by Mrs. LeFebvre: LEE Group meeting with Governor Murphy; Meeting tomorrow with Commissioner.
5. ESC by Mrs. LeFebvre: Declining number of students in Special Ed programs
6. MCSBA by Mrs. Darling: Next meeting is January 25
7. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: Gun safety; Task force for curriculum issues

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Bossen: BOE election; Health and PE standards: Asking for but have not received details; G&T at JHS: Parental notification?

Allyson Gerdes: Health and PE curriculum; NJ CAP

Tracy Paulozzo: Calendar for future meetings

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Mrs. Katsakos: Thank you to the BHS band for marching in the town parade

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 9:09 pm by Mr. Cartelli and seconded by Mrs. Vucenovic, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: