

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

December 12, 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 December 12, 2022.

The meeting was called to order, and the following statement was read: This is the December 12, 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. Robert Ezzi, Ms. Natavia Hayes, Mr. Patrick Joyce, Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Mrs. Sandra Vucenovic. Absent were Mr. Christopher Cartelli, 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 7:31 pm by Mrs. Doherty and seconded by Mr. Joyce, 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 8:03 pm by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Joyce, all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:06 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 15 members of the public were in attendance.

ORDER OF THE DAY

A motion was made by Mrs. Vucenovic 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 by Jackie Martinez, SRA President: Student-Faculty volleyball; FBLA; Business Law and Mock Trial; Spirit Week; Sports.
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8 by Steve Bossen: Ashley Farms orders delayed; Grant from National PTA; Holiday Crafts Market a success; Brain Challenge Game Show; Spiritwear; Flocking Fundraiser.
4. Home School Association 9-12 by Mrs. Darling: Raffles
5. Town Council: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

SUPERINTENDENT

- A. District News and Updates: 2023-2024 School Calendars
- B. Winter Concerts this Week
- C. Preschool Lottery
- D. Strategic Action Plan presentation
- E. Governor's Educators of the Year:
 - SSS: Laura Baseil, Elisabeth Cunningham
 - JHS: Lauren Dedoussis, Laura Sudak
 - BHS: Al Bellini, James Nash
- F. Recognition

ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. Minutes

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

1. Regular and Executive session: November 28, 2022

B. ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Davis: Committee met tonight

PK8 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-11 was moved by Dr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Darling. YES: Mrs. Darling, Dr. Davis, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Ms. Hayes, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. LeFebvre. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Katsakos.

1. Field Trip Chaperones: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following as field trip chaperones during the 2022-2023 school year:

Danielle Lobell
Sol Lopez
Jason Viken
Alexandra Barillas-Fishlock

Catherine McKenzie
Danny Lobell
Jacqui Kosut

Michele Roberts
Danielle Speciale
Melinda Miksad

2. School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Reports: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Reports for the month of November 2022 for John Hill School, PreK at John Hill School, and PreK at Boonton High School.
3. Request to Extend Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a request from Laura O’Shea, Elementary Teacher John Hill School, to extend the leave of absence approved on May 23, 2022 and amended on October 10, 2022, beginning September 1, 2022 through February, 2, 2023 utilizing 21 accumulated sick days followed by an unpaid leave, to extend through June 30, 2023.
4. Amend Employment Contract for Long-Term Leave Replacement Elementary Teacher: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to amend the employment contract for Olivia Shiel, Long-Term Leave Replacement Elementary Teacher, John Hill School, previously approved on July 25, 2022 from September 1, 2022 through February 2, 2023, to extend through June 30, 2023.
5. Additional Certified Elementary Staff Members for Before and/or After School Academic Support: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following certified elementary staff members for Elementary Before and/or After School Academic Support during the 2022-2023 school year at 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:

Jennifer Bridi

Jennifer Gregg

Jenna Irwin

6. Teacher for Parent and Child Title I Nights: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Danielle Sudak as a Teacher for Parent and Child Title I Nights for PreK-5 families, at dates to be determined, for up to 4 hours per night for planning and presentation of program at a rate of \$40 per hour.
7. 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 3-5 (ELA Spelling Bee)	Morristown Unitarian Fellowship
Grades 6-8 (Music performance)	Calvary Temple / Dorney Park Patriots Park to sing National Anthem or God Bless America

8. Bridges to Learning Before/After School Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following 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:

Adult Support Staff Substitutes - \$21 per hour:

Jennifer Davis Jennifer Oleksak

Adult Support Volunteer

Caroline DeLuca

9. Increase Hourly Rate for Bridges to Learning Support High School Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to increase the hourly rate for Bridges to Learning Support High School Staff to be in compliance with the minimum wage increase on January 1, 2023, from \$13 to \$14.13.
10. Early Childhood Education Internship Experience: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Bridges to Learning staff member Madison Dooreman to participate in County College of Morris Early Childhood Education Internship Experience during the Spring of 2013 under the supervision of Rosemarie Lynch.
11. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 9903348479-B, for up to 10 hours per week, beginning December 7, 2022, with instruction to be provided by LearnWell Education at a rate of \$55 per hour.

PK12 Resolutions

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

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>
Grade 10 (Wrestling)	University of Delaware (Tournament)
Grade 12 (CBI)	Denville Train Station (Practice Public Transportation)

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 November 2022.
3. School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report for the month of November 2022 for Boonton High School.
4. Staff for High Level Title III ELL Family Engagement Events: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following certified staff for High School Level Title III ELL Family Engagement Events for the 2022-2023 school year, at a rate

of \$40 per hour, for up to 4 events per level and up to 3 hours per event, to be paid with Title III Funds:

Dalia Ibrahim

Teresa Rodrigues

Marcia Tucci

5. Additions to Substitute List: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following additions to the 2022-2023 substitute list:

Substitute Teachers/Aides

Isabella DiGiacopo*

Teresa McCann

*pending receipt of substitute certificate

6. Guidance Internship: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a guidance internship for Sarah Reed, Caldwell University, from January 2023 through May 2023, at Boonton High School, under the supervision of James Nash, pending receipt of substitute certificate.
7. Assistant Coach Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Steven Delaporte as Assistant Track and Field Coach at Boonton High School at a stipend rate of \$6,182 (Step 3) for the 2022-2023 school year.
8. Volunteer Weight Room Supervisors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Steven Delaporte, Peter Llaneza, and Peter Nienstadt as Volunteer Weight Room Supervisors at Boonton High School for the 2022-2023 school year.
9. Staff for Clock Operator/Crowd Control: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Steven Delaporte for Clock Operator and Crowd Control at events as required for the 2022-2023 school year.
10. Uniform Memorandum of Agreement Between Board of Education and Law Enforcement Officials: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Uniform Memorandum of Agreement Between Board of Education and Law Enforcement Officials for the 2022-2023 school year.
11. Appointment of Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Dilek Demirors to the position of Technology Teacher, Boonton High School, at a salary of \$72,075 (Step 10 MA), prorated from February 13, 2023, or sooner if released from current district and clearance of background check, through June 30, 2023.
12. 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, in the amount of \$5,500, prorated from January 2, 2023 through June 30, 2023, as per the Agreement Between the BEA and the Board of Education:

Jason Kaulfers*
Kathie Foley

Christina Buck

Anne Roque

Lisa Braner

*Replaces the previously approved partial 6th period stipend approved on August 8, 2022

The following will receive a partial 6th period stipend in the amount of \$803 (14.6%) prorated from January 2, 2023 through June 30, 2023:

Kathie Foley

13. Home Instructor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Laurene Galle-Carey to provide home instruction during the 2022-2023 school year, based on their individual certifications, at a rate of \$40 per hour.

14. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for the following students to be provided by approved home instructors at a rate of \$40 per hour:

Student State ID# 3018746605-LP, for up to 14 hours per week, beginning November 28, 2022, and

Student State ID# 4320079368-B, for up to 10 hours per week, beginning December 5, 2022.

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 for the following programs:

Co-Op Program Culinary (Spring Semester)

January 13, 2023 - April 28, 2023 (Fridays, no class April 7th), 9am-2pm, a total of 15 sessions

Course price \$2,999

Co-Op Program Culinary II

May 11, 2023 - June 9, 2023 (Thursdays and Fridays), 9am-2pm, a total of 10 sessions

Course price \$2,999

C. OPERATIONS

Mr. Gardberg commented on BHS roof; Doors and flooring; Demographic study; FY24 budget; ASSA: Enrollment up by 50.

Approval of Operations resolutions #1-8 was moved by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Ezzi. YES: Mrs. Darling, Dr. Davis, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Ezzi, Ms. Hayes, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Katsakos.

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

\$794,550.29 12/12/2022 (check journal)

\$75,610.60 12/12/2022 (ACH General)

\$51,512.99 12/12/2022 (ACH Cafeteria)

2. Payroll Expenses: The Board approves the following payroll expenses.
 \$1,011,061.82 11/15/2022
 \$1,015,181.14 11/30/2022

3. 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
Alison Schessler	5/23/2023	NJTESOL Spring Conference New Brunswick, N.J.	\$382.07
Rachel Wolk	2/15/2023	Dyslexia: Best Targeted Interventions for Greater Literary Success West Orange, N.J.	\$286.00
Lauren Dedoussis	1/31/2023	Increase Students' Mindfulness Virtual Conference Bureau of Education and Research	\$279.00

4. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 12/12/2022 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
2211-0000	Jr Bombers Wrestling: Practice & Matches BHS Aux Gym Mondays thru Thursdays 11/14/2022 – 3/9/2023 (5:30 - 8:00 PM)
2212-0000	Boonton High School Boys Basketball Boosters: Team & Parents Dinner BHS Cafeteria Friday 12/9/2022 (5:00 – 9:00 PM)
2212-0001	OLMC CYO: Basketball Games BHS Gym Sunday 2/12/2023 (11:30 AM – 4:30 PM)

5. Submission of IDEA FY23 Grant: The Board approves the submission of the amended Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Grant Fiscal Year 2023, to include carryover, in the following amounts.

Title	Original Award	FY22 Carryover	Amended Award
Part B	\$395,161	\$27,855	\$423,016
Preschool	14,280	8,243	22,523

6. Statement of Assurance: The Board approves submission of the Health and Safety Evaluation of School Buildings Checklist Statement of Assurance School Year 2022-2023 to the NJ Department of Education.

7. Cooperative Purchasing for Electric Power: The Board approves to continue participation in the ACES Cooperative Purchasing System for Electric Power, #E8801-ACESCPS, per the attached resolution, through May 2028.
8. Cooperative Purchasing for Natural Gas: The Board approves to continue participation in the ACES Cooperative Purchasing System for Natural Gas Supply Services, #E8801-ACESCPS, per the attached resolution, through May 2028.

D. POLICY

None

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 #7.

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

F. OTHER BUSINESS

None

REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1. HS Committee by Mrs. Darling: Winter Concert; Open House; SAT's: Christmas Parade; Coffee with Administration; Athletics; AP students.
2. Curriculum: None
3. PR/Communications: None
4. Communications/Legislation by Mrs. LeFebvre: Movement by Governor's office to answer concerns from around the state, e.g. Teacher shortage.
5. ESC: None
6. MCSBA by Mrs. Darling: January 25 meeting
7. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: Looking at programs for new board members, reviewing the website.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Lamia Elkhria: How to submit request for a school holiday?

Khalid Ahmed: How are school holidays determined? Mr. Valle and Mrs. LeFebvre respond. Friday prayer?

Matt Mondino: Cinderella's Closet; Say Yes to the Prom Dress for Prom

Ameer Soliman: Eid holidays, Lincoln Park might not have Muslim population as high of a percent as Boonton.

Steve Bossen: Any changes in cleaning in response to Covid, RSV?

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

2023 meeting calendar; NJSBA workshop

Mrs. LeFebvre: Operate in 2023 as the Whole

Mr. Gardberg: Next meeting on Monday, January 2, 2023

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 9:38 pm by Mr. Ezzi and seconded by Mrs. Darling, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: