

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

January 23, 2023

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 January 23, 2023.

The meeting was called to order, and the following statement was read: This is the January 23, 2023, 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. Patrick Joyce, Mrs. Loren Katsakos, Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Mr. Matthew Mondino. Absent were Ms. Natavia Hayes, 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 7:37 pm by Mr. Joyce and seconded by Mrs. Darling, 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 8:57 pm by Mr. Cartelli and seconded by Mrs. Doherty, 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 15 members of the public were in attendance.

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

None

LIAISON REPORTS

1. John Hill School by Marco DeStefano, student representative: None
2. Boonton High School by Jackie Martinez, SRA President: Polly Estevez fundraiser; February 25 school dance; Basketball teams.
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8 by Nicole Checony: Penny Wars; Assemblies; Valentine's Day; School dances; February 7 meeting; Multicultural festival; Spirit Wear sale and Flocking.
4. Home School Association 9-12 by Mrs. Darling: Calendar raffle; February 6 luncheon for staff; Disney pass raffle.
5. Town Council by John Meehan: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Steve Bossen: School Board Recognition Month

SUPERINTENDENT

- A. District News and Updates: Student recognition; AP program; County Clerk
- B. Presentation of Facilities Assessment: Rodney Watkins of DiCara Rubino, overview of the process
- C. Presentation of Student Safety Data System (SSDS) Submission for July 1, 2022-December 31, 2022
- D. Presentation of Start Strong Data

ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. Minutes

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

1. Regular and Executive session: January 2, 2023

B. ADMINISTRATION

PK8 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-10 was moved by Dr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Dr. Davis, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Ms. Hayes.

1. Amend Employment Contract for Paraprofessional: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to amend the employment contract for Pavlina Mineva, Preschool Paraprofessional, to Preschool Teacher, School Street School, at a salary of \$59,000 (Step 1 BA), prorated from February 10, 2023 through June 30, 2023.

2. 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:

Lead Staff Substitutes - \$34 per hour

Kaitlyn Brown Robin Zanca

Adult Support Staff - \$22 per hour

Rachel Biago Louisa Sinatra

Middle School Volunteer

Brett Giordano

3. Extend Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to extend the leave of absence for Nicole Pollina, School Street School Kindergarten Teacher, previously approved on January 2, 2023, through January 16, 2023, to extend through February 15, 2023, utilizing accumulated sick days.

4. Amend Employment Contract for Short Term Leave Kindergarten Replacement Teacher: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to amend the employment contract for Elsie Aurich, School Street School Short-Term Leave Kindergarten Replacement Teacher, previously approved on January 2, 2023 through January 16, 2023, to extend through February 15, 2023.

5. Amend Employment Contact for Short-Term Leave Kindergarten Paraprofessional: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to amend the employment contract for Brianna Affinito, School Street School Short-Term Leave Kindergarten Paraprofessional, previously approved on January 2, 2023 through January 16, 2023, to extend through February 15, 2023.

6. Revise Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to revise the leave of absence for Lacey Mayer, previously approved on January 2, 2023 beginning March 27, 2023 through June 30, 2023, utilizing 21 days of accumulated sick days to now use 19 days of accumulated sick days followed by an unpaid leave of absence.

7. 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:

Brislyn Anton	Clare Clear	Elizabeth Ganley
Stephanie Lampe	Erin Carcich	Sarah Pagliara
Carley Fleres		

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

Grade	Destination
Kindergarten	Alstede Farms
Grade 4	Liberty Science Center
Grade 8	Round Valley Recreation Area

9. Amend Home Instruction Hours: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to amend the home instruction hours previously approved on January 2, 2023 for Student State ID# 5740385473-B, from up to 2 hours per week, for up to 4 additional hours per week, beginning January 2, 2023, with instruction to be provided by approved home instructors at a rate of \$40 per hour.
10. Staff for Compensatory Education: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff to provide Compensatory Education as needed for in-district students, dictated by Student IEPs between January 2023 through June 2023 at a rate of \$40 per hour to be paid with ARP-IDEA Funds.:

Lauren Dedoussis
Julie Rienzi
Kathleen Foley

Karen Kovall
Victoria Branchini

Victoria Pauciello
Erika Faruolo

PK12 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK12 resolutions #1-13 was moved by Dr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Darling. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Dr. Davis, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Ms. Hayes, Mrs. Vucenovic.

1. 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 December 2022.
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:

Grade/Group	Destination
Grade 11	NJ Convention & Exposition Center (National College Fair)
Grades 9-12 (Gateway Academy)	Fairleigh Dickinson University (college visit)
Grades 9-12 (Wrestling)	Various High Schools including Mt. Olive Phillipsburg HS – Girls' State Wrestling Championship

3. Extend Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to extend the leave of absence for Samantha Soni, Boonton High School Guidance Counselor, previously approved on May 9, 2022 from September 1, 2022 through January 29, 2023, utilizing 8 days of accumulated sick days followed by an unpaid leave of absence, to extend through June 21, 2023, utilizing a total of 23 sick days.
4. Extend Employment Contract for Long-Term Leave Replacement Guidance Counselor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to extend the

employment contract for Janeen Ibrahim, Boonton High School Long-Term Leave Replacement Guidance Counselor, previously approved on September 26, 2022 from October 3, 2022 through January 29, 2023, to extend through June 21, 2023.

5. Extend Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to extend the leave of absence for Melissa Bialick, Boonton High School Psychologist, previously approved on June 27, 2022, from October 31, 2022 through March 14, 2023 utilizing 21 accumulated sick days followed by an unpaid leave of absence to extend through June 30, 2023.
6. Extend Employment Contract for Long-Term Leave Replacement School Psychologist: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to extend the employment contract for Lamis Ahmed, Boonton High School Long-Term Leave Replacement School Psychologist, previously approved on January 2, 2023 from January 2, 2023 through March 12, 2023, to extend through June 30, 2023.
7. Extend Leave of Absence for Advisor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to extend the leave of absence previously approved on October 10, 2022 for Melissa Bialick, Boonton High School Key Club Advisor, from October 31, 2022 through March 14, 2023, to extend through June 30, 2023, and further prorate the previously approved amended stipend of \$449 to \$163.20.
8. Extend Stipend Agreement for Long Term Leave Key Club Advisor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to extend the stipend agreement for Sara Simmons, Boonton High School Long-Term Leave Key Club Advisor, previously approved on November 7, 2022 from October, 31, 2022 through March 14, 2023, to extend through June 30, 2023 and further to amend the stipend rate from \$367 to \$652.80.
9. Volunteer Advisor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Sameera Hanafi as a Volunteer Advisor for the Muslim Student Association Club at Boonton High School for the 2022-2023 school year.
10. Coaches: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following coaches and stipends at Boonton High School for the 2022-2023 school year:

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Step /Stipend</u>
Robert Davidson	Head Softball	4 / \$11,120
Lauren Presta	Assistant Softball	1 / \$ 4,751

11. Addition to Substitute List: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Jennifer Davis to the 2022-2023 substitute list, pending receipt of substitute certification.
12. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 5681045187-LP for up to 12 hours per week, beginning January 13, 2023, with instruction to be provided by approved home instructors at a rate of \$40 per hour.

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

C. OPERATIONS

Mr. Gardberg commented on Budget.

Mrs. Darling commented on Demographic Study next month; Repairs; Turf for Town Recreation.

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

- 1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.
 - \$15,830.08 1/10/2023 (Check Journal)
 - \$838,056.26 1/23/2023 (Check Journal)
 - \$78,212.45 1/23/2023 (ACH General)
 - \$16,215.16 1/23/2023 (ACH Cafeteria)
 - \$3,269,114.69 12/01 -- 12/31/2022 (electronic checks, including payroll)
- 2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending 12/31/2022.
- 3. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer: The Board approves reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending 12/31/2022.
- 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
Meg DiNapoli	9/19/22, 10/19, 11/29, 1/26/23, 3/27	Conquer Mathematics Workshop	\$48.41
Jennifer Crithary	1/25/23	Teaching About Climate Change Raritan Valley Community College	\$125.00
Lindsay Halliwell	1/26/23	Using Art to Increase Learning Online Seminar	\$279.00
Alison Schessler	2/9/23	How the Science of Reading Changes Classroom Instruction Highlawn Pavilion, West Orange	\$14.10
Laura Baseil	2/9/23	How the Science of Reading Changes Classroom Instruction Highlawn Pavilion, West Orange	\$14.10
Deborah Gleeson	2/9/23	How the Science of Reading Changes Classroom Instruction Highlawn Pavilion, West Orange	\$14.10
Maribel Martinez	2/10/23	Hot Legal Topics During COVID-19 and Beyond, Monroe, NJ	\$51.80

5. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 1/23/2023 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
2212-0005	Boonton Parks & Recreation: Summer Camp BHS Auditorium, Cafeteria, Covered Walk, JV, Varsity & Turf Fields, Parking Lot, Gym, Classrooms 110, 112, 115, 116, 118, 120, 14, 114 Mondays – Fridays, 6/26 - 7/28/2023 (7:30 AM – 2:00 PM)
2301-0000	Preschool Math & Science Night BHS Room 14 Thursday 1/26/2023 (5:00 - 8:00 PM)
2301-0001	Boonton PTA: Spring Book Fair JHS Art Room Friday 4/21/2023 (3:00 - 5:00 PM); Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, 4/24, 4/25, 4/27/2023 (8:00 AM - 3:00 PM); Wednesday 4/26/2023 (8:00 AM - 8:00 PM); Friday 4/28/2023 (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM)
2301-0003	Boonton Hills & Valley LAX: Indoor Practice SSS Multi Purpose Room Mondays thru Fridays, 1/23 - 3/24/2023 (6:00 – 9:00 PM)
2301-0005	BHS Wrestling Parents: Meeting BHS Media Center Tuesday 1/17/2023 (5:15 – 7:00 PM)
2301-0006	Boonton Hills & Valley LAX: Parent Meetings JHS Cafeteria Wednesdays 2/1/ & 3/1/2023 (7:00 – 9:00 PM) Tuesday 2/28/2023 (7:00 – 9:00 PM)
2301-0007	Trailblazers: Practice BHS Turf & Concession Bathrooms Wednesdays & Thursdays, 3/8 - 5/25/2023 (8:00 – 10:00 PM)
2301-0008	BHS Wrestling Boosters: Meeting BHS Media Center Monday 1/23/2023 (5:00 - 7:00 PM)
2301-0009	BHS Boys Basketball Boosters: “Give Back” BHS Cafeteria Friday 1/20/2023 (4:30 – 9:00 PM)

6. Contract: The Board approves awarding a contract to CDW Government, per ESCNJ contract #AEPA-22G, for \$15,888.00 for Chromebooks, using ARP ESSER III funds.
7. Grant: The Board approves submission of the Visions Classroom Grant application for \$496.45 to Vision Federal Credit Union for a Cricut Maker 3 and materials to support Youth Art Month at Boonton High School.

D. POLICY

Mr. Cartelli received 11 policies for revisions.

E. DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT

On a motion by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Mondino, the Board approved by roll call to affirm the findings and recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying complaints: BHS #4-5, JHS #8

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

F. OTHER BUSINESS

Approval of Other Business resolution #1 was moved by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos. All in favor.

1. School Board Recognition: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves commending the efforts of colleagues and urges the public to support efforts to improve education, per the attached resolution.

REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1. HS Committee by Mrs. Doherty: Requests that Mr. Valle and Mr. Meyer set the meeting dates.
2. Curriculum by Mrs. Katsakos: 22 participants at NJCAP training; NJCAP workshops; Openings for PreK in September; AVID interviews for September; Meeting in February.
3. PR/Communications by Ms. Hayes: Would like to schedule meetings
4. Communications/Legislation by Mrs. LeFebvre: None
5. ESC by Mrs. LeFebvre: Struggling with the budget
6. MCSBA by Mrs. Darling: Meeting this Wednesday; Unsung Hero awards to be presented at CCM.
7. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: Task Force on Firearm safety; Dues Committee; New Board Member Orientation Nominating Committee; Meeting with Governor Commissioner.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Bossen: Policy 5588 Information Literacy

Aneela Awan, representing Muslim Community: Students about Eid holiday: Aqsa Awan-BHS 9th Grader, Fares Soliman-JHS 5th Grader.

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Administration Committee: Mrs. Darling switching to Alternate

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 9:00 pm by Mr. Mondino and seconded by Mr. Cartelli, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: