

## **BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION**

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

March 13, 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 March 13, 2023.

The meeting was called to order, and the following statement was read: This is the March 13, 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 Mrs. Jennifer Darling, Dr. Crystal Davis, Ms. Natavia Hayes, Mr. Patrick Joyce, Mrs. Loren Katsakos, Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Mr. Matthew Mondino, Mrs. Sandra Vucenovic. Absent were Mr. Christopher Cartelli, 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 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 7:55 pm by Mr. Mondino 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 8:00 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 15 members of the public were in attendance as well as Administrators Judy Sorochnyskyj and Alison Schessler.

### **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 Marco DeStefano, student representative: Open Gym Night; Spring sports; Yearbook photos; G&T program-field trip.
2. Boonton High School: None
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8 by Lauren Wainer: Family Game Night; Gertrude Hawk pick-up; Family STEM Nights; Multicultural Festival; National PTA-Smart Talk; Spirit Wear for sale; Flocking fundraiser.
4. Home School Association 9-12 by Mrs. Darling: Disney Pass raffle
5. Town Council: None

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

## **SUPERINTENDENT**

- A. District News and Updates: Treats from Ms. Awan; Recently approved school calendar with additional school closures for religious observances; Postpone testing tomorrow because of impending weather conditions.
- B. School Street School Presentation: Supporting Students Through MTSS by Alison Schessler, Deborah Gleeson, Laura Baseil, Tracy Mischell-Col-Spector, Tracy Paulozzo and Vicky Pereira.
- C. Auditor's Report FY22: presented by Mr. Robert Haag

## **ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION**

### **A. Minutes**

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

1. Regular and Executive session: February 27, 2023 and March 6, 2023

### **B. ADMINISTRATION**

Dr. Davis: Reviewed job descriptions

### **PK8 Resolutions**

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-9 was moved by Dr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos. YES: Mrs. Darling, Dr. Davis, Ms. Hayes, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Doherty.

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

Jennifer Meier                  Brianne Prior                  Can Aktas                  Steve Grivalsky

2. 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 February 1, 2023:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Placement on Guide</u>
Halli Goldsmith	MA+15 to MA+30

3. Teachers for Parent and Child Title I Nights: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following as Teachers for Parent and Child Title I Nights for PreK-5 families, at dates to be determined during the 2022-2023 school year, for up to 4 hours per night for planning and presentation of program at a rate of \$40 per hour, based on enrollment:

Gina Viruet	Megan Bialek	Elsie Aurich
Marianne Sayle	Rachel Wolk	

4. Bridges to Learning After School Enrichment Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members for Bridges to Learning After School Enrichment activities during the 2022-2023 school year at a rate of \$40-\$70 per class, based upon enrollment:

Lauren Dedoussis      Lindsay Halliwell      Laura Sudak                  Laura Baseil

5. Bridges to Learning Summer Programs: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following Bridges to Learning Summer Programs for 2023:

Summer Early Learner's Academy for incoming and current PreK students at School Street School from June 26, 2023 through July 28, 2023 (excluding July 4)

Summer Afternoon Enrichment Program for students entering Kindergarten through Grade 6 from June 26, 2023 through July 28, 2023 (excluding July 4)

Middle School Theater Program for students entering Grades 6-8 from June 26, 2023 through July 7, 2023 (excluding July 4)

6. Additional Hours: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves 24 half days of additional hours for Rosemarie Lynch for summer programming from June 26, 2023 through July 28, 2023, for a total amount not to exceed \$4,000.

7. Revise Outside Evaluations: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to revise the Bilingual Evaluations previously approved on February 13, 2023 for Student State ID# 6566431610-B, to be provided by Hillmar, LLC as follows:

Bilingual Psychological Evaluation \$850

Bilingual Educational Evaluation \$850

Bilingual Speech Evaluation \$600

8. 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# 1560309941-B, for 10 hours per week, beginning January 19, 2023 and

Student State ID# 7855020380-B, for 10 hours per week, beginning February 21, 2023.

9. 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# 7385463695-B, at a cost of \$900.

### **PK12 Resolutions**

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

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 February 2023.
2. Vacation Day Payout: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a vacation day payout for Michael Aliotta, Long-Term Leave Athletic Director's Secretary, in the amount of \$934.01 (5.5 days @ \$169.82 per day).
3. Social Worker Student Observation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a Social Worker student observation for Leah Durkin, Ramapo College of New Jersey, for a total of 30 hours during the spring of 2023 at Boonton High School, under the supervision of Cassidy Buchanan, pending receipt of substitute certification.
4. 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 February 1, 2023:

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Placement on Guide</u>
Alyssa DeOrio	BA + 15 to MA
Barbara Gilbert	BA + 15 to MA

5. Resignation of Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Pete Nosal, Assistant Track Coach, Boonton High School.
6. Appointment of Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves Holly Settineri as Assistant Track and Field Coach, Boonton High School, at a stipend of \$4,751 (Step 1) for the 2022-2023 school year.
7. Field Trip: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destination for the 2022-2023 school year:

<u>Grade/Group</u>	<u>Destination</u>
Grades 9-12 (Criminal Justice Academy)	County College of Morris

8. Home Instructors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Jennifer Bridi and Ken Ren to provide home instruction during the 2022-2023 school year, based on individual certification(s), at a rate of \$40 per hour.
9. Memorandum of Agreement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a Memorandum of Agreement with the parent of Student State ID#6140341184-B, dated March 1, 2023.
10. Online Course: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Student State ID#6140341184-B, to receive the following one (1) online course provided by Educere, to satisfy and fulfill the IEP and graduation requirements for academic instruction in the least restrictive setting, beginning March 2, 2023:  
  
Course# DCFSP2800, Algebra II, \$399.00
11. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 5678682317-B, for up to 5 hours per week, beginning March 6, 2023, with instruction to be provided by St. Clare's Prime Health Services at a rate of \$55 per hour.
12. 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# 2198215962-B, at a cost of \$900.
13. Professional Service: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, effective March 1, 2023, the Board approves to revise the professional service previously approved on June 13, 2022, for Bayada Home Health Care, Inc. to provide a nurse to ride a school vehicle to and from school with Out-of-District Student State ID# 3696942131-B and a Montville student, for the 2022 ESY program and 2022-2023 school year. This is to be billed at \$62 per hour when one student is on the bus and \$93 per hour when both students are on the bus, not to exceed \$76,694. Montville Township Board of Education will reimburse the Board for its share of the service.

### **C. OPERATIONS**

Mr. Gardberg commented on the FY24 Budget and the special Board meeting on March 20. Mrs. Darling commented on the Donation.

Approval of Operations resolutions #1-6 was moved by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Joyce. YES: Mrs. Darling, Dr. Davis, Ms. Hayes, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Mr. Mondino (#4). ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Doherty.

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

\$480.00	2/27/2023A (check journal)
\$280,139.05	3/13/2023 (check journal)
\$63,455.31	3/13/2023 (ACH General)
\$43,826.47	3/13/2023 (ACH Cafeteria)

2. Payroll Expenses: The Board approves the following payroll expenses.

\$1,027,408.34	2/15/2023
\$1,020,587.23	2/28/2023

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
Jesica Harbeson	3/1/2023	Veteran PIC Meeting DOE Trenton, NJ	\$72.10
Jason Klebez	9/22, 12/1/22 2/16, 5/18/23	NJAC Principals Meetings Randolph, NJ	\$82.72

4. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 3/13/2023 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
2303-0000	Boonton Hills & Valley LAX BHS Turf Fridays 5/5,5/12,5/19 Tuesday 5/23/2023 (7:30 – 9:00 PM)
2303-0001	Boonton Hills & Valley LAX BHS Turf Mondays 5/1,5/15,5/22, Tuesdays 5/2,5/9,5/16,5/30, Wednesday 5/31/2023 (6:30 -9:00 PM)
2303-0002	Boonton Hills & Valley LAX BHS Turf Tuesdays 4/4,4/11, 4/18,4/25, Monday 4/10/2023 (7:30 – 9:00 PM)

- 2303-0003 Boonton Hills & Valley LAX  
BHS Turf  
Monday 3/27 & Friday 3/31/2023 (7:00 – 9:00 PM)
- 2303-0004 Boonton Hills & Valley LAX  
BHS Turf  
Various 3/1,3,6,7,10,13,14,17,20,21,24/2023 (6:30 – 9:00 PM)
- 2303-0005 OLMC: CYO Basketball  
JHS Gym  
Wednesday 3/1 & Friday 3/3/2023 (7:00 - 9:00 PM)
- 2303-0006 OLMC: Parish Picnic  
SSS Multipurpose Room, Field, Parking Lot  
Sunday 7/16/2023 (9:00 AM – 6:00 PM)
- 2303-0007 BHS Boys Lacrosse Boosters: Meeting  
BHS Cafeteria  
Thursday 3/9/2023 (6:45 - 8:00 PM)
- 2303-0008 BHS Boys Lacrosse Boosters: Concessions  
BHS Concession Stand  
Tuesday 5/23/2023 (4:00 – 9:00 PM)
- 2303-0009 BHS Boys Lacrosse Boosters: Concessions  
BHS Concession Stand  
Saturday 5/13/2023 (9:00 AM – 1:00 PM)
- 2303-0010 BHS Boys Lacrosse Boosters: Team Dinner  
BHS Cafeteria  
Friday 3/31/2023 (5:00 - 8:00 PM)
- 2303-0011 BHS Boys Lacrosse Boosters: Concessions  
BHS Concession Stand  
Tuesday 3/28/2023 (4:00 – 7:00 PM)
- 2303-0012 BHS Boys Lacrosse Boosters: HSA Senior Breakfast  
BHS Cafeteria  
Wednesday 6/21/2023 (6:30 - 11:00 AM)
- 2303-0013 BHS Boys Lacrosse Boosters: HSA Senior Breakfast  
BHS Cafeteria SET UP  
Tuesday 6/20/2023 (5:00 - 8:00 PM)
- 2303-0014 Tri-Town Little League: Practice & Games  
BHS JV Baseball Field  
Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat 3/25-6/30/2023 (5:30 – 8:30 PM)  
JV NOT AVAILABLE TO TRI-TOWN SUNDAYS or THURSDAYS

2303-0015                Tri-Town Little League: Parade  
BHS Parking Lot & Covered Walk  
Saturday 4/22/2023 (9:00 AM- 12:00 PM)

2303-0016                Tri-Town Little League: Practice & Games  
JHS Upper & Lower Fields  
Saturdays 3/25-7/29/2023 (9:00 AM– 2:00 PM)

5.     Donation: The Board accepts the donation for Stick to Reading from Patricia Miller in Memory of Mitchell Slaughter in the amount of \$100.
6.     Preschool Operational Plan: The Board approves submission of the Preschool Education Aid 2023-2024 District Enrollment and Planning Workbook to the NJ Department of Education, and appropriation of funds in the amount of \$2,222,725.

#### **D. POLICY**

There were no resolutions to approve.

Mrs. Katsakos: Use of School Facilities-Participation 80% of Boonton/Lincoln Park residents

#### **E. DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT**

On a motion by Mr. Mondino 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 #7.

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

#### **F. OTHER BUSINESS**

None

#### **REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES**

1. HS Committee by Mrs. Doherty: Meeting March 20 at 6pm
2. Curriculum by Mrs. Katsakos: Meeting about health curriculum in May
3. PR/Communications by Ms. Hayes: None
4. Communications/Legislation by Mrs. LeFebvre: Mrs. LeFebvre to distribute notes from a state meeting
5. ESC by Mrs. LeFebvre: Concern about buying building they are renting from the state
6. MCSBA by Mrs. Darling: Meeting March 29 at CCM
7. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: Board of Director meeting on March 24; County leadership on March 25



### **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Wania Mohammad: Thank you to the Board for Eid on school calendar
- Aqsa Awan, BHS Freshman: Thank you to the Board

### **OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

1. Special Meeting
2. Meet with Town, re: PILOT
3. Boonton Historical Society program on Sunday from 12-5pm
4. Ethics Disclosure Forms
5. Superintendent Evaluation

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion at 9:08 pm by Mr. Mondino and seconded by Dr. Davis, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg  
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: