

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

March 27, 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 27, 2023.

The meeting was called to order, and the following statement was read: This is the March 27, 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, Mrs. Elaine Doherty, Mr. Patrick Joyce, Mrs. Loren Katsakos, Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Mr. Matthew Mondino, Mrs. Sandra Vucenovic. Absent were Dr. Crystal Davis, 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 7:31 pm by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Mondino, 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 7:59 pm by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Mondino, all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:03 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 50 members of the public were in attendance.

ORDER OF THE DAY

A motion was made by Mrs. Doherty and seconded by Mr. Mondino 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: Baseball and softball; AVID field trip; Students for Change; DC trip.
2. Boonton High School by Jackie Martinez, SRA President: Sophomore class: Pickleball and Basketball; La Copa tournament; Freshmen: Volleyball tournament; Pep rally on April 6; Senior class trip; Business awards; Junior class college trip; FBLA trip; Japan trip; GSA; Spring sports; NHS inauguration.
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8 by Nicole Checony: Dinners-To-Go; Family Game Night; Gertrude Hawk; Spring break camp; Family STEM Nights; Book fairs; Fun Run; Staff Appreciation; Multicultural Festival; Flocking fundraiser.
4. Home School Association 9-12 by Mrs. Darling: Disney raffle; Teacher appreciation; Scholarship.
5. Town Council by Joseph Bock: April 3 next meeting; Property considered for development and PILOT

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

SUPERINTENDENT

- A. District News and Updates: Police: Mr. Christopher Petonak spoke; BHS champion teams and athletes.
- B. Recognition of Girls Basketball Team
- C. Recognition Girls Wrestling Champions
- D. Gateway Academy Presentation: Louis Castano, Nupur Bahl, Vicki Cornell

ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. Minutes

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

1. Regular and Executive session: March 13, 2023, and March 20, 2023

B. ADMINISTRATION

PK8 Resolutions

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

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:

Mannal Ramadan
Suzzeth Perez
Lee Felderman
Radha Majaraj
Matthew Mondino
Heather Canova
Lori Vertucci

Laura Hesselink
Lindsay Bouroult
Vera Santangelo
Gina DeRosa
Carlos Campanelli
Kimberly DeCicco

Leah Coyle
Beatrice Lotito
Donna Nilsson
Elizabeth Zuffelato
Mary Hayer
Jeanna Spezzacatena

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
PreK	Turtle Back Zoo
Grade 8	Caldwell University (Tour of Caldwell College)

3. Acceptance of Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Elsie Aurich, School Street School Kindergarten Paraprofessional, effective March 31, 2023.
4. Acceptance of Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Mackenzie Hascup, School Street School Paraprofessional, effective end of day April 20, 2023.
5. Job Descriptions: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the job descriptions for Bridges to Learning for Summer Theater Director and Summer Theater Program Volunteer.
6. Before and/or After School Academic Support: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members to provide before and/or after school academic support at School Street School for up to 2 days per week and up to 1.5 hours per day at a rate of \$40 per hour to be paid for with Title I ESSER II and III Funds during the 2022-2023 school year, depending on enrollment:

Megan Bialek

Dalia Ibrahim

Gina Viruet

7. Amend Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to amend the leave of absence previously approved on February 13, 2023 for Kristen Houser, Music Teacher, John Hill School, to begin April 17, 2023, to now begin March 20, 2023, utilizing a total of 16 accumulated sick days and 3 personal days, followed by an unpaid leave through June 30, 2023.
8. Revise Start Date for Long-Term Leave Replacement Teacher: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to revise the start date previously approved on February 27, 2023 for Elizabeth Vex, Long-Term Leave Music Teacher, John Hill School, from April 27, 2023 to begin upon issuance of certification through June 30, 2023.
9. Long-Term Leave Preschool Paraprofessional: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Catalina Sanchez as the long-term leave Preschool

Paraprofessional, John Hill School, at a salary of \$36,076 (Step 1) prorated from April 3, 2023 through June 30, 2023.

10. 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# 4885742630-B, at a cost of \$900.
11. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 4885742630-B, for up to 10 hours per week beginning March 7, 2023 with instruction to be provided by approved home instructors at a rate of \$40 per hour.

PK12 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK12 resolutions #1-13 was moved by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Doherty. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Dr. Davis, 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 (Tech Student Assoc)	TCNJ – State TSA Competition Conference
Grades 9-12 (Wresting)	Casa Bianca – Morris County Luncheon
Grades 11-12	Roxbury High School, Academy of Sports Medicine for student Athletic Training Day
Grade 12 Community Based Instruction	Silas Park – picnic lunch with other transitional programs

2. Eagle Scout Project: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Cody Darling, Boonton High School Student, to complete an Eagle Scout Project to install two honorary plaques--one for Dick Rizk (Godfather of Boonton Lacrosse) and one for Jim Kiick (Boonton High School graduate and former professional football player), near the flag pole inside the athletic stadium.
3. Appointment of Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Jillian Glaser to the position of English Teacher, Boonton High School, at a salary of \$65,570 (Step 9 BA), effective September 1, 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year.
4. Appointment of Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Samantha Angelillo to the position of Art Teacher, Boonton High School, at a salary of \$64,800 (Step 4 MA), prorated from May 30, 2023, or sooner if released from previous district, through June 30, 2023.
5. Public Relations Coordinator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Sara Simmons as Public Relations Coordinator at a stipend rate of \$916 (\$5,500 annual stipend pro-rated) for the months of May and June 2023.

6. Volunteer Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Noreen Mahoney as a volunteer softball coach at Boonton High School for the 2022-2023 school year, pending receipt of fingerprint clearance and substitute certificate.
7. Student Observations: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves 10 observation hours to each of the following St. Elizabeth University students at Boonton High School, during the Spring of 2023, pending receipt of background clearance:

Luke Huguen, under the supervision of Kate Brennan,
Tyler Monzo, under the supervision of Tiffanie Henry
8. Curricular Assistance: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves extra hours for Dennis Johnson to complete lesson plans, provide instructional materials, provide student feedback and update gradebooks as appropriate in the music department at Boonton High School, at a rate of \$35 per hour, for up to two hours per week per course section for three sections of Choir, including concert choir, from March 21, 2023 until a date to be determined.
9. Additional Staff Members for Boonton High School Wellness Curriculum Committee: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Devon Engelberger and Colleen Faessinger for curriculum and professional development work at Boonton High School for the 2022-2023 school year at a rate of \$35 per hour, to be paid with ESSER III funds.
10. Emergency Evacuation Use Agreement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Emergency Evacuation Use Agreement Between the Boonton Board of Education and County College of Morris where County College of Morris would provide facilities that are adequate and beneficial to the District's students in case of emergency evacuation.
11. Home Instructor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Lorraine Kiernan to provide home instruction during the 2022-2023 school year, based on individual certification, at a rate of \$40 per hour.
12. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for the following students:

Student State ID# 1854462687-LP, for up to 10 hours per week, beginning March 14, 2023, with instruction to be provided by district-approved home instructors at a rate of \$40 per hour,

Student State ID# 5678682317-B, for up to 10 hours per week, beginning March 16, 2023, with instruction to be provided by LearnWell Education at a rate of \$55 per hour, and

Student State ID# 8024412573-B, beginning March 13, 2023, with instruction to be provided by Aspire at a fee of \$625.00 per week.

13. 2023 Special Education Extended Year Programs: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following 2023 Special Education Extended Year Programs, to be held at John Hill School:

Preschool, June 26 - July 28, 2023 (Monday-Friday), excluding July 3rd & 4th, from 8:30am-11:30am, and

K-12, June 2 - July 28, 2023 (Monday-Friday), excluding July 3rd & 4th, from 8:00am-12:00pm

C. OPERATIONS

Mr. Gardberg commented on Budget, Turf and Kitchen equipment.

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

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.
\$680,121.53 3/27/2023 (Check Journal)
\$40,299.61 3/27/2023 (ACH General)
\$14,829.94 3/27/2023 (ACH Cafeteria)
\$3,062,288.40 2/01 -- 2/28/2023 (electronic checks, including payroll)
2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending 2/28/2023.
3. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer: The Board approves reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending 2/28/2023.
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
Mickey Norton	3/27 - 3/31/23	Comprehensive Orton-Gillingham Plus Virtual	\$1,500.00
Victoria Pauciello	3/27 - 3/31/23	Comprehensive Orton-Gillingham Plus Virtual	\$1,500.00
Laura Roeser	3/27 - 3/31/23	Comprehensive Orton-Gillingham Plus Virtual	\$1,500.00
Lorraine Kiernan	3/27 - 3/31/23	Comprehensive Orton-Gillingham Plus Virtual	\$1,500.00
Victoria Branchini	4/24 - 4/28/23	Comprehensive Orton-Gillingham Plus Virtual	\$1,500.00
Christina Pesci	4/24 - 4/28/23	Comprehensive Orton-Gillingham Plus Virtual	\$1,500.00
Meg DiNapoli	4/24 - 4/28/23	Comprehensive Orton-Gillingham Plus Virtual	\$1,500.00

Erika Faruolo	4/24 - 4/28/23	Comprehensive Orton-Gillingham Plus Virtual	\$1,500.00
Heidi Brady	4/21/23	19th Annual School Counselor Conference Kean University	\$24.03
Tonia Merlino	6/6/23	RXP2023 Realtime User Experience Rockaway, N.J.	\$12.40
Maribel Martinez	6/6/23	RXP2023 Realtime User Experience Rockaway, N.J.	\$12.40
Tiffanie Henry	5/8/23	Holocaust and Genocide Educator Workshop	\$8.93
Steven Gardberg	6/6/23-6/8/23	Annual Conference NJASBO Atlantic City, N.J.	\$822.24

5. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 03/27/2023 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
2303-0017-23	Boonton Boys LAX Booster Parents BHS Snack Stand Home Games 4/4, 4/6, 4/18, 4/27, 5/4, 5/5, 5/11/2023 (4:00 – 8:00 PM)
2303-0025	BHS Baseball Booster Parents BHS Cafeteria Tuesday 3/28/2023 (3:30 -7:30 PM)
2303-0026	OLMC: CYO Basketball BHS Gym Tuesday 3/21 & Thursday 3/23/2023 (6:00 – 8:00 PM)
2303-0027	Boonton PTA: Fundraiser Pick Up JHS Lobby Wednesday 3/29/2023 (2:00 – 6:00 PM)

6. Contract: The Board approves awarding contracts that total \$62,370.47 for 7/1/2022 – 2/28/2023 to Amazon.com, per Omnia/US Communities/National IPA Contract R-TC-17006.
7. FY2022 Audit: The Board accepts the FY2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) and Auditors Management Report (AMR).

D. POLICY

Mrs. Katsakos: Meeting on April 3

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

1. First Reading of Revisions to Policy #7510 – Use of School Facilities: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of revisions to Policy #7510 – Use of School Facilities, 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 #8-10 .

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

F. OTHER BUSINESS

None

REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1. HS Committee by Mrs. Doherty: Meeting March 20; Set focus/structure
2. Curriculum by Mrs. Katsakos: None
3. PR/Communications by Ms. Hayes: None
4. Communications/Legislation by Mrs. LeFebvre: Governor's proposed budget
5. ESC by Mrs. LeFebvre: None
6. MCSBA by Mrs. Darling: Meeting March 29
7. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: Gun safety task force

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Evaluation of Superintendent-training

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 9:25 pm by Mr. Mondino and seconded by Mrs. Doherty, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: