

## **BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION**

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

April 17, 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 April 17, 2023.

The meeting was called to order, and the following statement was read: This is the April 17, 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, Ms. Natavia Hayes, Mr. Patrick Joyce, Mrs. Loren Katsakos, Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Mr. Matthew Mondino, 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 7:31 pm by Mr. Cartelli 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. Vucenovic 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 8:02 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 3 members of the public were in attendance.

### **ORDER OF THE DAY**

A motion was made by Mr. Mondino and seconded by Mrs. Darling to approve the order of the day. All present voted in favor.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

## **LIAISON REPORTS**

1. John Hill School by Joshua Sanchez, student representative: Baseball and Softball games; AVID trip to Caldwell University; Students for Change: Open gym night; DC trip; Student Council: Multicultural Day.
2. Boonton High School: None
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8 by Allison Mania: Microwave and toaster oven at SSS; Family Nights; Spirit wear; PreK assemblies; Spring book fairs; Fun Run; Staff Appreciation; May 9 meeting; Assemblies in May; Multicultural Festival at JHS; Flocking.
4. Home School Association 9-12 by Mrs. Darling: Raffles; Senior Breakfast; Teacher Appreciation
5. Town Council: None

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

## **SUPERINTENDENT**

- District news & updates: Spring has sprung; Concerts; Boonton Holmes Public Library; Standardized testing; Graduation June 20 and June 21; Giveback Days: April 21, May 26, June 12.

## **ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION**

### **A. Minutes**

Approval of minutes from previous meetings was moved by Mrs. Darling, seconded by Mrs. Vucenovic, 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: Dr. Davis, Ms. Hayes. ABSENT: None.

1. Regular and Executive session: March 27, 2023

### **B. ADMINISTRATION**

Dr. Davis: Met tonight

### **PK8 Resolutions**

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-12 was moved by Dr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Darling. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Dr. Davis, Mrs. Doherty, Ms. Hayes, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

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:

Alyssa Huncken  
Tara Joyce  
Justin Nguyen

Angela Chavez  
Kiran Lalia  
Irem Gannon

Jessica Mondino  
Kathleen Mooney  
Michael Adamo

Darla Farnese  
Ken Light

Hana Ziyadeh  
Anthony Fleres

Breah Boutros  
Peggy Travers

2. Appointment of Paraprofessional: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Brianna Affinito to the position of Paraprofessional, School Street School, at a salary of \$36,076, prorated from April 18, 2023 through June 30, 2023.
3. Appointment of Custodian: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Randolph Griesan to the position of Custodian, School Street School, at a salary of \$39,660 (Step 2), prorated from May 15, 2023 for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.
4. Acceptance of Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Debora Acevedo, School Street School Paraprofessional, effective June 30, 2023.
5. Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a leave of absence for Susan Viggiano, John Hill School Social Studies Teacher, effective May 30, 2023, utilizing 17 days of accumulated sick days, followed by an unpaid leave of absence through June 30, 2023.
6. Bridges to Learning After School Enrichment Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Lynn Bariso and Dina Davis 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.
7. Summer Academic Program Supervisor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Jessica Harbeson as the Program Supervisor for the 2023 Summer Academic Support Program for students in Grades K-8 at a stipend of \$3,000 and is dependent upon student enrollment.
8. Teachers for Summer Academic Support Program: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves the following teachers for the 2023 Summer Academic Support Program at a stipend of \$1,600 each, and is dependent upon student enrollment:

Jennifer Bridi  
Dina Davis  
Julie Rogers

Kaitlyn Brown  
Jennifer Gregg  
Cindy Tserkis

Ellen Christian  
Jenna Irwin  
Matthew Voswinkel

9. Bridges to Learning Summer Early Learner's Academy Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following for the Bridges to Learning Summer Early Learner's Academy Program at School Street School from June 26, 2023 through July 28, 2023:

Name	Position	Hours Per Day	Rate per Hour
Nicole Pollina*	Lead Teacher	3.25	\$34.00

Judy Theiller*	Lead Teacher	3.25	\$34.00
Kaitlyn Brown*	Lead Teacher Substitute	3.25	\$34.00
Julia Leva*	Lead Teacher Substitute	3.25	\$34.00
Kathleen Leva	Support Staff	3.25	\$22.00
Julia Leva	Support Staff	3.25	\$22.00
Tammi Green-Strelkoff	Support Staff Substitute	3.25	\$22.00
Eneida Rodriguez	Support Staff Substitute	3.25	\$22.00
Kristen Harodetsky	Support Staff Substitute	3.25	\$22.00

\*Additional 1 hour of planning per week worked as Lead Teacher

10. Outside Evaluations: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Hillmar, LLC to provide Bilingual Evaluations for Student State ID# 1592991947-B, as follows:

Bilingual Psychological Evaluation \$600  
 Bilingual Educational Evaluation \$600  
 Bilingual Speech and Language Evaluation \$600

11. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 4859786926-B, for up to 10 hours per week, beginning April 23, 2023, with instruction to be provided by LearnWell Education at a rate of \$55 per hour.
12. Out-of-District Placement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the out-of-district placement for Student State ID #5740385473-B, at Shepard Preparatory High School, at a daily tuition rate of \$317.94, for 39 days, beginning April 24, 2023 for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year, and that transportation be arranged as needed.

### **PK12 Resolutions**

Approval of Admin PK12 resolutions #1-4 was moved by Dr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Dr. Davis, Mrs. Doherty, Ms. Hayes, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Mrs. Vucenovic. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None.

1. 6<sup>th</sup> Period Stipend for Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a 6<sup>th</sup> period stipend, for Holly Settineri, in the amount of \$5,500 prorated from March 6, 2023 through June 30, 2023, as per the Agreement Between the BEA and the Board of Education.
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:

<u>Grade/Group</u>	<u>Destination</u>
Grades 9-12 (STEM Academy)	Pizza HQ, Woodland Park
Grades 10-12 (Makerspace)	Game Vault, Morristown

3. Additional Hours for Extracurricular Aide Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves an additional 23 hours for Beatrice Beatty to assist and supervise Student State ID# 3101362241-LP, for the 2022-2023 BHS Drama Club, previously approved on November 7, 2023 for 90 hours, at a rate of \$28.72 per hour, pending student clearance and participation.
4. District On-Roll Report: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the District's On-Roll Report for the month of March 2023.

### **C. OPERATIONS**

Mr. Gardberg commented on projects and new tree.

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

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.  

\$25,351.29	4/4/2023 (Check Journal)
\$173,122.57	4/17/2023 (Check Journal)
\$72,073.10	4/17/2023 (ACH General)
\$36,414.83	4/17/2023 (ACH Cafeteria)
2. Payroll Expenses: The Board approves the following payroll expenses.  

\$1,029,235.54	3/15/2023
\$1,060,257.72	3/30/2023
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
Maribel Martinez	5/17/23- 5/19/23	Spring Leadership Conference Atlantic City, N.J.	\$1069.34

4. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 4/17/2023 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. Huguen, Athletic Director. All permits are pending building administration final approval and receipt of documentation.

Permit #	Requested by / Facility / Dates
2303-0028	Amateur Baseball Association: Games BHS Varsity Filed Sundays 4/2-8/27/2023 (2:00 – 8:00 PM)
2303-0029	Boonton Hills & Valley LAX JHS Gym Monday- Friday 3/13-3/31/2023 (except 3/14) (6:00 -9:00 PM)

- 2303-0030            Boonton Hills & Valley LAX  
BHS Turf  
Saturdays 3/11,18,25/2023 (11:00 AM – 3:00 PM)
- 2303-0031            Boonton Hills & Valley LAX  
BHS Turf  
Thursday 6/1/2023 (6:00 – 9:00 PM)
- 2304-0001            Tri-Town Little League Practice & Games  
JHS Upper & Lower Fields  
Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat 3/25-7/31/2023 (6:00 – 8:00 PM)
- 2304-0002            Boonton Parks & Recreation: Soccer Camp  
BHS Varsity Field  
Mon 6/26, Wed 6/28, Fri 6/30, 2023 (5:00 - 8:00 PM)
- 2304-0004            BHS Wrestling Boosters: Camp  
BHS Aux Gym  
Thurs 6/22, Mon 6/26, Tue 6/28, 2023 (2:00 – 6:00 PM)
5.     Menu Price Lists for 2023-2024 School Year: The Board approves the meal and a la carte price lists for the 2023-2024 school year, as per the attached.
6.     Agreement: The Board approves the agreement with Walter A. McDermott Telephone Auditing Services, per Ed Data Bid #11640, to audit the district's phone bills to identify overcharges and obtain credits for overcharges found, for the fee of 50% of recurring monthly reductions of charges eliminated.

#### **D. POLICY**

Mrs. Katsakos: Approvals tonight; Committee meets tomorrow

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

1.     First Reading of Revisions to Regulation #5200 – Attendance: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of revisions to Regulation #5200 – Attendance, as per the attached.
2.     First Reading of Revisions to Regulation #7510 – Use of School Facilities: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of revisions to Regulation #7510 – Use of School Facilities, as per the attached.
3.     Final Reading of Revisions to Policy #7510 – Use of School Facilities: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the final reading of revisions to Policy #7510 – Use of School Facilities, as per the attached.

## **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: JHS # 12.

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

## **F. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mrs. Katsakos: Commending Mrs. Darling

Approval of Other Business resolution #1 was moved by Mr. Cartelli and seconded by Entire Board.

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

7. Nomination: Nomination of Jennifer Darling as Morris County School Boards Association 2023 Irene LeFebvre Excellence in Boardmanship Award.

Resolved: Whereas, while a resident of the Town of Boonton, in the County of Morris, Jennifer Darling has served a total of six years on the Boonton Bd of Ed.

Whereas, Jennifer Darling discuss the nominee's noteworthy contributions to the education of students and continual focus on improving student achievement for all students in the district; and

Whereas, Jennifer Darling discuss the nominee's exemplary leadership on the board and in the community; and

Whereas, Jennifer Darling discuss the nominee's active involvement in school governance at the local level, and possibly the Morris County and NJSBA levels, and the nominee's commitment to collaborative teamwork; and

Whereas, Jennifer Darling discuss the nominee's commitment to personal and professional development; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Boonton Bd of Ed does hereby express its appreciation to Jennifer Darling for their dedicated service, leadership, and contributions to the education of the students in our district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Boonton Bd of Ed Secretary submit the nomination of Jennifer Darling and this Resolution to the Morris County School Boards Association for consideration for the 2023 Irene LeFebvre Excellence in Boardmanship Award.

## **REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES**

1. HS Committee by Mrs. Doherty: Picking date

2. Curriculum by Mrs. Katsakos: None

3. PR/Communications by Ms. Hayes: None
4. Communications/Legislation by Mrs. LeFebvre: Additional state aid for districts losing aid
5. ESC by Mrs. LeFebvre: Board governance, SpEd supervisors
6. MCSBA by Mrs. Darling: May 4 meeting
7. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: October Workshop; Leadership Days; May 13-Delegate Assembly

### **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. John Tolochko, Boonton: Asked about use of Fireman's Field

Mr. Steve Bossen, Boonton: BHS Non-voting member, Mrs. LeFebvre responded

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

Mrs. LeFebvre: Superintendent Evaluation; Ethics Disclosures

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion at 8:40 pm by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Doherty, all present voted to approve the following resolution to enter Executive Session at 8:41 pm.

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.

### **NO ACTION BE TAKEN**

On a motion at 9:31 pm by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Mondino, all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion at 9:32 pm by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Cartelli, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg  
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: