

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

May 22, 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 May 22, 2023.

The meeting was called to order, and the following statement was read: This is the May 22, 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 7:32 pm by Mrs. Doherty 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 8:00 pm by Mrs. Doherty and seconded by Mrs. Vucenovic, 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.

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

Email from Mr. Robert Presuto congratulating Mr. Valle on his appointment to Superintendent.

LIAISON REPORTS

1. John Hill School by Marco DeStefano, student representative: End of year; Testing; Sports; Grade 8 picnic; Grade 7 trip; Middle School band; Choir; Student Council dance.
2. Boonton High School: None
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8 by Steve Bossen: Multicultural Festival; SSS/JHS field days; Assemblies; Fundraisers: ice cream, flocking.
4. Home School Association 9-12 by Mrs. Darling: Scholarships
5. Town Council: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

SUPERINTENDENT

- A. District News and Updates: Peter Nosal-JHS Elementary Principal; Rebecca Kipp-Newbold-Assistant Superintendent; Multicultural Festival; Middle School Leadership Awards; John Gatti- ARC Morris Teacher of the Year; BHS Valedictorian and Salutatorian; AVID events; BHS Hall of Fame Induction; Friday May 26-no school.
- B. Report of HIB Grades for 2021-2022 School Year (self-assessment)
- C. Strategic Plan Update

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: Dr. Davis, Ms. Hayes. ABSENT: None.

1. Regular and Executive session: May 8, 2023

B. ADMINISTRATION

PK8 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-9 was moved by Dr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Cartelli. 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:

Leslie Titus
Marissa DiSalvo
Randy Parilla
Cherrese Bass
Kamila Veljkovic

Nurjana Torres
Courtney Valdeon
Brett Hershkovitz
Jessica Corbosiero
Lillian Barraza

Jessica Orrego
Natalie Springold
Gerard Mania
Gazelle Rahmani

2. Bridges to Learning After School Enrichment Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Jennifer 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.
3. Bridges to Learning Tuition Rates: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Bridges to Learning Tuition Rates for the 2023-2024 school year, as per the attached.
4. 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 4	Boonton Historical Society
Grades 5 & 6	Boonton Holmes Public Library

5. Acceptance of Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Jessica Rodriguez, Paraprofessional School Street School, effective June 30, 2023.
6. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 1408535645-B, for up to 10 hours per week, from May 4, 2023 through May 11, 2023, with instruction to be provided by LearnWell Education at a rate of \$55 per hour.
7. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 1408535645-B, for up to 10 hours per week, beginning May 15, 2023, with instruction to be provided by Silvergate Prep at a rate of \$30 per hour.
8. Extend Compensatory Education and Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to extend the Compensatory Education and Speech Therapy Services previously approved on January 2, 2023 for out-of-district Student State ID#5165378198-B for up to 2 hours per week for 24 weeks from January 2, 2023 – June 16, 2023, with services to be provided by Michelle Attardi, CCC-SLP, at a rate of \$120 per hour not to exceed \$5,760, to now extend through July 31, 2023.
9. Appointment of Administrator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Peter Nosal to the position of Principal, John Hill School, at a salary of \$125,000, effective July 1, 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year.

PK12 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK12 resolutions #1-18 was moved by Dr. Davis and seconded by Mr. Cartelli.
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. Summer Substitute Secretaries: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following substitute secretaries at a rate of \$120 per day during the summer of 2023:

Deborah Salemi	Michele Wolchesky	Elisabeth Cunningham
Adriane Eoga	Susan Chara-Post	Bridget Burke Weiss
Cindy Tserkis-Schlitt	Jamie Westergaard	Merrily Van Teyens
Janet Long	Clare Zarzecki	Rachael Biago
Miki Balaz	Veronica Adamo	Nancy Questa

2. Summer Substitute Maintenance and Substitute Custodial Workers: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following substitute maintenance and custodial workers and rates of pay during the summer of 2023:

Name	Substitute Position	Rate per Hour
Elisabeth Cunningham	Substitute Custodian	\$16 per hour
Luca DiGiacopo*	Substitute Custodian	\$16 per hour
Sero DiGiacopo	Substitute Custodian	\$16 per hour
Luca DiGiacopo*	Substitute Maintenance	\$20 per hour
Sero DiGiacopo	Substitute Maintenance	\$20 per hour

*Pending background clearance

3. Additional Summer Maintenance Assistance: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following for additional summer maintenance assistance during the summer of 2023 at a rate of \$20 per hour:

Luca DiGiacopo

Sero DiGiacopo

4. Transportation Bus Aide Substitutes: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following as transportation bus aides effective June 2023 to continue through June 2024 at their hourly contractual rate of pay:

Kristen Harodetsky

Kathleen Leva

Deborah Salemi

5. Summer hours for Bus Drivers: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves up to 8 hours per day from June 22, 2023 through July 31, 2023 for Wendy Wolgast and Agustina Perman at their hourly contractual rate of pay.

6. 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 (CBI)	Mt. Olive High School
Grades 9-12 Business Academy	Curly's

7. Volunteer Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Kathleen Foley as a Volunteer Boys Tennis Coach at Boonton High School during the 2022-2023 school year.
8. Curricular Assistance: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves up to two hours per week per course section for Steven Barati to complete lesson plans, update gradebooks, provide instructional materials and provide student feedback for three sections of CP Biology classes at Boonton High School at a rate of \$35 per hour From May 16, 2023 through June 21, 2023.
9. Extra Hours for School Nurse: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves up to 50 extra hours for Marcia Tucci during the summer of 2023 for nursing work for sports physicals to clear student athletes for summer and fall athletics at hourly contractual rate of pay.
10. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 6956742286-B, for up to 5 hours per week, beginning May 10, 2023, with instruction to be provided by St. Clare's Prime Health Services at a rate of \$55 per hour.
11. Nursing Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves BrightStar Care of Morris County to provide 1:1 nursing services for OOD Student State ID# 3866275598-B, during school hours (estimated 6.5 hours per day) beginning May 10, 2023 through the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year at a rate of \$95 per hour.
12. Substitutes for 2023 Extended School Year (ESY) Program: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following substitutes and rates of pay, as needed, for the 2023 ESY Program:

Lauren Presta– Substitute Teacher/Aide
 Kirstine Kleid– Substitute Teacher/Aide

Aide rate of pay - \$21 per hour
 Teacher rate of pay - \$40 per hour
13. Revise Speech Therapists' Hours for 2023 Extended School Year (ESY) Program: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to revise the hours previously approved on May 8, 2023 for the speech therapists for the 2023 ESY Program to the following:

Valerie Wasserman previously approved for up to 60 hours at contractual hourly rate, not to exceed \$3,3921.60 be revised for up to 50 hours, at contractual hourly rate, not to exceed \$3,268.00, and

Mary Guenther previously approved for up to 50 hours at contractual hourly rate, not to exceed \$3,3133.50 be revised for up to 60 hours, at contractual hourly rate, not to exceed \$3,760.20.

14. Summer Evaluations: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following summer evaluations to be completed between June 22, 2023 and August 31, 2023 at a rate of \$300 each:

Up to 8 speech evaluations to be conducted by Valerie Wasserman, Mary Guenther or Carolyn Montini

Up to 2 occupational therapy evaluations to be conducted by Paul Chiodo

Up to 2 physical therapy evaluation to be conducted by Teresa Rodriguez

15. Summer Work Based Learning (WBL) Sites: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following unpaid Work-Based Learning (WBL) placements for the following students, accompanied by an aide, to assigned locations, during the 2023 ESY Program, from June 26, 2023 through July 28, 2023:

Delizia Pizza Kitchen, Boonton (6/29, 6/30, 7/6, 7/7, 7/13, 7/14, 7/20, 7/21, 7/27 – tentative dates)

Student State ID# 8426508006-B

Student State ID# 3469294383-LP

Student State ID# 7829553026-B

Student State ID# 2304500431-LP

Shoprite, Parsippany (Dates 7/10, 7/17, 7/24 – tentative dates)

Student State ID# 8426508006-B

Student State ID# 7829553026-B

Boonton Coffee, Boonton (Dates 6/29, 6/30, 7/6, 7/7, 7/13, 7/14, 7/20, 7/21, 7/27 – tentative dates)

Student State ID# 8426508006-B

16. Summer Community Based Instruction (CBI) Sites: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following Community Based Instruction (CBI) sites for the 2023 ESY Summer Program (June 26, 2023 – July 28, 2023):

6/26 - Shoprite, Parsippany

7/5 & 7/19 - Holmes Library, Boonton

7/12 - Boonton Post Office, Boonton

7/26 - Boonton Fire Department, Boonton (Tentative)

7/28 - Curly's Ice Cream, Boonton

17. District Program: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following for the MD Program at Boonton High School, at no cost to the district, for the 2023-2024 school year:

The Arc of NJ's MAPS Program – The program provides experiences for high school students both in a classroom environment and virtually, emphasizing Transition and Post-Secondary

Planning. The sessions are to be held up to twice monthly and last the length of a typical class period and will run for the entire 2023-2024 school year including the 2024 Summer ESY Program. The MAPS Program is provided free of charge through a grant received by the Arc of NJ. The dates for the sessions are to be determined.

18. Appointment of Superintendent of Schools: Be it resolved that the Boonton Board of Education authorizes the Board President to execute on behalf of the Board of Education the employment contract for Thomas Valle, submitted to and approved by the Executive County Superintendent, to serve as the Superintendent of Schools for the time period from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth therein with an initial annual salary of \$195,000.00.

C. OPERATIONS

Mr. Gardberg commented on the turf this summer and going forward. The meal account balances are up \$28K from \$9K in September. Mrs. Darling commented on the donation from Staples.

Approval of Operations resolutions #1-8 and 10-21 was moved by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Mondino (#9 was tabled). 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. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

\$525.00	5/11/2023 (Check Journal)
\$678,151.90	5/22/2023 (Check Journal)
\$41,305.60	5/22/2023 (ACH General)
\$35,083.56	5/22/2023 (ACH Cafeteria)
\$3,213,199.76	4/01 -- 4/30/2023 (electronic checks, including payroll)
2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending 4/30/2023.
3. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer: The Board approves reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending 4/30/2023.
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
Louis Castano	6/6/2023	Realtime User Experience 2023 Rockaway, NJ	\$8.75
Rebecca Kipp-Newbold	7/16 - 7/19/23	Avid Summer Institute Baltimore, MD	\$2236.89
Louis Castano	7/16 - 7/19/23	Avid Summer Institute Baltimore, MD	\$2260.39
Alan Masters	7/16 - 7/19/23	Avid Summer Institute Baltimore, MD	\$2250.75
Marissa LaPlaca	7/16 - 7/19/23	Avid Summer Institute Baltimore, MD	\$2267.44

Kate Brennan	7/16 - 7/19/23	Avid Summer Institute Baltimore, MD	\$2249.49
Olivia Ditrolio	7/16 - 7/19/23	Avid Summer Institute Baltimore, MD	\$2271.24
Michelle McBride	7/16 - 7/19/23	Avid Summer Institute Baltimore, MD	\$2270.77
Bevin Hughen	7/16 - 7/19/23	Avid Summer Institute Baltimore, MD	\$2319.34
Terence O'Dell	7/16 - 7/19/23	Avid Summer Institute Baltimore, MD	\$2296.50
Cynthia Tserkis- Scott	7/16 - 7/19/23	Avid Summer Institute Baltimore, MD	\$2256.03
Jennifer Crithary	7/16 - 7/19/23	Avid Summer Institute Baltimore, MD	\$2256.16
Marybeth Comer	7/16- 7/19/23	Avid Summer Institute Baltimore, MD	\$2262.74
Maribel Martinez	6/9/23	NJCIE Summer Inclusion Leadership Conference, Montclair, NJ	\$16.17
Rosemarie Sullivan	6/6/23	Morris County Public Safety Training Morris Plains, NJ	\$11.28
Patrise Danzi	5/23/23	NJASBO Accounts Payable, Whippany, NJ	\$129.70
Leslie Alfano- Barboza	5/23/23	NJASBO Administrative Assistants, Whippany, NJ	\$125.00

5. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 05/22/2023 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
2305-0002	Trailblazers: Practices BHS Turf Wednesdays & Thursdays 9/6 - 11/16/2023 (8:00 – 10:00 PM)
2305-0004	Boonton Parks & Recreation: Soccer Camp BHS Varsity Field Tuesday 6/27 & Thursday 6/29/2023 (5:00 - 8:00 PM)
2305-0005	Boonton Parks & Recreation: Teacher Convention Volleyball Camp JHS Gym Thursday 11/9 & Friday 11/10/2023 (9:00 AM - 4:00 PM)

6. Scholarship Awards: The Board approves creation of the Chemistry Scholarship, named Charles F. Berlinghoff Memorial Scholarship for \$10,000, given to a Boonton High School Senior matriculating in a college science major. This scholarship will begin in the 2023-2024

school year.

7. Contract: The Board approves awarding a contract to CDW Government, per ESCNJ contract #AEPA-22G, for \$12,542.40 for Chromebooks, using ARP ESSER III funds.
8. Safety Grant Application: The Board approves submission of a grant application for the 2023 Safety Grant Program through the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group's Eric West Sub-fund for the purposes described in the application, in the amount of \$5,600, for the period 7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024.
9. Waste and Recycling Services Contract: The Board approves renewal of the contract with Waste Management of Ewing, NJ, for the 2023-2024 school year at a 5.5% increase for \$30,556.18, for trash and recycling pickup.
10. Fire & Burglar System Services Contract: The Board approves the first one-year renewal of the contract with Protective Measures Security and Fire Systems of Denville, NJ, for the 2023-2024 school year at a 0.8% increase for \$10,944.60, for monitoring, inspections and/or maintenance of fire and burglar alarms, kitchen suppression and fire extinguishers.
11. Joint Transportation Agreement: The Board approves the agreement with the Educational Services Commission of Morris County for the 2023-2024 school year to transport public, nonpublic and special education pupils.
12. Tax Levy Payment Schedule 2023-2024: The approves this schedule with the Town of Boonton.

Month	Gen Fund	Debt Svc	TOTAL
Jul-23	\$1,819,155.67	\$265,225.00	\$2,084,380.67
Aug-23	\$1,819,155.67		\$1,819,155.67
Sep-23	\$1,819,155.67		\$1,819,155.67
Oct-23	\$1,819,155.67		\$1,819,155.67
Nov-23	\$1,819,155.67		\$1,819,155.67
Dec-23	\$1,819,155.67		\$1,819,155.67
Jan-24	\$1,819,155.67	\$832,850.00	\$2,652,005.67
Feb-24	\$1,819,155.67		\$1,819,155.67
Mar-24	\$1,819,155.67		\$1,819,155.67
Apr-24	\$1,819,155.67		\$1,819,155.67
May-24	\$1,819,155.67		\$1,819,155.67
Jun-24	\$1,819,155.67		\$1,819,155.67
\$21,829,868.00 \$1,098,075.00 \$22,927,943.00			

17. Health Service Insurance Provider Agreement: The Board approves the renewal of health service insurance agreement with Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Jersey, with a 1% increase from current rates, effective 7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024.

18. Dental Insurance Provider Agreement: The Board approves the renewal of dental insurance agreement with Delta Dental, with a 1% increase from current rates, effective 7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024.
19. Cooperative Pricing System Agreement: The Board approves to continue participation in the Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (ACES), per the attached resolutions, Cooperative Pricing System for the procurement of energy (electricity and natural gas) through May 2028.
20. Donation: The Board accepts the donation of Give Back School Supplies bags (412) from Staples, with an estimated value of \$2,060.
21. Statement of Assurance: The Board approves submission of 2022-2023 Testing for Lead in School Drinking Water Statement of Assurance (SOA) to the NJ Department of Education.

D. POLICY

None

E. DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT

On a motion by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Doherty, the Board approved by roll call to affirm the findings and recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying complaints: JHS #13.

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

F. OTHER BUSINESS

None

REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1. HS Committee by Mrs. Doherty: Meeting tomorrow May 23
2. Curriculum by Mrs. Katsakos: None
3. PR/Communications by Ms. Hayes: None
4. Communications/Legislation by Mrs. LeFebvre: Legislation about testing; State BOE agenda for commentary
5. ESC by Mrs. LeFebvre: Increase in request for support staff; negotiate with Superintendent for contract
6. MCSBA by Mrs. Darling: Meeting next week
7. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: New president in from Montville; Spring Symposium; Leadership Training; October Workshop

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Bossen: Thank you for updates on Strategic Plan; Curious about BHS change of start time?

Linda Hogoboom: 1) Can recording and posting of meeting be discussed? 2) Policy #9140-Citizen Advisory Committee?

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

- Happy Birthday to Rose Sullivan
- Mrs. Katsakos: Historical Society June 4 & June 18 open for dress exhibit; July 16 fundraiser
- Mrs. Darling congratulates Mrs. LeFebvre on completing a two-year term at NJSBA

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 8:49 pm by Mr. Mondino and seconded by Mr. Cartelli, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: