

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

July 24, 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 July 24, 2023.

The meeting was called to order, and the following statement was read: This is the July 24, 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, Mr. Patrick Joyce, Mrs. Loren Katsakos, Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Mr. Matthew Mondino. Absent were Mrs. Elaine Doherty, 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 7:31 pm by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Cartelli, 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 7:58 pm by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos, 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 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: None
2. Boonton High School: None
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8: None
4. Home School Association 9-12: None
5. Town Council: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

SUPERINTENDENT

- A. District News and Updates: Summer programs; Summer projects: SSS playground repaving; JHS AC on third floor; BHS: Sidewalk, cafeteria floor, turf, landscaping, lockers; Administration retreat.

ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. Minutes

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

1. Regular and Executive session: July 10, 2023

B. ADMINISTRATION

PK8 Resolutions

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

1. Out-of-District Placements: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following out-of-district placements for the 2023-2024 school year, and that transportation be arranged as needed:

Mt Lakes BOE/ Lake Drive

Student State ID# 3937809532-B

2023-2024 school year tuition - \$84,200

Briarcliff/Lake Drive

Student State ID# 4789637065-B

2023-2024 school year tuition - \$84,200

PK12 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK12 resolutions #1-5 was moved by Dr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Darling. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Dr. Davis, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Doherty, Ms. Hayes, Mrs. Vucenovic.

1. Curriculum Writers: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members for curriculum writing during the summer of 2023, for up to 20 hours for each subject at a rate of \$35 per hour:

Staff Member	Subject
Daniel Matarazzo	Woodworking Curriculum
Daniel Matarazzo	Carpentry Curriculum
Dennis Johnson	Guitar Lab Curriculum

2. Bus Aide: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Kristen Harodetsky as district-wide bus aide to ride the bus before and after school, for the 2023-2024 school year for up to 1.25 hours per shift, depending on enrollment, at an hourly rate of \$29.58 (Step 4).
3. Bus Aide Substitute: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Debbie Robinson as a district-wide bus aide substitute to ride the bus before and after school, for the 2023-2024 school year for up to 1.25 hours per shift, depending on enrollment, at an hourly rate of \$29.58 (Step 4).
4. Appointment of District Payroll/Benefits Coordinator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Jessica Green to the position of District Payroll/Benefits Coordinator, at a salary of \$70,000, prorated from September 1, 2023 for the 2023-2024 school year.
5. Volunteer Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Jason Earle as a volunteer football coach at Boonton High School from July 25, 2023 through August 31, 2023.

C. OPERATIONS

Mrs. Darling commented on the committee having met tonight, and Mr. Gardberg commented on staff working on Commercial Drivers Lincseses.

Approval of Operations resolutions #1-5 was moved by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Mondino. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Dr. Davis, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Doherty, Ms. Hayes, Mrs. Vucenovic.

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

\$83,842.90	07/14/2023 (check Journal)
\$17,429.20	07/24/2023 (Check Journal FY23)
\$193,495.57	07/24/2023 (check Journal FY24)
\$7,159.78	07/24/2023 (check Journal FY24 Cafeteria)
\$17,811.71	07/24/2023 (ACH General FY23)
\$36,428.35	07/10/2023 (ACH General FY24)
\$8,262,013.85	5/01 -- 5/31/2023 (electronic checks, including payroll)
2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending 5/31/2023.

3. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer: The Board approves reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending 5/31/2023.
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
Ed Forman	7/31 & 8/1/2023	Restorative Practices: Traditional Consequences & Meaningful Accountability, West Orange, NJ	\$382.05
Vincenzo LoGuidice	7/31- 8/3/2023	AP Summer Institute, Madison, NJ	\$775.00

5. Contract: The Board approves awarding year-to-date contracts (purchase orders) totaling \$81,332.02 for the 2022-2023 school year to Amazon.com, per Omnia/US Communities/National IPA Contract R-TC-17006.

D. POLICY

Approval of Policy resolution #1 was moved by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mrs. Darling.

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

1. First Reading of Policy #2419 – School Threat Assessment Teams: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the first reading of Policy #2419 – School Threat Assessment Teams, as per the attached.

E. DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT

None

REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1. HS Committee by Mrs. Doherty: None
2. Curriculum by Mrs. Katsakos: Meeting in August; Staff attended AVID training; Staff at AP Summer Instruction.
3. PR/Communications by Ms. Hayes: None
4. Communications/Legislation by Mrs. LeFebvre: Governor signed legislation
5. ESC by Mrs. LeFebvre: None
6. MCSBA by Mrs. Darling: 1st meeting on October 5 in Mountain Lakes
7. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: New officers held training; Review of committee system

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Steve Bossen: Thank you for AC at JHS; Received email about Vector Training

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Apps due July 31 to the County for BOE

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 8:19 pm by Mr. Mondino and seconded by Mr. Joyce, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: