

## **BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION**

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

August 7, 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 6:03 pm on August 7, 2023.

The meeting was called to order, and the following statement was read: This is the August 7, 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, Mrs. Elaine Doherty, Ms. Natavia Hayes, Mrs. Loren Katsakos, Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Mr. Matthew Mondino. Absent were Mr. Christopher Cartelli, Dr. Crystal Davis, Mr. Patrick Joyce, Mrs. Sandra Vucenovic.

Also present were Mr. Thomas Valle, Superintendent and Mr. Steven Gardberg, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 1 member of the public was in attendance.

### **ORDER OF THE DAY**

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

None

### **RETREAT AGENDA**

- Internships program expansion and community service
- Academy required internships?
- Integrating with not necessarily adding to, current practices
- Student rep on Board
- Art projects to decorate interior
- Lincoln Park relationship
- CST building
- Educational foundation
- Board self-evaluation
  - Established a district-wide mission
  - Support the district-wide mission
  - In maintaining role as policy-making body through effective oversight, what specific areas of board governance require additional focus and training?

- Strategic Plan Review
  - Student success
  - Staff success
  - Community Outreach and Partnership
  - Facilities and Resources
  - Plus, Lincoln Park
- Vision for 2022 and Portrait of a Graduate

#### **BOE Members**

- Mrs. Katsakos: Transition PD to teacher-led, build interdisciplinary collegiality
- Mrs. Doherty: Police officers in the schools, broaden PR, self-promotion, accept tuition students, more electives at BHS and JHS
- Mr. Mondino: Reading recovery for children who are more than 1 year behind; financial literacy
- Mrs. LeFebvre: Middle-school curriculum enrichment, keeping them engaged, electives
- Mr. Bossen: World Language: Repeats of prior years in Spanish, but French has been better
- Ms. Hayes: More robust PR, show our strengths; Collaboration with influencers, companies; Visual Apparel-You Tube, TikTok; Paper, hard copy information; BHS class-Social media, Digital marketing
- Mrs. Darling: AC, roofs, Turf expansion, BHS library, BHS gym bleachers, renewable energy, replacing fossil fuels, aesthetic of BHS interior, ADA accessible

#### **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

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

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion at 7:53 pm by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Mondino, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg  
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: