

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

January 22, 2024

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 January 22, 2024.

The meeting was called to order, and the following statement was read: This is the January 22, 2024, 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. Dawn Caicedo, Mrs. Jennifer Darling, Mrs. Elaine Doherty, Mr. Patrick Joyce, Mrs. Loren Katsakos, Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Mr. Matthew Mondino, Ms. Brianna O'Halloran, Mr. Daniel Piccioni. Absent was Mr. Christopher Cartelli.

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. Piccioni and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos, 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 Mr. Mondino, all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:01 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Approximately 5 members of the public were in attendance.

ORDER OF THE DAY

A motion was made by Mrs. Darling 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 Skylar Brady, student representative: Winter dance; Students for Change; drama auditions; yearbook
2. Boonton High School by Michael Zuercher, SRA President: Gateway juniors; girls wrestling and boys wrestling; Class of 2025; school play is Grease; GSA; Kiss-O-Gram fundraiser
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8 by Nicole Cechony: Motivational speaker; assemblies; Penny Wars fundraiser; Oriental Trading fundraiser; Family Game Night; Multicultural Festival; Gertrude Hawk fundraiser; Family Valentine's dances; Stem to Stem fundraiser
4. Home School Association 9-12 by Mrs. Darling: Raffle
5. Town Council by Robert Murray: Planning Board approved Riverwalk project without PILOT

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Bossen: School Board Recognition

SUPERINTENDENT

- A. District News and Updates: Weather challenges; PreK lottery; SSS kindness challenge; JHS Gifted and Talented spelling bee, Art contest; BHS academy trips, college financial aid; clothing donation bins

ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. Minutes

Approval of minutes from previous meetings was moved by Mrs. Darling, seconded by Mrs. Doherty, and approved on roll call. YES: Mrs. Caicedo, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Piccioni. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Mrs. Katsakos. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli.

1. Regular and Executive session: January 8, 2024

B. ADMINISTRATION

PK8 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-6 was moved by Mrs. Doherty and seconded by Mrs. Darling. YES: Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Piccioni. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli.

1. Field Trip: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destination for the 2023-2024 school year:

<u>Grade/Group</u>	<u>Destination</u>
Grade 4	Liberty Science Center

2. Curricular Assistance: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves extra hours for Petra Lieberman to complete weekly lesson plans, provide

instructional materials, provide student feedback and update gradebooks as appropriate in the Preschool Disabilities class at John Hill School, at a rate of \$35 per hour, for up to two hours per week from January 16, 2024.

3. Bridges to Learning Volunteer: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Zachary Ligertwood as a high school volunteer for the Bridges to Learning Before/After School Program at School Street School, John Hill School and Boonton High School for the 2023-2024 school year.
4. Elementary Before and/or After School Academic Support Certified Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Kaitlyn Brown and Diana Melione for Elementary Before and/or After School Academic Support during the 2023-2024 school year at School Street School at a rate of \$40 per hour, for up to 2 days per week and up to 1 hour per day, dependent on enrollment to be paid for with Title I ESSER II and III funds, and further approves Laura Baseil as a substitute.
5. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 6093593356-B for up to 10 hours per week, beginning January 5, 2024, with instruction to be provided by LearnWell Education at a rate of \$57.75 per hour.
6. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 5839739122-B for up to 10 hours per week, beginning January 10, 2024, with instruction to be provided by district-approved home instructors at a rate of \$40 per hour.

PK12 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK12 resolutions #1-5 was moved by Mrs. Doherty and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos. YES: Mrs. Caicedo, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Piccioni. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli.

1. Field Trips: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destinations for the 2023-2024 school year:

<u>Grade/Group</u>	<u>Destination</u>
Grade 9 (Personal Finance)	Junior Achievement Finance Park
Grade 11	NJ Convention & Expo Center (College Fair)
Grades 9-12 (Wrestling Team)	Jim Thorpe High School
Grades 9-12 (Teaching & Learning Academy)	Rider University
Grades 10-12 (FBLA)	Atlantic City Convention Center

2. Winter Weightlifting Co-Supervisors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Jason Earle and Steven Delaporte as Winter Weightlifting Co-Supervisors at Boonton High School at a stipend of \$285.60 each (0.5 of the remaining 70% stipend of \$816).

3. Home Instructor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Michelle McBride to provide home instruction during the 2023-2024 school year at a rate of \$40 per hour, based on individual certifications.
4. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 3012169107-B for up to 10 hours per week, beginning January 10, 2024, with instruction to be provided by district approved home instructors at a rate of \$40 per hour.
5. Acceptance of Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Employee #2196, effective end of business day, January 22, 2024.

C. OPERATIONS

Mr. Gardberg: BHS lockers; lunch balances; FY25 budget; grants for indoor and outdoor improvements

Approval of Operations resolutions #1-3 was moved by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Mondino. YES: Mrs. Caicedo, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Piccioni. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli.

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.
 \$673,281.00 1/22/2024 (Check Journal)
 \$2,827.51 1/12/2024 (ACH General)
 \$12,062.73 1/22/2024 (ACH General)
 \$7,071.92 1/22/2024 (ACH Cafeteria)
2. 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
Marianne Sayle	3/6 - 3/7/24	BER: English Language Learner Conference, Virtual	\$545.00
Toni DeCotiis	2/1/24	Current Education and Hot Topics in Special Education, Monroe, NJ	\$125.00
Melissa Bialick	2/9/24	Current Education and Hot Topics in Special Education, Monroe, NJ	\$77.45
Maribel Martinez	2/7/24	Realtime User Experience Parsippany, NJ	\$6.58
Laura Baseil	1/31/24	SAVVAS Math Symposium Somerset, NJ	\$35.06
Deborah Gleeson	1/31/24	SAVVAS Math Symposium Somerset, NJ	\$33.84
Wayne Barreto	1/12/24	AP STEM Roundtable Rockaway, NJ	\$7.47
Leah Birchler	1/31/24	Restorative Justice in Schools New Brunswick, NJ	\$40.42

Rebecca Kipp-Newbold	1/31/24	Restorative Justice in Schools New Brunswick, NJ	\$40.42
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3. Donation: The Board accepts a donation of \$15,000 from The Visioli Family for a scoreboard at John Hill School.

D. POLICY

None.

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: BHS #5-8, JHS #9-11, SSS #2-3.

YES: Mrs. Caicedo, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Piccioni. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Mrs. Katsakos . ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli.

F. OTHER BUSINESS

Approval of resolutions #1 was moved by Ms. O'Halloran and seconded by Mr. Piccioni. All present voted in favor.

1. School Board Recognition Month in New Jersey: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves commending the efforts of colleagues and urges the public to support efforts to improve education, per the attached resolution

REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1. HS Committee: None
2. Curriculum by Mrs. Katsakos: Meeting on February 5
3. PR/Communications: To now be called Community Relations
4. Communications/Legislation by Mrs. LeFebvre: Free/Reduced meals for higher income level; FAFSA as graduation requirement; Excused absence for a civic activity; Allowing to move election from November to April; Term to start on Year 1?
5. ESC: None
6. MCSBA by Mrs. Darling: Meeting on February 8
7. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: New Board Member Orientation; Deputy Executive Director; Start meeting at beginning of public session, meeting about process of creating agenda

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Next meeting is on February 12
2. Committee assignments
3. Potential to move Executive Session from beginning to the end of meeting. Change with first meeting of March
4. Public meeting with budget discussion

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 8:57 pm by Mr. Joyce and seconded by Mr. Mondino, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: