

## **BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION**

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

February 26, 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 6:00 pm on February 26, 2024.

The meeting was called to order, and the following statement was read: This is the February 26, 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, Mr. Christopher Cartelli, Mrs. Jennifer Darling, Mr. Patrick Joyce, Mrs. Loren Katsakos, Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Ms. Brianna O'Halloran, Mr. Daniel Piccioni. Absent were Mrs. Elaine Doherty, Mr. Matthew Mondino .

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 2 members of the public were in attendance.

### **BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Mr. Gardberg presented the 2024-2025 budget.

### **ORDER OF THE DAY**

A motion was made by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos 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: 8<sup>th</sup>-grade superlatives for yearbook; kindness challenge; design contest; Gifted and Talented project; Honor Roll; Valentine's Dance
2. Boonton High School by Rebecca Sherbert: Soccer tournament-Spanish Club; spring musical this weekend; girls wrestling; Student Council meeting; NJGPA testing
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8: Election year; Read Across America week; Assemblies; Dinners-to-Go; Funds for field trip busing; Spirit wear recycling
4. Home School Association 9-12 by Mrs. Darling: Members for next year
5. Town Council by Robert Murray: Boonton Police: Maple Avenue from 2-way to 1-way; Town ordinance re: clothing donation bins

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Mr. Bossen: Board contribution towards DC trip

## **SUPERINTENDENT**

- A. District News and Updates: Next year's school calendar; spring musical this weekend; District publications; job opportunities-subs
- B. Strategic Plan Update by Dr. Rebecca Kipp-Newbold

## **ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION**

### **A. Minutes**

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

1. Regular and Executive session: February 12, 2024

### **B. ADMINISTRATION**

#### **PK8 Resolutions**

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-7 was moved by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Mrs. Darling. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Piccioni. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Mondino.

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

Irasely Oquendo  
Jennifer Fredericks  
Peter Nogay

Mannal Ramadan  
Jennifer Herbert

Jennifer Pratt  
Meghan Arahill

2. Teachers for Parent and Child Title I Nights: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Kara Leenas and Olivia Shiel as Teachers for Parent and Child Title I Nights for PreK-5 families, at dates to be determined, for up to 4 hours each per night for planning and presentation of program at a rate of \$40 per hour each during the 2023-2024 school year.

3. 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>
Grades K-2 (Social Skills)	McDonalds

4. Revised Job Description: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the revised Job Description for Bridges to Learning Enrichment Instructor.

5. Bridges to Learning 2024 Summer Programs: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following Bridges to Learning 2024 Summer Programs:

Early Learner's Academy for incoming and current Pre-K Students at School Street School, June 24 - August 2, excluding July 4

Summer After Camp Bridges Program for students entering Kindergarten through 6th Grade at John Hill School, June 24 - August 2, excluding July 4

Summer Theater Program for students entering grades 6th - 9th at John Hill School

Session 1: June 24 - July 5, excluding July 4

Session 2: August 5 - August 9

Summer Enrichment for students entering Kindergarten - 6th Grade at John Hill School, August 5 - August 23, including before care and aftercare

6. Out-of-District Placement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approve the following out-of-district placement for the 2023-2024 school year, and that transportation be arranged as needed:

Chapel Hill Academy

Student State ID# 9732235202-B

Tuition - \$412.00 per day (81 days) beginning February 14, 2024

7. Outside Evaluations: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Hillmar, LLC to provide Bilingual Evaluations for Student State ID# 6538204263-B, as follows:

Bilingual Psychological Evaluation \$650

Bilingual Educational Evaluation \$650

Bilingual Speech Evaluation \$650

### **PK12 Resolutions**

Approval of Admin PK12 resolutions #1-6 was moved by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Mrs. Darling. YES: Mrs. Caicedo, Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Piccioni. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Mondino.

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>
Grades 9-12 (Criminal Justice & Bus Law)	NJ State House - Trenton
Grade 12+ (CBI)	United Methodist Church

2. Boonton Public School Academic Calendar for the 2024-2025 School Year: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Boonton Public School Academic Calendar for the 2024-2025 school year.

3. Volunteer Advisor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Sean Norton as Volunteer Winter Weight Room Advisor at Boonton High School for the 2023-2024 school year.
4. Staff for Clock Operator & Crowd Control: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Matthew Brandt as Clock Operator and Crowd Control at events as required during the 2023-2024 school year.
5. Home Instructor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Jordan Goldson to provide home instruction at a rate of \$40 per hour during the 2023-2024 school year.
6. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 6546452187-B, for up to 10 hours per week, beginning February 5, 2024, with instruction to be provided by Silvergate Prep at a rate of \$30.00 per hour.

### **C. OPERATIONS**

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

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.  
     \$13,468.19     2/16/2024 (Check Journal)  
     \$280,285.79   2/26/2024 (Check Journal)  
     \$2,593.96     2/26/2024 (ACH General)  
     \$4,491,789.74   1/01 -- 1/31/2024 (electronic checks, including payroll)
2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending 1/31/2024.
3. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer: The Board approves reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending 1/31/2024; major funds have not been over-expended.
4. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 2/26/2024 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.

Permit #	Requested by / Facility / Dates
2402-0000	Boonton Hills & Valley LAX: Game BHS Turf Saturday 5/4/2024 (6:00 - 9:00 PM)
2402-0001	Boonton Preschool Literacy Night BHS Rooms 101, 103, 104 Tuesday 3/5/2024 (5:00 - 8:00 PM)

2402-0002                      Boonton Parks & Recreation: Camp Set up  
BHS Cafeteria  
Saturday 6/22/2024 (9:00 AM - 2:00 PM)

5.     Parental Contract for Student Transportation: The Board approves to reimburse the parent(s) of Student State ID# 5153109356-B, to provide transportation to and from William Paterson University for the 2023-2024 school year, to be paid based on student attendance, not to exceed \$5,000.
6.     Agreement: The Board approves the agreement with Preferred Health Care & Nursing Service to provide nursing services, as needed, for \$61 per hour rendered by an LPN or RN, for the 2023-2024 school year.

#### **D. POLICY**

None. Meeting on March 6.

#### **E. DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT**

On a motion by Mr. Cartelli and seconded by Mrs. Darling, 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, BHS #10.

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

#### **F. OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

#### **REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES**

1. HS Committee by Mrs. Doherty: Meeting tomorrow
2. Curriculum by Mrs. Katsakos: Meeting April 15
3. Community Relations by Mr. Mondino: None
4. Communications/Legislation by Mrs. LeFebvre: State Aid
5. ESC by Mrs. LeFebvre: None
6. MCSBA by Mrs. Darling: Meeting March 20
7. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: Weekend training; March 9-Legislative Committee; County meeting-  
Unsung Heroes

#### **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Bossen: Budget workshop

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

1. Next meeting is March 11

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion at 8:26 pm by Mr. Cartelli and seconded by Mr. Joyce, all present voted to approve the following resolution 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.

### **NO ACTION BE TAKEN**

On a motion at 8:55 pm by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Ms. O'Halloran, all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion at 8:56 pm by Mr. Cartelli and seconded by Mrs. Darling, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg  
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: