

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

April 29, 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 April 29, 2024.

The meeting was called to order, and the following statement was read: This is the April 29, 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, Mr. Matthew Mondino, Ms. Brianna O'Halloran, Mr. Daniel Piccioni. Absent was Mrs. Elaine Doherty .

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 3 members of the public were in attendance.

ORDER OF THE DAY

A motion was made by Mr. Cartelli and seconded by Mr. Piccioni 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: Assembly; Concerts; Sports; State testing; Book fair; 8th grade scheduling for BHS
2. Boonton High School: None
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8 by Caitlyn Magennis: Book fair; Family night; Staff appreciation week; Fun Run and Walk May 17; Meeting May 14; Multicultural Festival May 23; Lawn signs for 8th Grade graduates; Field days; Assemblies
4. Home School Association 9-12 by Mrs. Darling: Graduation sign; Fundraiser May 15-17
5. Town Council by Robert Murray: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Steve Bossen: Tax Levy 2% increase

SUPERINTENDENT

- A. District News and Updates: QSAC visit from County office; Approval tonight of job description; Final stretch of school year; Giveback days are May 24 and June 14; Regional Transition Fair at BHS
- B. School Street School presentation about PBSIS: Alison Schessler and Nicole Pollina

ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. Minutes

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

- 1. Regular and Executive session: April 8, 2024

B. ADMINISTRATION

PK8 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-12 was moved by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Ms. O’Halloran, Mr. Piccioni. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Doherty.

- 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:

Natalie Spingold	Amanda Giaquinto	Sabrina Ali
Lauren Wainer	Alex Rodriguez	Nurjana Torres
Victoria Scanga	Joy Mazur	Sarah Vitale
Claudia Aguirre Morales	Danielle Lobell	Allison Cifrodelli
Nicole Weiss	Susan Baver	Anne Ligertwood
Luisa Lopez	Karina Escalante	Johanna Irizarry
Danielle Speciale	Ashlee Schempp	Angie Forero
Brian Martin	Holly Hurtado	Ahmed Salama
Hilda Montoya Dominguez	Vanessa Deanne Fornes	Lisa Tello

- 2. Detention Monitor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Monica Nieves as a detention monitor at John Hill School for the 2023-2024 school year, at a rate of \$26 per hour.
- 3. Unpaid Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves an unpaid leave of absence for Terence O’Dell, John Hill School, effective from May 20, 2024 through June 17, 2024.
- 4. Unpaid Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves an unpaid leave of absence for Jennifer Gregg, Elementary Teacher, School Street School, effective from April 24, 2024 through June 30, 2024.

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

Grade/Group	Destination
Grades 6-8	Victoria Mews
6. Teacher for Parent and Child Title I Nights: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Olivia Shiel as a Teacher for Parent and Child Title I Nights for PreK-5 families, at dates to be determined, for up to 4 hours per night for planning and presentation of program at a rate of \$40 per hour during the 2023-2024 school year.
7. Approval of Agreement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Students 2 Science 2024-2025 Program Participation Agreement for students in grades 6-8, at a total cost of \$2,000.
8. Volunteer Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Dean Del Guercio as a Volunteer Baseball Coach at John Hill School for the 2023-2024 school year.
9. Bridges to Learning 2024 Summer Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Bridges to Learning 2024 Summer Staff, as per the attached.
10. Appointment of Custodian: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Marco Garcia to the position of Custodian, John Hill School, at Step 8, (salary to be determined pending outcome of negotiations), effective July 1, 2024, for the 2024-2025 school year.
11. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 6962093758-B, for up to four (4) subjects per week, beginning March 11, 2024, with instruction to be provided by Educere at a fee of \$29 per subject per week.
12. Acceptance of Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Doreen Ohlott, Paraprofessional, effective April 29, 2024.

PK12 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK12 resolutions #1-15 was moved by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos. YES: Mrs. Caicedo, Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Ms. O’Halloran, Mr. Piccioni. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Doherty.

1. Addition to Substitute List: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following addition to the 2023-2024 substitute list:

<u>Substitute Teacher/Paraprofessional</u> Maria Fazliu*

*Pending receipt of Substitute Certificate

2. District On-Roll Report: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the District's On-Roll Report for the month of March 2024.

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>
Grade 11	Boonton Historical Society

4. Appointment of Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Matthew Emering to the position of Social Studies Teacher, Boonton High School, at Step 1 MA, effective September 1, 2024 for the 2024-2025 school year. Actual salary amount is pending the outcome of negotiations.

5. Appointment of Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Emily Bohn to the position of Social Studies Teacher, Boonton High School, at Step 17 MA+30, effective September 1, 2024 for the 2024-2025 school year. Actual salary amount is pending the outcome of negotiations.

6. Approval of Agreement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Students 2 Science 2024-2025 Program Participation Agreement for students in grades 9-12, at a total cost of \$5,000.

7. Baseball/Softball Officials: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Dean Del Guercio and Michael Smulewicz as baseball/softball officials during the 2023-2024 school year at a rate of \$67 each per game if officiating together or \$100.50 if officiating alone.

8. Volunteer Baseball/Softball Official: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves David Hughen as a Volunteer Baseball/Softball Official, if no official is available, during the 2023-2024 school year.

9. Volunteer Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Kathie Foley as a Volunteer Boys Tennis Coach at Boonton High School during the 2023-2024 school year.

10. Job Description: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the job description for Teacher.

11. Coaches Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following Assistant Football Coaches at Step 4 (stipend to be determined pending outcome of negotiations) at Boonton High School for the 2024-2025 school year, pending receipt of background clearance:

Salvatore Montevago
Andrew Scalone
Jeffrey Tavalacci

12. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 3812525668-B, for up to 10 hours per week, beginning April 8, 2024, with instruction to be provided by LearnWell Education at a rate of \$57.75 per hour.
13. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 6093252807-B, for up to 10 hours per week, beginning April 10, 2024, with instruction to be provided by LearnWell Education at a rate of \$57.75 per hour.
14. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 3012169107-LP, for up to 6 hours per week, beginning April 22, 2024, with instruction to be provided by district approved home instructors at a rate of \$40 per hour.
15. Amend Outside Evaluation Rates: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to amend the outside evaluation rates for Hillmar, LLC, previously approved on April 8, 2024 for Student State ID# 2973843978-B as follows, due to needing additional items from the evaluators for this student:

Bilingual Psychological Evaluation from \$625 to \$875
 Bilingual Educational Evaluation from \$625 to \$875

C. OPERATIONS

Approval of Operations resolutions #1-17 was moved by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Cartelli. YES: Mrs. Caicedo, Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Ms. O’Halloran, Mr. Piccioni. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Doherty.

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

\$42,502.63	4/19/2024 (Check Journal)
\$1,012,902.22	4/29/2024 (Check Journal)
\$64,995.42	4/29/2024 (ACH GENERAL)
\$36,287.13	4/29/2024 (ACH Cafeteria)
\$3,852,908.66	3/01 -- 3/31/2024 (electronic checks, including payroll)
2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending 3/31/2024.
3. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer: The Board approves reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending 3/31/2024; major funds have not been over-expended.
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
*Thomas Valle	6/5/2024	Advanced K-12 Threat Assessment Haskell, NJ	\$10.81
Tiffanie Henry	5/3/2024	Oral History Project	\$60.00

		Montclair, NJ	
Jessica Green	5/21/2024	Payroll Administrators Program Whippany, NJ	\$125.00
Leslie Alfano- Barboza	5/21/2024	NJASBO Workshop Whippany, NJ	\$125.00
Tashi Oyola	4/19/2024	NJ School Counselor Conference Union, NJ	\$35.00
Rebecca Kipp- Newbold	4/30/2024	Regional Preschool Administrator Meeting, Egg Harbor, NJ	\$143.82
Matthew Voswinkel	5/1/2024	Algebra 1 Roundtable Mahwah, NJ	\$23.12

*revised

5. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 04/29/2024 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. All permits are pending building administration final approval and receipt of documentation.

Permit #	Requested by / Facility / Dates
2404-0000	Boonton Police Department: Bike Rodeo BHS Parking Lot Saturday 5/4/2024 (8:00 AM – 12:00 PM)
2404-0001	Boonton Parks & Recreation: Summer Soccer BHS Main Gym Monday - Friday 6/24 - 6/28/2024 (5:00 – 8:00 PM)
2404-0008	Jr Bombers Football: Football Camp BHS Turf Field Monday-Thursday 7/22 - 7/25/2024 (2:00 – 6:30 PM)

6. Contract: The Board approves awarding a 2024-2025 contract for a passenger van to All American Ford of Paramus for \$54,805.11, per ESCNJ bid #23/24-11, Co-op #65MCESCCPS.
7. Contract: The Board approves awarding a 2024-2025 contract for \$34,587 for repairs, sealcoating and line striping of parking lots at School Street School and the Board of Education Office to Crossroads Paving Maintenance per Ed Data bid #10980.
8. Contract: The Board approves awarding a 2024-2025 contract for \$106,350 for repairs, sealcoating and line striping of parking lots at Boonton High School and John Hill School to D&L Paving Contractors per Ed Data bid #10980.
9. Contract: The Board approves awarding a 2024-2025 contract for \$76,455.09 to replace flooring at Boonton High School and the Board of Education Office to Hannon Floors per HCESC Bid #215 and ESCNJ #23/24-14, Co-op #65MCESCCPS.

10. Donations: The Board approves a DonorsChoose.org fundraiser for an herb garden valued at \$283.60 at School Street School.

11. 2024-2025 District Budget: The Board approves adoption of the 2024-2025 budget.

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Total
Budget	\$35,554,279	\$3,559,856	\$1,478,200	\$40,592,335
Tax Levy	22,266,465	0	1,100,123	23,366,588

12. Maximum Travel: The Board approves establishing the maximum travel expenditure amount of \$63,455, per N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq., for the 2024-2025 school year, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3. The maximum travel expenditure amount for the 2023-2024 school year is \$20,477, of which \$10,098 has been spent and \$6,032 is encumbered to date.

13. Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement: The Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; AND, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; AND, a Board may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$150 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); AND, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 but deemed by the Board to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; BE IT RESOLVED, the Board approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board includes in the tentative budget travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7, to a maximum expenditure of \$63,455 for all staff and board members for the 2024-2025 school year. The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

14. Tuition Rates: The Board approves the following tuition rates for the 2024-2025 school year.

Kindergarten	\$13,033	Multiple Disabilities	\$51,241
Grades 1-5	17,618	Learning Language Disabilities 1-8	22,702
Grades 6-8	19,108	Learning Language Disabilities 9-12	20,920
Grades 9-12	19,098		

15. Facilities Project: The Board authorizes H2M Architects and Engineers to submit the application for Hallway Media Display Renovations at Boonton High School to the New Jersey Department of Education as Other Capital project and that the Board is not seeking state funding, and to amend the District’s Long Range Facility Plan as needed.

16. Professional Support/Non-Public Services Agreement: The Board approves the agreement with the Educational Services Commission of Morris County for the 2024-2025 school year for Professional Support, OT, PT, Speech services, and for non-public IDEA, Chapters 192/193 Textbook, Nursing and Technology aid services.
17. Joint Transportation Agreement: The Board approves the agreement with the Educational Services Commission of Morris County for the 2024-2025 school year to transport public, nonpublic and special education pupils.

D. POLICY

None.

E. DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT

On a motion by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Cartelli, the Board approved by roll call to affirm the findings and recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying complaints: BHS #15.

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

F. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1. HS Committee by Mrs. Doherty: Meeting tentatively May 6
2. Curriculum by Mrs. Katsakos: State updates; Intervention; Aviation; Course-of-study review process; AP/DC classes; AP Human Geography; PD; Dyslexia training; Final exams and culminating projects; Drew University; AVID-Questbridge scholar; ML experiences; Textbook adoption; Next meeting in June
3. Community Relations by Mr. Mondino: Meeting on May 2
4. Communications/Legislation by Mrs. LeFebvre: See NJSBA updates
5. ESC by Mrs. LeFebvre: None
6. MCSBA by Mrs. Darling: Meeting on May 2
7. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: Resignation of SpEd programs

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Steve Bossen: April 15 State Legislative passed bill to raise taxes up to 9%; AP classes: Prerequisite for these

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Next meeting is May 13
2. Pathways of History; May 4-5 Historical Societies, Boonton open both days

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 8:45 pm by Mr. Joyce and seconded by Mr. Mondino, 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 9:33 pm by Mr. Cartelli and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos, all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 9:34 pm by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mr. Piccioni, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: