

## **BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION**

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

June 24, 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 June 24, 2024.

The meeting was called to order, and the following statement was read: This is the June 24, 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. Loren Katsakos, Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Ms. Brianna O'Halloran, Mr. Daniel Piccioni. Absent were Mr. Christopher Cartelli, Mrs. Elaine Doherty, Mr. Patrick Joyce, 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 five members of the public were in attendance.

### **ORDER OF THE DAY**

A motion was made by Ms. Darling and seconded by Ms. O'Hallaron 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 by Ashley Suplicki, SRA President: The school year ended great, graduation went well, Homecoming Dance is being planned.
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: Graduations; Early dismissals due to heat; Student representatives
- B. Athletics Presentation - Recap of the year
- C. Presentation of Student Safety Data System (SSDS) Submission for January 1, 2024 through June 30, 2024

## **ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION**

### **A. Minutes**

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

1. Regular and Executive session: June 10, 2024

### **B. ADMINISTRATION**

#### **PK8 Resolutions**

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-17 was moved by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Ms. O'Halloran. YES: Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Piccioni. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Mondino.

1. Recognition of John Hill School Board Representative: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board expresses its appreciation to Skylar Brady for serving as the John Hill School Board representative for the 2023-2024 school year.
2. Job Description: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the job description for John Hill School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington Trip Coordinator.
3. Amend Teaching Assignment for Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to amend the teaching assignment for Karen Kovall, Elementary Teacher John Hill School, to Elementary Interventionist School Street School / John Hill School, effective September 1, 2024, for the 2024-2025 school year.
4. Amend Employment Contract for Long-Term Leave Replacement Teacher: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to amend the employment contract for Oliva Shiel, John Hill School Long Term Leave Replacement Teacher, previously approved June 10, 2024 at Step 2 BA+15 to Step 3 BA+15 effective September 1, 2024, for the 2024-2025 school year.
5. Appointment of Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Brittany Suzko to the position of Special Education Elementary Teacher, John Hill School, at the Step 12 BA+15 salary, effective September 1, 2024, for the 2024-2025 school year.

6. Long-Term Leave Elementary Teacher: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Julia Leva as the Long-Term Leave Elementary Teacher, School Street School, at the Step 3 BA salary, prorated from September 1, 2024, through January 31, 2025.
7. Appointment of Custodian: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Cecilia Correa de Lopera to the position of Custodian, John Hill School, at the Step 5 salary effective July 1, 2024, for the 2024-2025 school year.
8. Extra Hours to Cover Nurse's Office: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves extra hours as assigned by the principal(s) for Luisa Westura to cover the nurse's office at John Hill School during the 2024-2025 school year at her contractual hourly rate of pay, pending outcome of negotiations.
9. Community and Parent Involvement Specialist: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Jesica Harbeson as the Community and Parent Involvement Specialist for the 2024-2025 school year, at a stipend rate of \$5,500.00.
10. Advisors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following advisors and stipends, pending outcome of negotiations, at John Hill School, for the 2024-2025 school year:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Kathy Beiermeister	Activities Financial Coordinator	\$2,503.63
Kathy Beiermeister	Testing Facilitator	\$2,500.00
Laura Sudak	Elementary Coding Club	\$ 721.00
Laura Sudak	Middle School Coding Club	\$ 721.00
Lauren Dedoussis	Elementary Wellness/Mindfulness Club	\$ 576.00*
Lauren Dedoussis	Middle School Wellness/Mindfulness Club	\$ 576.00*
Kristen Houser	Junior Band	\$1,364.00
Kristen Houser	Junior Chorus	\$ 817.00
Zachary Sabatino	Student Council	\$1,136.00

\*Prorated from November 2024 – June 2025

11. Anti-Bullying Specialists: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Christine Maier and Jennifer Coleman as the Anti-Bullying Specialists at John Hill School and Street School for the 2024-2025 school year at a stipend of \$1,539.00 each, pending outcome of negotiations.
12. 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 June 5, 2024, with instruction to be provided by LearnWell Education at a rate of \$57.75 per hour.
13. Outside Evaluation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves P.G. Chambers School to conduct an Assistive Technology/ Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AT/AAC) evaluation for Student State ID# 6655209681-B, at a cost of \$1,400.00.

14. Speech Therapy Contractor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Miranda McLoughlin to provide up to 6 hours per week of Speech Therapy services, as dictated by the Director of Special Services, for the 2024-2025 school year, at a rate of \$95.00 per hour, not to exceed \$22,800.00.
15. Occupational Therapy Evaluation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Lake Drive School to conduct an occupational therapy evaluation for Student State ID# 5759515210-B, at a cost of \$636.00.00.
16. Additional Related Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Student State ID# 5759515210-B to receive the following additional related services at Lake Drive School for 2024 ESY Summer Program and for the 2024-2025 school year:

Physical Therapy – 1 time per week at a fee not to exceed \$3,000.00

17. Professional Service: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Epic Health Services, Inc (dba ANEANNA Healthcare) to provide 1:1 nursing services for Student State ID# 9156234508-B, for the 2024 ESY program and for the 2024-2025 school year (per doctor's order), to be billed at a maximum hourly rate of \$75.00 per hour, as follows:

June 24, 2024, through July 26, 2024, the hours are 8:30 am - 11:30 am (3 hours per day)  
 September 5, 2024, through June 24, 2025, the hours are 8:05 am - 2:55 pm (6 hours, 50 minutes per day)

### **PK12 Resolutions**

Approval of Admin PK12 resolutions #1-19 was moved by Mrs. LeFebvre and seconded by Ms. O'Halloran. YES: Mrs. Caicedo, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Piccioni. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Mondino.

1. Recognition of Boonton High School Board Representative: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board expresses its appreciation to Ashley Suplicki for serving as the Boonton High School Board representative for the 2023-2024 school year.
2. School Safety and Security Drill Annual Statement of Assurance: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the School Safety and Security Drill Annual Statement of Assurance for the 2023-2024 school year.
3. Extra Hours to Cover Nurse's Office: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves extra hours as assigned by the principal for Doris Yanez to cover the nurse's office at Boonton High School during the 2024-2025 school year at her contractual hourly rate of pay, pending outcome of negotiations.
4. Public Relations Coordinator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Elizabeth Nguyen as the Public Relations Coordinator, effective July 1, 2025, for the 2024-2025 school year at a stipend rate of \$5,500.00.

5. Certified Staff for Personal Virtual Finance: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Samantha Pino to oversee a Virtual Personal Finance Course at Boonton High School for up to 25 hours, effective July 1, 2024, at a rate of \$40.00 per hour, pending outcome of negotiations.
6. Bus Aide: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Karen Maggio as an aide to ride the bus with SSS/JHS/BHS students before and after school for up to 1.75 hours per shift, depending on enrollment, at hourly contractual rate of pay, pending outcome of negotiations, effective September 1, 2024, for the 2024-2025 school year.
7. GSA Advisors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following as GSA Advisors at Boonton High School for the 2024-2025 school year at a stipend of \$2292.00 each, pending outcome of negotiations

Karen Bonanni                      Jamie Westergaard                      Louis Sinatra

8. Staff for Ticket Sales/Crowd Control/Clock Operator/Football Announcer/Track Meet Events: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members for ticket sales/crowd control/clock operator/football announcer/track meet events and rates of pay, at events as required for the 2024-2025 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Event(s)</u>
Chris Hurd	Crowd Control / Clock Operator / Football Announcer / Track Meet Attendant
Tiffanie Henry	Crowd Control / Clock Operator / Ticket Sales / Track Meet Attendant
Cindy Tserkis	Crowd Control / Clock Operator / Ticket Sales
Roxanne London	Crowd Control / Clock Operator / Ticket Sales
Holly Settineri	Crown Control / Clock Operator
Colleen Faessinger	Crowd Control / Clock Operator / Ticket Sales
James Nash	Crowd Control / Clock Operator
Robert Davidson	Crowd Control / Clock Operator
Devon Engelberger	Crowd Control / Clock Operator
Sam Angelillo	Crowd Control / Ticket Sales
Bevin Hughen	Crowd Control / Clock Operator / Ticket Sales
Amanda Sheehan	Crowd Control / Clock Operator / Ticket Sales
Steven Delaporte	Crowd Control / Clock Operator
Michael Aquino	Crowd Control / Clock Operator
Olivia DiTrolio	Crowd Control / Track Meet Attendant
Kelly Mabin	Crowd Control / Clock Operator / Ticket Sales
Rachel Olivo	Crowd Control
Dan Montgomery	Crowd Control / Clock Operator / Track Meet Attendant
Barbara Gilbert	Clock Operator / Ticket Sales
Wayne Barreto	Clock Operator
Rose Sullivan	Ticket Sales / Track Meet Attendant
Patrise Danzi	Ticket Sales / Track Meet Attendant

<u>Event Description</u>	<u>Rates of Pay</u>
Crowd Control Varsity	\$50.00
Crowd Control JV	\$25.00
Crowd Control Freshman	\$25.00
Crowd Control John Hill School	\$25.00
Football Announcer	\$50.00
Ticket Sales	\$35.00 (half time) \$50 (full game)
Track Meet Event Attendants	\$52.00 (Single) \$82.50 (Double/Triple)
Clock Operator Varsity	\$50.00
Clock Operator JV	\$25.00
Clock Operator Freshman	\$25.00
Clock Operator John Hill School	\$25.00

9. District-Wide Anti-Bullying Coordinator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Rebecca Kipp-Newbold as the District-Wide Anti-Bullying Coordinator for the 2024-2025 school year.
10. Anti-Bullying Specialists: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Leah Birchler and Julie Rienzi as the Anti-Bullying Specialists at Boonton High School for the 2024-2025 school year at a stipend of \$1,539.00 each, pending outcome of negotiations
11. 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 5 hours per week, beginning June 6, 2024, with instruction to be provided by St. Clare's Prime Health Services at a rate of \$55 per hour.
12. Home Instruction - Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 3056688352-B, for up to 10 hours per week, beginning June 6, 2024, through June 21, 2024 with instruction to be provided by district approved home instructor at a rate of \$40 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# 3056688352-B, for up to 10 hours per week, beginning June 24, 2024, through July 29, 2024, to satisfy and fulfill the IEP and graduation requirements for academic instruction in the Least Restrictive Setting, with instruction to be provided by district approved home instructors at a rate of \$40 per hour, pending outcome of negotiations.
14. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 6310150103-B, for up to 10 hours per week, beginning June 6, 2024, through June 21, 2024, with instruction to be provided by district approved home instructor at a rate of \$40 per hour.
15. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 6310150103-B, for up to 10 hours per week, beginning June 24, 2024, through July 29, 2024 to satisfy and fulfill the IEP and graduation requirements for academic instruction in the Least Restrictive Setting. Instruction to be provided by district approved home instructors at a rate of \$40.00 per hour, pending outcome of negotiations.

16. Home Instructors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Barbara Gilbert and Alyssa DeOrio to provide home instruction during the 2024-2025 school year, based on individual certifications, at a rate of \$40.00 per hour, pending outcome of negotiations.

17. Teachers for IEP Meetings: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following teachers to attend IEP meetings, if needed, between June 24, 2024, and August 30, 2024, at a rate of \$25 per hour:

Carolyn Montini

Jessica Harbeson

Caroline Dougherty

18. Summer Evaluations: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following summer evaluations to be completed between June 24, 2024, and August 30, 2024, at a rate of \$300 each:

Up to 6 speech evaluations to be conducted by Valerie Wasserman, Mary Guenther or Carolyn Montini

Up to 4 occupational therapy evaluations to be conducted by Paul Chiodo

Up to 2 physical therapy evaluations to be conducted by Teresa Rodriguez

19. Out-of-District Placements: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following out-of-district placements for the 2024 Extended School Year Program and 2024-2025 school year, and that transportation be arranged as needed:

Allegro School

Student State ID# 4501631529-B

2024 ESY Summer Program and 2024-2025 school year

Tuition - \$589.25 per day (210) days

Benway School

Student State ID# 4885742630-B

2024-2025 school year

Tuition - \$468.33 per day (184 days)

Gateway High School (BCSS)

Student State ID# 5740385473-B

2024-2025 school year tuition - \$66,744.00

Out of County Fee - \$7,254.00

20. Unsung Superheroes Award: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to submit the nomination of Rose Sullivan, Confidential Asst. to the Superintendent, to the New Jersey School Boards Association for the 2024 Unsung Superheroes in Education Award, per the attached resolution.

**C. OPERATIONS**

Mr. Gardberg commented on one-time forgiveness of negative meal account balances; interior projects at Boonton HS; sealcoating all parking lots; air conditioning at John Hill; scoreboards at John Hill and Boonton HS; basketball hoops at John Hill; and available fund balances.

Approval of Operations resolutions #1-4 was moved by Ms. Darling and seconded by Ms. O’Halloran. YES: Mrs. Caicedo, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Ms. O’Halloran, Mr. Piccioni. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Mondino.

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

\$716,319.64 6/24/2024 (Check Journal)  
 \$32,476.06 6/24/2024 (ACH General)  
 \$20,455.45 6/24/2024 (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
Samantha Angelillo	July 8-12	Connecting Collections New York, NY	\$383.00

3. Athletics Officials: The Board approves to use VantageSportz for paying athletics officials in the 2023-2024 school year, for interscholastic athletic events hosted by the John Hill School and Boonton High School athletics teams, incurring a fee of \$1.95 per official per pay period, estimated not to exceed \$1,927, included in the estimated total of \$40,000.

4. Disposal of Surplus Property: The Board authorizes disposal of the following surplus property that is no longer needed for public use, by sale conducted directly with the Board and/or through GovDeals pursuant to State Contract A-83453/T2581 and Local Finance Notice 2008-9, while reserving the right to accept or reject any offer submitted; surplus property shall be sold in an “as is” condition without express or implied warranties with the successful bidder required to execute a Hold Harmless and Indemnification Agreement concerning use of said surplus property; property not sold within 60 days may be discarded.

<u>Location</u>	<u>Item</u>
Boonton HS	French fry warmer
Boonton HS	Blender
John Hill	Blender
School Street	Blender
Boonton HS	Food warmer
Boonton HS	Food processor
School Street	Butcher block table
Boonton HS	Copier
John Hill	Copier
School Street	Copier

**D. POLICY**

None.

**E. DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT**

On a motion by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Ms. O’Halloran, the Board approved by roll call to affirm the findings and recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying complaints: BHS #18-20, JHS #16.



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

## **F. OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

## **REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES**

1. HS Committee: The next meeting will be on July 1.
2. Curriculum by Mrs. Katsakos: The next meeting will be on July 15.
3. Community Relations: None
4. Communications/Legislation by Mrs. LeFebvre: NJ State BOE will revisit the timing of new curriculum standards.
5. ESC by Mrs. LeFebvre: The reorganization meeting included Superintendent goals.
6. MCSBA by Mrs. Darling: Met last week to plan for 2024-2025
7. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: Hired a Deputy Executive Director

## **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

Steve Bossen thanked Mr. Valle and the Board for how well the graduations went; complimented the Boonton HS administration on their First Tuesday program; asked about progress with naming for scoreboards; and second-hand comments from teachers about learning after June 6.

## **OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

1. Next meeting is July 8, 2024
2. Ms. Katsakos about the Boonton Historical Society scavenger hunt

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion at 8:24 pm by Ms. Darling and seconded by Ms. O'Halloran, 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.

## **ACTION TO BE TAKEN**

On a motion at 8:58 pm by Ms. O'Halloran and seconded by Mrs. Darling, all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion at 8:59 by Mr. Piccioni and seconded by Ms. Caicedo, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg  
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: