

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

September 23, 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 September 23, 2024.

The meeting was called to order, and the following statement was read: This is the September 23, 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, Mr. Daniel Piccioni. Absent were Mr. Christopher Cartelli, Ms. Brianna O'Halloran

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 5 members of the public were in attendance.

ORDER OF THE DAY

A motion was made by Mrs. Doherty 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 Talia Adams: Social Ideas
2. Boonton High School by Ashley: Senior Sunrise dedicated to Mr. Foreman, Sports, Club Fair, Spirit Week, Homecoming, Fall Sports Pep Rally
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8 by Stephanie Lampe: 9/24 Membership Meeting, Tricky Tray 11/16, Spirit Wear, Back to School Nights, Boonton Day 9/29, Flocking, Scholarship in memory of Mr. Foreman
4. Home School Association 9-12: Boonton Day, Lincoln Park Day
5. Town Council: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

- Public hearing on bond refunding
- Steve Bossen: Asked about QSAC

SUPERINTENDENT

- A. District News and Updates – Back to School Night, Homecoming, school closed next Thursday, 8th Grade Field Day, 10/7 Early Dismissal, 10/14 No School, 10/17 BHS Open House
- B. District Graduation Report

ITEMS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. Minutes

Approval of minutes from previous meetings was moved by Mr. Mondino, seconded by Mrs. Darling, and approved on roll call. YES: Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Mr. Piccioni. ABSTAIN: Mrs. Caicedo. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Ms. O'Halloran

1. Regular and Executive session: September 9, 2024

B. ADMINISTRATION

PK8 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK8 resolutions #1-9 was moved by Mrs. Doherty and seconded by Mr. Mondino. YES: Mrs. Caicedo, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Mr. Piccioni. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Ms. O'Halloran.

1. Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a leave of absence for Maureen Cosentino, Paraprofessional, John Hill School, effective September 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, utilizing 72 days of accumulated sick days.
2. Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a leave of absence for Terence O'Dell, John Hill School Elementary Social Studies Teacher, effective from November 18, 2024 through December 20, 2024.
3. Field Trips: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destinations during the 2024-2025 school year:

<u>Group</u>	<u>Destination</u>
John Hill School Field Hockey Team	East Stroudsburg University
Grade 5	NJ Sea Grant Consortium
Grade 6	Liberty Island & Ellis Island
Grade 6	Tourne County Park
Grades 6-8	iHeartMedia Radio Station
4. Vocal Student Internship: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a vocal student internship for Ren Miskimon, senior at Morris Knolls High School in the Academy for Performing Arts, at School Street School during the 2024-2025 school year, under the supervision of Elisabeth Cunningham.
5. Bridges to Learning Enrichment Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following for the Bridges to Learning Enrichment to be paid \$40 - \$70 per class, based upon enrollment:

Jessica Giordano
Lynn Bariso
Kristin Groeneveld

Melyssa Stella
Laura Sudak

Elisabeth Cunningham
Nicole Pollina

6. Bridges to Learning Adult Support Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Amanda Rivette for the Bridges to Learning Adult Support Staff at School Street School, John Hill School and Boonton High School at a rate of \$23.00 per hour, pending receipt of background clearance, during the 2024-2025 school year.
7. Co-Advisors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Linden Klein and Carol Haight as Broadcasting Club Co-Advisors at John Hill School at a stipend rate of \$682 each for the 2024-2025 school year, pending the outcome of negotiations.
8. Curricular Assistance: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Colleen Yamakaitis to complete weekly lesson plans, provide instructional materials, provide student feedback and update gradebooks and records as appropriate for a Special Education LLD Social Studies class at John Hill School, beginning September 23, 2024, until a date to be determined, for up to one hour per week at a rate of \$35 per hour, pending outcome of negotiations.
9. Curricular Assistance: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Bridget Serafin to complete weekly lesson plans, provide instructional materials, provide student feedback and update gradebooks and records as appropriate for a Special Education Pull-Out Resource Reading and Writing class at John Hill School, beginning September 23, 2024, until a date to be determined, for up to two hours per week at a rate of \$35 per hour, pending outcome of negotiations.

PK12 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK12 resolutions #1-17 was moved by Mrs. Doherty and seconded by Mrs. Darling. YES: Mrs. Caicedo, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Mr. Piccioni. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Ms. O'Halloran

1. Additions to Substitute List: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following additions to the 2024-2025 substitute list:
Substitute Custodian: (Pending receipt of background clearance)
Mariana Zamfirescu
Robert Cannon
Mark Williams

Substitute Maintenance: (Pending receipt of background clearance)
Robert Cannon

Substitute Teacher/Paraprofessional:
Mohamed Derar
2. Field Trips: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destinations during the 2024-2025 school year:

field activities at Boonton High School during the 2024-2025 school year, at a rate of \$40 per hour, pending the outcome of negotiations.

10. Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Dean Del Guercio as the Assistant Baseball Coach at Boonton High School at a stipend rate of \$7,511 (Step 4) pending the outcome of negotiations, for the 2024-2025 school year.
11. Revise Job Description: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to revise the advisor job description for the Multicultural Club at Boonton High School.
12. Co-Advisors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following co-advisors for the Multicultural Club at Boonton High School for the 2024-2025 school year, at a stipend of \$240.00 each, pending outcome of negotiations.

Christina Buck

Dilek Demirors

Sameera Hanafi

13. Volunteer Supervisor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Jody Oliveri as a volunteer supervisor for the student-led Good News Club at Boonton High School for the 2024-2025 school year.
14. Bus Aide Substitute: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Janet Long as a bus aide substitute 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 an hourly rate of \$28.82 (Step 1), pending outcome of negotiations, effective September 24, 2024 for the 2024-2025 school year.
15. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 4723049545-B, for up to 10 hours per week, beginning September 5, 2024, with instruction to be provided by Silvergate Prep at a rate of \$30 per hour.
16. Out-of-District Placement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following out-of-district placement for the 2024-2025 school year, and that transportation be arranged as needed:

Holmstead School

Student State ID# 6093252807-B

2024-2025 school year

Tuition - \$376.38 per day (175 days)

17. Staff Member for Teen Advocacy Group: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Melanie DiBartolo to conduct the Boonton School District Special Education Teen Advocacy Group (TAG/Jr. TAG) events for up to 9 events during the 2024-2025 school year, as needed, for up to 3 hours per event at a rate of \$40 per hour, pending the outcome of negotiations.

C. OPERATIONS

Mr. Gardberg commented on the JHS Scoreboard

Approval of Operations resolutions #1-9 was moved by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Mondino. YES: Mrs. Caicedo, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Mr. Piccioni. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Ms. O'Halloran.

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

\$61,165.49	9/10/2024 (ACH General)
\$377,278.28	9/23/2024 (Check Journal)
\$74,137.97	9/23/2024 (ACH General)
\$22,751.13	9/23/2024 (ACH Cafeteria)
\$129.00	9/23/2024 (Check Journal SRA BHS)
\$948,524.54	7/01-7/31/2024 (electronic checks, including payroll)

2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending 7/31/2024.

3. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer: The Board approves reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer for the month ending 7/31/2024.

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
Valle, Thomas	10/21 – 10/24/24	NJSBA Workshop Atlantic City, NJ	\$1,020.78
Kipp-Newbold, Rebecca	10/21 – 10/24/24	NJSBA Workshop Atlantic City, NJ	\$1,020.78
Gardberg, Steven	10/21 – 10/24/24	NJSBA Workshop Atlantic City, NJ	\$1,020.78
Darling, Jennifer	10/21 – 10/24/24	NJSBA Workshop Atlantic City, NJ	\$1,020.78
Brittany Suszko	9/1/, 10/17, 11/22, 12/19, 1/14, 2/12, 3/18, 4/10	Conquer Mathematics Pompton Plains, NJ	\$77.46
Lorrain Kiernan	9/20, 10/21, 11/15, 12/12, 2/7	Conquer Mathematics Pompton Plains, NJ	\$48.41
Dragana Stolic	9/24, 10/23, 11/19, 12/16, 1/21, 3/10	Conquer Mathematics Pompton Plains, NJ	\$59.78
Jennifer Bridi	9/25, 10/24, 12/4, 1/30	Conquer Mathematics Pompton Plains, NJ	\$40.98
James Haag	9/26, 10/25, 11/25, 1/23, 3/12,	Conquer Mathematics Pompton Plains, NJ	\$49.82
Tina Houck	9/30, 10/29, 12/6, 2/5, 3/25	Conquer Mathematics Pompton Plains, NJ	\$51.23
Nicole Pollina	9/10/24	Diabetes Caregiver Training - Morristown, NJ	\$9.11
Karen Kovall	9/30, 10/29, 12/6, 2/5, 3/25	Conquer Mathematics Pompton Plains, NJ	\$48.41

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Gardberg, Steven	10/21 – 10/24/24	NJSBA Workshop Atlantic City, NJ	\$1,020.78
Darling, Jennifer	10/21 – 10/24/24	NJSBA Workshop Atlantic City, NJ	\$1,020.78
Brittany Suszko	9/1/, 10/17, 11/22, 12/19, 1/14, 2/12, 3/18, 4/10	Conquer Mathematics Pompton Plains, NJ	\$77.46
Maribel Martinez	10/9/24	NJAPSA- Presenter Mountain Lakes, NJ	\$51.88
Elisabeth Cunningham	10/14/24	NJSMA Workshop, Mountain Lakes, NJ	\$60.00
Kristen Houser	10/14/24	NJSMA Workshop, Mountain Lakes, NJ	\$61.22

5. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 9/23/2024 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
2409-0001	BHS Girls Soccer: Parents Pictures BHS Turf Saturday 9/7/2024 (8:00 – 10:00 AM)
2409-0003	Boonton PTA: SSS Book Fair SSS Multipurpose Room Friday 10/18/2024 (3:00 – 5:00 PM)
2409-0004	BHS Football Parents Committee: Pasta Dinner BHS Cafeteria Wednesday 9/18/2024 (5:00 - 7:30 PM)
2409-0005	Boonton PTA: SSS Book Fair SSS Multipurpose Room Monday 10/21, Tue 10/22, Thu 10/24/2024 (8:00 AM – 3:30 PM)
2409-0006	Boonton PTA: SSS Book Fair SSS Multipurpose Room Wednesday 10/23/2024 (8:00 AM – 8:00 PM)
2409-0007	Boonton PTA: SSS Book Fair SSS Multipurpose Room Friday 10/25/2024 (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM)

- 2409-0008 Boonton PTA: JHS Book Fair
JHS – Art Room
Friday 10/4/2024 (3:00-5:00 PM)

- 2409-0009 Boonton PTA: JHS Book Fair
JHS Art Room
Monday 10/7/2024 (8:00 AM – 3:30 PM)
Tuesday 10/8/2024 (8:00 AM – 3:30 PM)
Thursday 10/10/2024 (8:00 AM – 3:30 PM)

- 2409-0010 Boonton PTA: JHS Book Fair
JHS Art Room
Friday 10/11/2024 (8:00 AM – 5:00 PM)

- 2409-0011 Boonton PTA: JHS Book Fair
JHS Art Room
Wednesday 10/9/2024 (8:00 AM – 8:00 PM)

- 2409-0013 Boonton High School Transition Fair
BHS Aux Gym, Main Gym, Room 14
Thursday 5/1/2025 (4:30 – 8:30 PM)

6. Change Order: The Board approves change orders to the bid awarded on July 8, 2024, to Catcord Construction Company for the Hallway Media Displays Renovation at Boonton Public School District.

\$805.00	#1	Reroute conduit line
\$1,502.82	#2	Tie up existing wires

7. 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>
BHS	Rockwell bandsaw 28-340 (#2557)
BHS	Jet 15” Planer JWP-15CS (#1013)
BHS	CarveWright CNC CW.01.01
BHS	LabVolt CNC Lathe 5300-B0

8. Bond Refunding Ordinance: The Board approves the final adoption of the attached bond refunding bond ordinance.

9. Bond Refunding Resolution: The Board approves the attached refunding bond form and sale resolution.

D. POLICY

None

E. DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT

None

F. OTHER BUSINESS

None

REPORTS FROM BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

1. HS Committee by Mrs. Doherty: Met last week, next meeting in November
2. Curriculum by Mrs. Katsakos: Meeting on September 30
3. Community Relations by Mr. Mondino: LP Day & Boonton Day
4. Communications/Legislation by Mrs. LeFebvre: Governor vetoed the bill to revise CDL requirement; candidates for State Office, some major school referendums passed
5. ESC by Mrs. LeFebvre: Proposal for NJSBA presentation
6. MCSBA by Mrs. Darling: October 2 meeting
7. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: Workshop

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Bossen: Back to School Night, Boonton Day, LP Day

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Next meeting is October 14, 2024

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 8:01 pm by Mrs. Doherty 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.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

On a motion at 8:06 pm by Mrs. Doherty and seconded by Mr. Mondino, all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 8:07 pm by Mr. Mondino and seconded by Mr. Piccioni, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: