

BOONTON TOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ 07005

November 11, 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 7:00 pm on November 11, 2024.

The meeting was called to order, and the following statement was read: This is the November 11, 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. Jennifer Darling, Mr. Patrick Joyce, Mrs. Loren Katsakos, Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Mr. Matthew Mondino, Mr. Daniel Piccioni. Absent were Mrs. Dawn Caicedo, Mr. Christopher Cartelli, Mrs. Elaine Doherty, 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 NUMBER members of the public were in attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

LIAISON REPORTS

1. John Hill School by Talia Adamo, student representative: Halloween parade, end of marking period, visit by BHS academics, winter sports, World Kindness Day, Raffle for DC funding
2. Boonton High School by Ashley Suplicki, SRA President: Halloween costume contest, fall & winter sports, end of marking period
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) K-8 by Gabriella Lanzo: Raffle for DC trip, membership meeting 11/12, square one art, cookie fundraiser, spirit wear, flocking
4. Home School Association 9-12 by Jennifer Darling: None
5. Town Council by Robert Murray: None
6. ESC of Morris County: meeting this week
7. MCSBA: meeting 11/9 at Morristown HS
8. NJSBA: None

9. Other: Loren on Historical Society exhibit this weekend

WORK OF THE BOARD BY COMMITTEE

1. Administration
 - a. District Staffing: appointment of paraprofessional tonight, open positions for leave replacements, another LOA request received, enrollment bubble in second grade, need fifth homeroom at JHS, free up classroom space by moving three staff to CSTT building, impact on special content teachers, preliminary assessment is no need for specialist, but perhaps for another special education teacher
 - b. End of Marking Period 1
 - c. State Assessment Schedule: AP, NJGPA, NJSLA, Graduation portfolio, ML learners
 - d. Security Personnel
 - e. District Website: Switching to Apptegy, Candidate for Tech Coordinator position
2. Operations
 - a. Audit Current projects: SSS air handler, BHS lockers, BHS hallway, CST building,
 - b. JHS softball scoreboard, mulch, BHS auditorium hallway,
 - c. Future projects: BHS roofing, BHS gym bleachers
 - d. Food service: negative meal balance, Community Eligibility Provision
 - e. Transportation: new van, next year
 - f. FY25 budget: spending is at or below estimate
 - g. FY26 budget: assume flat
 - h. Newspapers
 - i. Roofing & Masonry
3. Curriculum: None
4. Public Relations: None
5. Policy: None
6. High School: Ah-hoc Send-Receive Committee
7. Other: None

SUPERINTENDENT

A. District News and Updates: BHS pumpkin decorating contest, visit by Peter Onorati, Hazel national merit program

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Steve Bossen: Congrats on BOE selection winner' tonight was fantastic, roof pricing

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

A. Minutes

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

1. Regular and Executive session: October 28, 2024

B. ADMINISTRATION

PK8 Resolutions

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

- 1. Bridges to Learning Before/After School Support Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff member for the Bridges to Learning Before/After School Program at School Street School for the 2024-2025 school year. The assignment of hours is contingent on enrollment and the program running, and appointment is no guarantee of assignment of hours:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Kaitlyn Brown	Adult Support Substitute	\$23 per hour
Kaitlyn Brown	Lead Teacher Substitute	\$35 per hour

- 2. Curricular Assistance: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves up to 5 hours per week for Bevin Hughen to complete lesson plans, identify & support with instructional materials, provide student feedback and update gradebooks and records as appropriate for the 6th Grade ELA class at John Hill School from October 29, 2024 at a rate of \$35 per hour, pending outcome of negotiations.

- 3. Field Trip: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destination for the 2024-2025 school year:

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

- 4. Title I - Teachers for Parent and Child Nights: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Amy Hennessey-Smith and Julie Kelly as teachers for Parent and Child Title I Nights for K-5 families during the 2024-2025 school year, at a rate of \$40.00 per hour, pending the outcome of negotiations, for up to 4 hours per night each, for planning and presentation of program.

- 5. Appointment of Paraprofessional: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Jamila Naematullah to the position of Paraprofessional, John Hill School, at a salary of \$37,124 (Step 1), prorated from November 12, 2024, pending the outcome of negotiations, for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.

- 6. School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Reports: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Reports for School Street School and John Hill School for the month of October 2024.

- 7. Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a leave of absence request from Lauren Shurn, Special Education Teacher, John Hill

School, effective January 13, 2025 through June 1, 2025 utilizing a total of 38 accumulated sick days followed by an unpaid leave of absence.

8. Annual Preschool Operational Plan Update and Projected Enrollment: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the 2025-2026 Three-Year Preschool Program Plan and Annual Update, Statement of Assurance, District Contact Chart, and Projected Enrollment.
9. Elementary Before and/or After School Academic Support Certified Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following certified staff for Elementary Before and/or After School Academic Support during the 2024-2025 school year at School Street School and John Hill School at a rate of \$40.00 per hour, pending the outcome of negotiations, for up to 2 days per week and up to 1 hour per day, dependent on student enrollment:

School Street School

Marianne Sayle
Tracy Paulozzo

Deborah Gleeson
Kristin Groeneveld

John Hill School Elementary

Dina Davis
Ellen Christian
Kelly Liberati

Amy Smith
Erika Faruolo

10. Elementary Level Coordinator for Title III Family Engagement Nights: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Marianne Sayle as the Elementary Level Coordinator for Title III Family Engagement Nights, at a stipend rate of \$1,000.00 for the 2024-2025 school year, to be paid with Title III funds.
11. Teachers for Elementary Level Title III Family Engagement Nights: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following teachers for Elementary Level Title III Family Engagement Events for the 2024-2025 school year, at a rate of \$40.00 per hour, pending the outcome of negotiations, for up to 4 events per level and up to 3 hours per event for planning and presentation, to be paid with Title III funds:

Laura Sudak
Deborah Gleeson
Maria Benton

Amy Hennessy-Smith
Laura Baseil

Elizabeth Cunningham
Kelli Liberati

12. 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, beginning October 30, 2024, and that transportation be arranged as needed:

Windsor Learning Center

Student State ID# 4080925442-B
Tuition - \$354.50 per day (142 days)
1:1 Aide - \$250.00 per day (142 days)

PK12 Resolutions

Approval of Admin PK12 resolutions #1-8 was moved by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Mondino. YES: Mrs. Darling, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Mr. Piccioni NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Caicedo, Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Doherty, Ms. O’Halloran

1. Field Trips: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destinations for the 2024-2025 school year:

<u>Grade/Group</u>	<u>Destination</u>
Group Sports Association (GSA)	Holiday gift giving at Preschools
CBI Transition	Kinnelon High School

2. School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report for Boonton High School for the month of October 2024.
3. School Safety and Security Plan Statement of Assurance: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the School Safety and Security Plan Annual Review Statement of Assurance.
4. Secondary Level Coordinator for Title III Family Engagement Nights: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Nupur Bahl as the Secondary Level Coordinator for Title III Family Engagement Nights, at a stipend rate of \$1,000.00 for the 2024-2025 school year, to be paid with Title III funds.
5. Teachers for High School Level Title III Family Engagement Nights: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following teachers for High School Level Title III Family Engagement Events for the 2024-2025 school year, at a rate of \$40.00 per hour, pending the outcome of negotiations, for up to 4 events for per level and up to 3 hours per event for planning and presentation, to be paid with Title III funds:

Laurene Carey	Dilek Demirors
Tashi Oyola	Kelly Mabin

6. Instructional Aide: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a 1:1 Instructional Aide for Out-of-District Student State ID# 4501631529-B, beginning October 30, 2024 for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year, at a rate of \$185.00 per day.
7. Revise Extracurricular Aide Services (TAG): Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board of Education approves to revise the aide services previously approved on August 12, 2024 for Charles Henschel, to assist and supervise Student State ID# 4363741727-B, at staff member’s request, to Laura Affinito at Special Education Teen Advocacy Group (TAG/Jr. TAG) evening events, for up to 3 hours per event (based on student attendance to events) during the 2024-2025 school year, at a rate of \$29.58 per hour, pending the outcome of negotiations.
8. Extracurricular Aide Services (TAG): Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board of Education approves the following aides to assist and supervise students at Special Education Teen Advocacy Group (TAG/Jr. TAG) evening events, for up

to 3 hours per event (based on student attendance to events) during the 2024-2025 school year, at a rate of \$29.08 per hour, pending the outcome of negotiations:

Up to 9 events at Boonton High School:

Brianna Affinito to assist Student State ID# 6871142752-B, and
Madison Affinito to assist Student State ID# 5903634416-LP

C. OPERATIONS

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

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.
 - \$688,231.66 11/11/2024 (Check Journal)
 - \$50,090.51 11/11/2024 (ACH General)
 - \$5,170.81 11/11/2024 (ACH Cafeteria)
 - \$312.00 11/11/2024 (StAct BHS check Journal)
 - \$31.00 11/11/2024 (ACH StAct BHS)

2. Payroll Expenses: The Board approves the following payroll expenses.
 - \$1,037,277.92 10/15/2023
 - \$1,064,549.74 10/30/2023

3. 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
Pavlina Mineva	11/20/24 and 3/25/25	Tools of the Mind PreK Year 2 Refining 24/25, Virtual	\$2500.00
Christina Buck	2/28/25	NECTFL: The Northeast Conference on the Teaching of Foreign Languages New York, New York	\$215.60

4. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 11/11/2024 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
2410-0010	No Labels Boxing: Walk a Mile in my shoes BHS Track Saturday 10/19/2024 (11:00 AM – 12:00 PM)
2410-0011	Boonton PTA: Family Game Night SSS Multipurpose Room, Parking Lot Wednesday 10/23/2024 (6:00 – 8:00 PM)

2410-0019 CYO Basketball: Practice
JHS Gym
Mondays & Wednesdays 11/4/2024 - 2/26/2025 (6:15 – 8:30 PM)
NO ACCESS WHEN SCHOOL IS CLOSED

2410-0020 Boonton Parks & Recreation: Sports Clinic
JHS Gym
Tuesdays 1/7, 1/14, 1/21/2025 (7:30 – 9:00 PM)
& Saturdays 1/11, 1/18, 1/25/2025 (9:00 - 11:00 AM)

D. POLICY

None

E. DISTRICT WIDE HIB REPORT

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 8:58 pm by Ms. Darling 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.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

On a motion at 9:19 pm by Mr. Mondino and seconded by Mr. Joyce, all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 9:20 pm by Mr. Piccioni and seconded by Mr. Mondino, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: