



**BOONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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Meeting Minutes

6:30 pm on January 27, 2025, in the Boonton High School Media Center

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order, and the following statement was read: 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 on the District website and at the Board of Education Office.

Members present at roll call were: Mrs. Jennifer Darling, Mrs. Elaine Doherty, Mr. Patrick Joyce, Mrs. Loren Katsakos, Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Mrs. Brianna O'Halloran, Mr. Daniel Piccioni, Mr. Andrew Portas. Absent were: Mr. Christopher Cartelli, Mr. Matthew Mondino.

Also present were Mr. Thomas Valle, Superintendent, Mr. Steven Gardberg, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and approximately 25 members of the public.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**LIAISON REPORTS**

1. John Hill School by student representative Talia Adamo: Calendar fundraiser \$320, basketball teams, Spirit Week ends with dance on Friday
2. Boonton High School by student representative Ashley Suplicki: Spanish club hosts La Copa Tournament, freshman class, seniors are selling roses, sophomores are selling candy grams, wrestling tournaments.
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) by Sophia Lanzo: Penny /wars, Valentine's Day Dance, entrepreneurship program, BoxTops, flocking, spirit wear, membership.
4. Home School Association (HSA) by Jennifer Darling: Calendar raffle
5. Town Council by Marie DeVenezia: SLEO III
6. ESC of Morris County by Irene LeFebvre: Completed purchase of property from State
7. MCSBA: Meeting 2/5
8. NJSBA: Nominating committee, DC trip for leadership, training

## **SUPERINTENDENT**

1. School calendar - 2/18 would be a giveback day if no closures before
2. 1/30 new marketing period
3. PK12 #1: Shared services agreement with the town for school security
4. Governor's Educators of the Year:

### **School Street School**

Danielle Sudak - Teacher of the Year

Marcia Cifelli - Educational Services Professional of the Year

### **John Hill School**

Bevin Hughen - Teacher of the Year

Jennifer Coleman - Educational Services Professional of the Year

### **Boonton High School**

Kate Brennan - Teacher of the Year

Julie Rienzi - Educational Services Professional of the Year

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION**

- Steve Bosssen: Displeasure with the 24-25 tax levy increase & request for no increase next year.

## **MINUTES**

On a motion by Mr. Joyce and seconded by Mrs. Doherty, the Board approved the Minutes of the following meetings by roll call. YES: Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos (except #3), Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. O'Halloran, Mr. Piccioni. Abstain: Mr. Portas. Absent: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mr. Mondino. Mrs. Katsakos abstained from #3.

1. Regular session: January 6, 2025 (enclosure)
2. Executive session #1: January 6, 2025 (enclosure)
3. Executive session #2: January 6, 2025 (enclosure)

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **PK-8**

On a motion by Mrs. Doherty and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos, the Board approved Administration PK-8 resolutions #1-7 by roll call. YES: Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Piccioni. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling

1. Revise Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to revise the resignation letter approved on January 6, 2025, for Randolph Griesan, from retirement to resignation.
2. Revise Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to revise the resignation letter approved on January 6, 2025, for Allison Carey from resignation to retirement.
3. Long-Term Leave Replacement Support Instruction Teacher: Upon the recommendation of

the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Corrine Norton as the Long-Term Replacement Teacher at John Hill School at a salary of \$43,130 (45% of Step 17 MA), prorated from January 13, 2025 through June 30, 2025.

4. Long-Term Leave Replacement Preschool Teacher: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Meagan Daly as the Long-Term Leave Replacement Preschool Teacher at Boonton High School at a salary of \$73,800 (Step 10 MA), prorated from February 26, 2025 through June 2025.
5. Field Trips: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destinations for the 2024-2025 school year:

Grade/Group	Destination
Preschool	Imagine That
Grade 1	West Milford YMCA
Grade 2	Medieval Times
Grades 3-8 Academically Talented	Morristown Unitarian Fellowship

6. Advisor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Pamela Jones-Cassino as the Yearbook Advisor at John Hill School at a stipend rate of \$1,364.00 for the 2024-2025 school year.
7. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 4263117981-B for up to 5 hours per week, beginning January 15, 2025, with instruction to be provided by Prime Healthcare Services – St. Clare’s, LLC at a rate of \$55.00 per hour.

## PK-12

On a motion by Mrs. Doherty, and seconded by Mr. Portas, the Board approved Administration PK-12 resolutions #1-10 by roll call. YES: Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Ms. O’Halloran, Mr. Piccioni, Mr. Portas. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mr. Mondino

1. Shared Service Agreement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a Shared Service Agreement between the Town of Boonton Board of Education and the Town of Boonton for the purpose of sharing the services and costs of a Special Law Enforcement Officer Class III upon employment of said officer through the 2028-2029 school year. (enclosure)
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 December 2024. (enclosure)
3. 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 Teacher/Paraprofessional:  
 Isabella Bennett\*  
 Mazzy Cirinelli\*\*  
 Stephanie Eagan\*\*  
 Riham Mohamed\*\*

Ruzena Sucharova  
Caroline Forte\*\*

\*Pending receipt of Substitute Certification

\*\*Pending background check

4. Sick Day Payout: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a sick day payout to Rene Toledo in the amount of \$7,310 (86 sick days at \$85.00 per day), per Employment Agreement.
5. Field Trips: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destinations for the 2024-2025 school year:

Grade/Group	Destination
Grades 9-12	Metropolitan Museum of Art
Grades 9-12 CBI	Pompton Queen Diner, Chilis, Hanover Park High School, West Essex High School
Grades 10-12	Pizza HQ
Grades 11-12 (Business Department)	County College of Morris

6. Curricular Assistance: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves extra hours for Rachel Olivo to provide curricular assistance, to complete lesson plans, provide instructional materials, provide student feedback and update gradebooks as appropriate in the Social Studies Department at Boonton High School at a rate of \$35 per hour for up to five hours per week, effective January 15, 2025.
7. Sidebar Agreement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a Sidebar to the Agreement between the Board of Education and the Boonton Education Association for 2024-2028. (enclosure)
8. Crowd Control: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves Emily Bohn for Crowd Control at events as required during the 2024-2025 school year.
9. Home Instructor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves Dean Del Guercio to provide home instruction during the 2024-2025 school year, based upon individual certification(s), at a rate of \$40.00 per hour.
10. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves the provision of home instruction for the following students beginning January 16, 2025:

Student State ID# 4797834920-B for up to 5 hours per week, with instruction to be provided by Prime Healthcare Services - St. Clare's, LLC at a rate of \$55.00 per hour, and

Student State ID# 3812525668-B for up to 10 hours per week, with instruction to be provided by LearnWell Education at a rate of \$60.75 per hour.

## **HIB REPORT**

Moved to end of meeting

## POLICY

On a motion by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mr. Joyce, the Board approved Policy resolutions #1-2 by roll call. YES: Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Piccioni. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darlin, Mr. Mondino.

1. Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the reading of the following:

Final Reading

Policy #9181 – Volunteer Athletic Coaches and Co-Curricular Advisors ([attachment](#))

2. School Board Recognition Month: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves commending the efforts of colleagues and urges the public to support efforts to improve education. ([attachment](#))

## OPERATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Piccioni and seconded by Mr. Joyce, the Board approved Operations resolutions #1-5 by roll call. YES: Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Piccioni. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mr. Mondino.

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

\$65,765.76	01/27/2025	Cafeteria ACH ( <a href="#">attachment</a> )
\$2,280.00	01/27/2025	Cafeteria checks ( <a href="#">attachment</a> )
\$3,307,378.16	11/1 - 11/30/2024	Electronic checks, including payroll ( <a href="#">attachment</a> )
\$57,343.16	01/27/2025	General ACH ( <a href="#">attachment</a> )
\$580.00	01/06/2025	General checks ( <a href="#">attachment</a> )
\$976,755.90	01/27/2025	General checks ( <a href="#">attachment</a> )
\$3,318.30	01/27/2025	Student Activity BHS checks ( <a href="#">attachment</a> )
\$601.50	01/27/2025	Student Activity JHS checks ( <a href="#">attachment</a> )
\$75.00	01/10/2025	Student Activity SSS checks ( <a href="#">attachment</a> )
2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending November 30, 2024. ([attachment](#))
3. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer: The Board approves reports of the Board Secretary ([attachment](#)) and Treasurer ([attachment](#)) for the month ending November 30, 2024; major funds have not been over-expended; and sufficient funds are available for the remainder of the year.
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
Alyssa DeOrio	5/20 - 5/22/25	NJ TESOL Spring Conference New Brunswick, NJ	\$344.27
Dean Del Guercio	2/22/25	CS with UAS (Drones) Ewing, NJ	\$52.83
Yvonne Manca	2-20 - 20/21/25	Music Conference Atlantic City, NJ	\$557.19

Laura Sudak	3/11 - 3/12/25	Using AI with Students Montclair, NJ	\$241.17
Sandra Greene	5/20 - 5/22/25	NJ TESOL Spring Conference New Brunswick, NJ	\$344.27
Luisa Iuliano-Cabrera	1/28/25	Understanding HIB Characteristics New Brunswick, NJ	\$19.74

5. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 1/27/2025 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 the Athletic Director. All permits are pending building administration final approval and receipt of documentation.

2412-0008 Boonton Hills & Valley LAX: Indoor Practice  
JHS Gym  
Tuesdays 2/4, 2/11, 2/25 Fridays 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28/2025 (6:30-9:00 PM)  
NO ACCESS WHEN SCHOOL IS CLOSED

2412-0009 Boonton Hills & Valley LAX: Indoor Practice  
JHS Gym  
Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 3/3-3/28/2025 (6:30-9:30 PM)  
NO ACCESS WHEN SCHOOL IS CLOSED

2412-0010 Boonton Hills & Valley LAX: Outdoor Practice  
BHS Turf Field  
Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 3/3-3/26/2025 (6:30-9:30 PM)

2501-0000 Boonton Parks & Recreation: Summer Camp Set up  
JHS Gym  
Friday 6/27/2025 (8:00 AM -12:00 PM)

2501-0001 Boonton Parks & Recreation: Summer Camp  
JHS Cafeteria, Gym, Media Center, Lower & Upper fields, Parking Lot  
Monday 6/30 – Friday 8/1/2025 (7:00 AM – 2:00 PM)

2501-0002 Boonton PTA: Penny Wars  
JHS Cafeteria  
Monday-Friday 1/27-1/31/2025 (10:30 AM -1:30 PM)

2501-0003 BHS Boys Basketball Boosters: Team Dinner  
BHS Cafeteria  
Thursday 1/9/2025 (6:00 – 9:00 PM)

2501-0005 Boonton PTA: Spring Book Fair  
SSS Multipurpose Room  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 4/28, 4/29, 5/1/2025 (8:00 AM -3:30 PM)

2501-0006 Boonton Parks & Recreation: Open Play Pickleball  
JHS Gym  
Tuesdays 3/4,3/11,3/18/3/25/2025 (7:00-9:00 PM)

- 2501-0007 Boonton Parks & Recreation: Drive Inn Movie Night  
BHS Main Parking Lot  
Friday 6/13/2025 (5:00-9:00 PM)
- 2501-0008 BHS Boys Basketball Boosters: Team Dinner  
BHS Cafeteria  
Thursday 2/6/2025 (4:30 – 7:30 PM)
- 2501-0009 Boonton Hills & Valley LAX: Games  
BHS Turf Field  
Wednesdays 4/9, 4/23, 4/30 & Monday 4/14/2025 (6:00-9:00 PM)
- 2501-0010 Boonton Hills & Valley LAX: Outdoor Practice  
BHS Turf Field  
Mondays 4/7, 4/21, 4/28 Tuesdays 4/1, 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29 Wednesdays 4/2, 4/16  
Fridays 4/4, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25/2025 (7:30-9:00 PM)
- 2501-0011 Boonton Hills & Valley LAX: Outdoor Practice  
BHS Turf Field  
Mondays 5/5, 5/12, 5/19, 5/26, Tuesdays 5/13, 5/28 Wednesdays 5/7, 5/14, 5/21  
Fridays 5/2, 5/9, 5/16, 5/23, 5/30/2025 (7:30-9:00 PM)
- 2501-0012 Boonton Hills & Valley: Parents Meetings  
BHS Cafeteria  
Tuesday 2/18 & Thursday 2/27/2025 (7:00-9:00 PM)
- 2501-0013 Boonton PTA: Spring Book Fair  
SSS Multipurpose Room  
Wednesday 4/30/2025 (8:00 AM -8:00 PM)
- 2501-0014 Boonton PTA: Spring Book Fair  
SSS Multipurpose Room  
Friday 5/2/2025 (8:00 AM -5:00 PM)
- 2501-0015 Boonton Preschool Literacy Night  
BHS Rooms 101, 103, 104  
Tuesday 3/4/2025 (5:00-8:00 PM)
- 2501-0016 Trailblazers Field Hockey: Practices  
BHS Turf  
Thursdays 4/3, 4/24, 5/15/2025 (7:00-9:00 PM)
- 2501-0017 Trailblazers Field Hockey: Practices  
BHS Turf  
Thursdays 3/27, 5/1/5025 (7:40-9:00 PM)
- 2501-0018 Trailblazers Field Hockey: Practices  
BHS Turf, Concession Bathrooms, Main Gym  
Thursdays 3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 4/10, 4/17, 5/8/2025 (6:30-8:30 PM)

## **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

Next meeting is February 10, 2025

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion at 7:37 pm by Mr. Joyce and seconded by Mrs. 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.

Adjourn executive session and return to open session.

On a motion at 8:37 pm by Mrs. Doherty, and seconded by Mrs. O'Halloran, all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session.

## **ACTION MAY BE TAKEN**

## **HIB REPORT**

On a motion by Mr. Piccioni and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos, the Board approved the HIB resolution by roll call. YES: Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Piccioni. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mr. Mondino, Mr. Portas

Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to affirm the findings and recommendations on the following Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying complaint: JHS #3

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion at 8:38 by Mrs. Doherty and seconded by Mr. Piccioni, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg  
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: