



**BOONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

434 LATHROP AVENUE · BOONTON · NEW JERSEY · 07005

Meeting Agenda

6:30 pm on February 24, 2025, in the Boonton High School Media Center

CALL TO ORDER

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 Building at 434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ.

ROLL CALL

Christopher Cartelli, Jennifer Darling, Elaine Doherty, Patrick Joyce, Loren Katsakos, Irene LeFebvre, Matthew Mondino, Brianna O'Halloran, Daniel Piccioni, Andrew Portas

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CORRESPONDENCE

LIAISON REPORTS

1. John Hill School student representative
2. Boonton High School student representative
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)
4. Home School Association (HSA)
5. Town Council
6. ESC of Morris County
7. MCSBA
8. NJSBA
9. Other

SUPERINTENDENT

1. District News and Updates

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

MINUTES

Approval of the following Board of Education meeting minutes.

1. Regular session: February 10, 2025 (enclosure)
2. Executive session: February 10, 2025 (enclosure)

ADMINISTRATION

PK-8

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:

| Grade/Group | Destination |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Grades 3-6 (Gifted and Talented) | Morristown Unitarian Fellowship |
| Grade 8 | Round Valley Recreation |

2. Compensation for additional teaching period: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Denise Esmail compensation in the amount of \$1,440.00 prorated from January 13, 2025, for additional teaching responsibilities at John Hill School.
3. Long-Term Leave Paraprofessional: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Saima Choudhry as the Long-Term Leave Paraprofessional at John Hill School, at a salary of \$38,382 (Step 1), prorated from February 25, 2025 through approximately March 31, 2025.
4. Appointment of Paraprofessional: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Adriana Torres to the position of Paraprofessional, School Street School, at a salary of \$39,348 (Step 4), prorated from March 11, 2025 through June 30, 2025, pending receipt of background clearance.
5. Revise Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to revise the leave of absence request previously approved on December 9, 2024 for Taylor Burke to start March 8, 2025 to now start February 24, 2025.
6. Revise Long-Term Leave Assignment: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to revise the Long-Term Leave assignment previously approved on February 10, 2025 for Joan Dolan, long-term leave replacement Preschool Teacher Boonton High School, to begin on March 10, 2025 to now begin on February 24, 2025 through June 30, 2025.
7. 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 ten hours per week, beginning February 10, 2025, with instruction to be provided by LearnWell Education at a rate of \$60.75 per hour.

PK-12

1. 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 January 2025. (Enclosure)
2. 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> |
|--|----------------------------|
| Grades 9-12 (Aviation Academy) | Morristown Airport |
| Grades 9-12 (Criminal Justice Academy) | County College of Morris |
| Grades 10-12 (FBLA) | Harrah's Convention Center |
| Grades 11-12 (CBI) | County College of Morris |
| Grade 10 (AVID) | John Hill School |

3. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for the following students for up to ten hours each per week, to be provided by district approved instructors at a rate of \$40.00 per hour:

Student State ID# 7074459611-B, beginning February 12, 2025, and
Student State ID# 6559734140-LP, beginning February 24, 2025

4. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 1579684123-B for up to ten hours per week beginning February 11, 2025 with instruction to be provided by New Pathways Counseling, Inc. – St. Clare's, LLC at a rate of \$650.00 per week.
5. Extracurricular/Instructional Aide Services (Unified): Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Kathleen Post to assist/supervise students as needed during after-school Unified events for up to 3 hours per event, based on student attendance to events, during the 2024-2025 school year, at a rate of \$29.80 (Step 4) per hour.

HIB REPORT

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: BHS #6.

POLICY

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

First Reading

Revised Policy #5460 - High School Graduation ([Attachment](#))

Revised Policy #5512 - Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying ([Attachment](#))

Revised Policy #5516 - Use of Electronic Communication Devices ([Attachment](#))

New Regulation #5516 - Use of Electronic Communication Devices ([Attachment](#))

Revised Policy #5533 - Student Smoking ([Attachment](#))

Revised Regulation #5533 - Student Smoking ([Attachment](#))
 Revised Policy #5701 - Academic Integrity ([Attachment](#))
 Revised Policy 5710 - Student Grievance ([Attachment](#))
 Revised Policy #7441 - Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and On School Grounds ([Attachment](#))
 Revised Regulation #7441 - Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and On School Grounds ([Attachment](#))
 Revised Policy #8500 - Food Services ([Attachment](#))
 Revised Policy #9320 - Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies ([Attachment](#))
 Revised Regulation #9320 - Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies ([Attachment](#))

OPERATIONS

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

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| \$23,541.86 | 02/24/2025 | Cafeteria ACH (attachment) |
| \$40,194.57 | 02/24/2025 | General ACH (attachment) |
| \$368,404.01 | 02/24/2025 | General checks (attachment) |
| \$29.98 | 02/24/2025 | Student Activity BHS ACH (attachment) |
| \$420.00 | 02/24/2025 | Student Activity BHS checks (attachment) |
| \$1,507.00 | 02/24/2025 | Student Activity JHS checks (attachment) |
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 |
|------------------|-------------------|--|------------|
| Jessica Green | 2/13/25 | Pension Review and Updates Whippany, NJ | \$206.00 |
| Robert Davidon | 3/7/25 | STEM Workshop Morris Plains, NJ | \$7.80 |
| Jessica Harbeson | 3/20 - 3/21/25 | SESEBA Institute Piscataway, NJ | \$577.00 |

3. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 02/24/2025 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.

| Permit # | Requested by / Facility / Dates |
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| 2408-0012 | Boonton PTA: Multicultural Festival JHS Gym, Lobby, Cafeteria, Upper Field, Parking Lot, Playground Thursday 5/21/2025 (3:00 – 9:00 PM) (Date revised from 5/22 to 5/21 previously approved 9/9/24) |
| 2502-0005 | Boonton PTA TREP\$: Marketplace JHS Gym, Cafeteria, Lobby, Parking Lot Thursday 3/27/2025 (3:00 – 10:00 PM) |
| 2502-0007 | Girl Scout: Meeting JHS Media Center Wednesday 2/19/2025 (6:00-7:30 PM) |

4. Tuition Agreement: The Board approves the agreements for Student State ID #5410927889 to attend New Brunswick Public Schools, per the McKinney-Vento Act, for 19 days in 2022-2023 for \$4,838.46 and for 161 days in 2023-2024 for \$40,995.97, inclusive of transportation.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Next meeting is March 10, 2025

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

Adjourn executive session and return to open session.

ADJOURNMENT