



**BOONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

434 LATHROP AVENUE · BOONTON · NEW JERSEY · 07005

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Meeting Agenda

6:30 pm on March 3, 2025, in the Boonton High School Media Center

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 Building at 434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ.

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

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

The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Mondino left the meeting at 6:40 pm.

**DISCUSSION: 2025-2026 BUDGET**

Mr. Gardberg and Mr. Valle presented on budget plans. Board members discussed options for the tax levy and expenditures. The Board will vote on March 10.

**OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT**

Steve Bossen thanked the Board and Administration for the thorough presentation but expressed a desire to minimize the tax increase.

Michael Herbert mentioned that he has no children in the district but supports increasing the tax levy by an additional 1%.

**OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

Next meeting is March 10, 2025

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On a motion at 8:03 pm by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Piccioni, 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

Adjourn executive session and return to open session.

On a motion at 8:11 pm by Mr. Piccioni and seconded by Mrs. Doherty, all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion at 8:12 pm by Mrs. Doherty and seconded by Mr. Piccioni, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg  
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: