



**BOONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

434 LATHROP AVENUE · BOONTON · NEW JERSEY · 07005

Meeting Minutes

6:30 pm on January 6, 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 Office.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

RESULTS OF THE ELECTION & OATH OF OFFICE

Results of the election of November 5, 2024, for vacant Board of Education seats, as certified by the Morris County Clerk, and oath of office.

Name	Term (yr)
Patrick Joyce	3
Loren Katsakos	3
Irene LeFebvre	3

ROLL CALL

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

Also present were Mr. Thomas Valle, Superintendent and Mr. Steven Gardberg, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

BOARD REORGANIZATION

Mr. Gardberg took nominations from Board Members for President of the Board.

Mrs. LeFebvre was nominated for Board President by Mr. Cartelli, and the nomination was seconded by Mrs. Katsakos. Having no further nominations, Mr. Gardberg closed nominations for President.

On roll call, the nomination was approved. Voting yes were YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Mr. Piccioni. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: Mrs. O'Halloran.

Mrs. LeFebvre took his/her seat as Board President and accepted nominations for Vice President of the Board.

Mrs. Darling was nominated for Board Vice President by Mr. Cartelli, and the nomination was seconded by Mrs. Katsakos. Having no further nominations, Mrs. LeFebvre closed nominations for Vice President.

On roll call, the nomination was approved. Voting yes were YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Mr. Piccioni. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: Mrs. O'Halloran.

With the Board organized, approval of reorganization resolutions #1-41 was moved by Mrs. Darling, seconded by Mr. Piccioni and approved by roll call. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Mr. Piccioni. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: Mrs. O'Halloran.

1. Annual Meeting Calendar: The Board approves to meet on the following Mondays at Boonton High School, 306 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ. Meetings open at 6:30 pm, unless noted otherwise. In the event of a public emergency, the meetings will be held virtually, with details published on the district website.
2025: 1/6, 1/27, 2/10, 2/24, 3/10, 3/24, 4/7, 4/28, 5/12, 6/9, 7/14, 8/11, 8/25 (if needed), 9/8, 9/29, 10/13, 10/27, 11/10, 11/24, 12/8
2026: 1/5
2. Official Newspapers: The Board approves the Daily Record as the official daily newspaper and The Citizen as the official weekly newspaper.
3. Parliamentary Procedures: The Board meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 10th Edition, by reference.
4. Code of Ethics for School Board Members: The Board approves the Code of Ethics for all School Board Members to abide by.
 - a. I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.
 - b. I will confine my board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
 - c. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.
 - d. I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.
 - e. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
 - f. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its school.
 - g. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
 - h. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
 - i. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

5. Board Attorney: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves James L. Plosia, Jr., Esq. of Plosia Cohen LLC of Morris Plains, NJ, as Board Attorney for January – December 2025 at \$175.00 per hour, estimated at \$120,000 per year.
6. Approval to Appoint Architect of Record: The Board approves H2M Architects + Engineers as the architect of record for January – December 2025, estimated at \$25,000 per year plus projects as needed.
7. Insurance Brokers of Record: The Board approves CBIZ Inc. of New Providence, NJ, as the District's Insurance Broker of Record for property, casualty, liability, auto, worker compensation coverage, and Doyle Alliance Group, Inc. of Woodbridge, NJ, as the Insurance Broker of Record for health insurance and dental insurance coverage, for January – December 2025.
8. Existing Bylaws, Policies and Regulations: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to re-adopt all existing Bylaws, Policies and Regulations for the Board's own operation and the operation of the school system.
9. Job Descriptions: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to re-adopt the District's approved Job Descriptions.
10. Educational Program and Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to re-adopt the Educational Curriculum/Program and Services.
11. Curriculums: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to re-adopt all existing curriculums in effect at this time.
12. Textbooks: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the textbooks currently in use, and further, that when new textbooks are needed, a review and approval will be completed prior to adoption.
13. Evaluation Practice Instrument: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to re-adopt the approved practice instruments for evaluation of staff: Danielson's Framework for Teaching 2007 edition and New Jersey Principal Evaluation for Professional Learning Observation Tool.
14. Annual Nursing Services Plan: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to re-adopt the Annual Nursing Services Plan. (enclosure)
15. Emergent Hiring: The Board approves emergent hiring by the Chief School Administrator, with permission from the Board President, to be ratified at a future Board Meeting.
16. Homeless Liaison Officer: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Director of Special Services as Homeless Liaison Officer for January – December 2025
17. Substance Awareness Coordinator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Student Assistance Counselor as Substance Awareness Coordinator for January – December 2025.

18. Title IX Coordinator: The Board approves the Chief School Administrator or designee as Title IX Coordinator for January – December 2025.
19. Section 504 Coordinators: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Building Principals as Section 504 Coordinators for January – December 2025.
20. Affirmative Action Officer: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Business Administrator as Affirmative Action Officer for January – December 2025.
21. Public Agency Compliance Officer: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Business Administrator as Public Agency Compliance Officer for January – December 2025.
22. Government Records Officers: The Board approves the Superintendent, or designee, as the Government Records Officer for personnel and student records; and the Board Secretary, or designee, as the Government Records Officer for all other Board and Business Office records for January – December 2025.
23. Integrated Pest Management Officer: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Supervisor, Buildings and Grounds, as the Integrated Pest Management Officer for January – December 2025.
24. AHERA Asbestos Program Manager: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Supervisor, Buildings and Grounds, as the district's AHERA Asbestos Program Manager for January – December 2025.
25. Right-To-Know Coordinator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Supervisor, Buildings and Grounds, as the Right-To-Know Coordinator for January – December 2025.
26. Indoor Air Quality Designated Person: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Supervisor, Buildings and Grounds as the Indoor Air Quality Designated Person for January – December 2025.
27. Standard Operating Procedures: The Board approves to re-adopt the Standard Operating Procedures.
28. School Budgets: The Board approves the Superintendent and Business Administrator to oversee the implementation of the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school budgets.
29. Existing Contracts: The Board approves to re-adopt all existing contracts of the Board in effect at this time and authorized by law.
30. Sale of Surplus Property: The Board approves the Business Administrator to sell used and/or surplus (non-real estate) property not needed for school purposes for January – December 2025.
31. Tax Sheltered Annuity Plans 403(b) Type: The Board approves the following vendors to participate in 403(b) Tax Sheltered Annuity Plans with District employees for January –

December 2025: AXA Equitable, Lincoln Investments, Midland, Security Benefits (Turning Pointe), USAA and Valic.

32. Tax Sheltered Annuity Plans 457(b) Type: The Board approves the following vendor to participate in 457(b) Tax Sheltered Annuity Plans with District employees for January – December 2025: AXA Equitable and Lincoln Financial Advisors.
33. Disability Insurance Plans: The Board approves the following vendors to participate in Disability and Life Insurance Plans with District employees for January – December 2025: Aflac, Allstate and Prudential.
34. Purchases on State Contract
Whereas, Title 18A:18A-10 provides that, “A board of education, without advertising for bids, or after having rejected all bids obtained pursuant to advertising therefore, by resolution may purchase any goods or services pursuant to a contract or contracts for such goods or services entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property, and Whereas, the Board has the need, on a timely basis, to procure goods and services utilizing state contracts, and Whereas, the Board desires to authorize its purchasing agent, for January – December 2024, to make any and all purchases necessary to meet the needs of the school district throughout the school year, Now, therefore, be it resolved, the Board authorizes the purchasing agent to make purchases of goods and services entered into on behalf of the State by the Division of Purchase and Property.
35. Bid Threshold—Qualified Purchasing Agent: Whereas the bid threshold is \$44,000 for school districts with a Qualified Purchasing Agent, per the State Treasurer; and whereas Steven Gardberg, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, possesses a Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) certificate; the Board establishes its bid threshold amount at \$44,000 and authorizes Steven Gardberg, the Qualified Purchasing Agent, to award contracts, in full accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A, for those purchases that do not exceed the bid threshold amount in the aggregate.
36. Emergency Checks: The Board approves the Business Administrator to write emergency checks with the permission of the Board President and Operations Committee Chair to be ratified at future Board Meeting.
37. Person Responsible for Investments: The Board approves the Business Administrator or designee as the person responsible for investments, and to make wire transfers between accounts as required.
38. Account Transfers: The Board approves the Superintendent, or designee, to make account transfers as needed between Board meetings.
39. Depository of Funds: The Board approves NJARM as the depository of funds for the referendum bond proceeds.
40. Accounts/Banking: The Board approves Provident Bank as depository for the Board funds and that Provident Bank be required to be insured by either the SLIC or the FDIC and/or as required by both Federal and State statutes.

41. School Depositories and Signatures: The Board approves that all checks, drafts or other orders for payment or withdrawal of money from said account be signed by the person holding the appropriate title as listed below.

Name	#	Signatures
General	1246	3 of BA, Superintendent, President, VP
Payroll	1262	1 of BA, Superintendent, President, VP
Payroll Agency	1270	2 of BA, Superintendent, President
Cafeteria	1297	2 of BA, Superintendent, President
SSS Activities	1386	2 of BA, Superintendent, Principal
JHS Activities	1378	2 of BA, Superintendent, Principal
BHS Activities	1319	2 of BA, Superintendent, Principal
Flexible Spending	9522	2 of BA, Superintendent, President
Scholarship Deposit	1335	2 of BA, Superintendent, Principal
Scholarship	1327	2 of BA, Superintendent, Principal
Summer Savings	6639	2 of BA, Superintendent, President
Unemployment	1289	2 of BA, Superintendent, President
Venmo	5662	2 of BA, Superintendent, President

CORRESPONDENCE

None

LIAISON REPORTS

1. John Hill School by student representative Talia Adamo: Winter break, winter concerts & choir on the radio, winter dance, winter sports, Middle School cheerleaders
2. Boonton High School by student representative: None
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA): None
4. Home School Association (HSA) by Jennifer Darling: Calendar raffle, clothing drive, girls lacrosse K-8
5. Town Council by Marie DeVenezia: Congrats to those sworn in, security agreement
6. ESC of Morris County: Meeting coming up
7. MCSBA: Meeting 2/5
8. NJSBA: Collecting resumes for State Office Historical Society: 1/26 annual meeting

SUPERINTENDENT

1. Congrats to re-elected Board members and to Irene & Jen.
2. Full BHS admin staff at BHS and Tech Director.
3. Welcome to Marie.
4. PD this afternoon but looking forward to new BEA w/o half-day PD Monthly.
5. Student safety Data System Report for Sep-Dec 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 7:10 pm by Mr. Piccioni and seconded by Mr Mondino, all present voted to enter Executive Session.

On a motion at 7:21 pm by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos, all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session.

MINUTES

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

1. Regular session: December 9, 2024 (enclosure)
2. Executive session: December 9, 2024 (enclosure)
3. Regular session: December 16, 2024 (enclosure)

ADMINISTRATION

PK-8

On a motion by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Mondino, the Board approved Administration PK-8 resolutions #1-14 by roll call. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Mr. Piccioni. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: Mrs. O'Halloran.

1. Acceptance of Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Randolph Griesan, Custodian, School Street School, effective December 27, 2024, for the purpose of retirement.
2. Acceptance of Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Deborah Gleeson, Elementary Teacher, School Street School, effective June 30, 2025, for the purpose of retirement.
3. Acceptance of Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Sheila Barrientos, Elementary Teacher, John Hill School, effective June 30, 2025, for the purpose of retirement.
4. Acceptance of Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Allison Carey, Head Secretary, School Street School, effective October 1, 2025.
5. Appointment of Long-Term Leave Replacement Speech Language Specialist: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Miranda McLoughlin as the long-term leave replacement Speech Language Specialist at School Street School, at a salary of \$101,245 (Step 17 MA+30) prorated from January 17, 2025 through June 30, 2025.
6. Appointment of Paraprofessional: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Michelle Becker to the position of Paraprofessional, John Hill School, at a salary of \$38,382 (Step 1), prorated from January 7, 2025 for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.

7. Title I - Teachers for Parent and Child Family Engagement Nights: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members for Parent and Child Title I Family Engagement Nights during the 2024-2025 school year, at a rate of \$40.00 per hour, for up to 4 hours per night each, for planning and presentation of program:

Maria Beaton	Kaitlin Brown	Megan Bialek
Elisabeth Cunningham	Krystal Aug	Mickey Norton
8. Title III - Teacher for Parent and Child Family Engagement Nights: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Monica Nieves for Parent and Child Title III Family Engagement Nights during the 2024-2025 school year, at a rate of \$40.00 per hour, for up to 4 hours per night each, for planning and presentation of program.
9. Field Trip: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destination for the 2024-2025 school year:

Grade/Group	Destination
Grades 6-8 Gifted and Talented	Morristown Unitarian Fellowship
10. Approval to Revise Out-of-District Placement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to revise the out-of-district placement, previously approved on December 9, 2024 for the 2024-2025 school year at the Shepard School, to the following, and that transportation be arranged as needed:

Pillar Elementary School
Student State ID# 4528801449-B
2024-2025 school year, beginning December 9, 2024
Tuition - \$419.25 per day (117 days)
1:1 Aide - \$245.00 (117 days)
11. Extend Home Instruction Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to extend the home instruction services for Student State ID# 2674022887-B, previously approved on December 9, 2024 for up to 20 total hours between November 25, 2024 and December 20, 2024 to extend through January 6, 2025.
12. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 6962093758-B for up to 20 hours per week, beginning December 16, 2024, with instruction to be provided by Brookfield Schools at a rate of \$40.00 per hour.
13. 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# 6871142752-B, beginning January 2, 2025 for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year, at a rate of \$255.00 per day..
14. Bilingual Evaluation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a Bilingual Speech Evaluation for Student State ID# 8646479953-B to be conducted by Hillmar, LLC at a rate of \$675.00.

PK-12

On a motion by Mr. Mondino and seconded by Mrs. Doherty, the Board approved Administration PK-12 resolutions #1-7 by roll call. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Mr. Piccioni. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: Mrs. 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:

Grade/Group	Destination
Grades 9-12 (Teaching & Learning Academy)	Seton Hall University
Grades 9-12 (Criminal Justice Academy)	Boonton Police Dept
Grades 9-12 (Gateway Academy)	Lincoln Park Middle School
Grades 10-12 (Criminal Justice & Business Academy)	Seton Hall University
Grades 11-12 (STEM Academy)	County College of Morris
Grades 11-12 (Business Law & Criminal Justice Academy)	Boonton Municipal Building
Grades 9-12 (Morris County Football Luncheon)	Knight of Columbus
Grades 9-12 (CBI)	Willowbrook Mall

2. Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Frank Evans, Boonton High School Custodian, effective June 30, 2025, for the purpose of retirement.
3. Amend Start Date for District Technology Coordinator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to amend the start date for John Gaertner, District Technology Coordinator, previously approved on November 25, 2024 from January 27, 2025 to start January 20, 2025.
4. Addition to Substitute List: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following addition to the 2024-2025 substitute list:

Substitute Teacher/Paraprofessional
Veronica Gatto
5. Senior Portfolio Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Michelle McBride for ELA Senior Portfolio at Boonton High School for up to 20 total hours at a rate of \$40.00 per hour.
6. Appointment of Paraprofessional: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Marissa Haight to the position of Paraprofessional, Boonton High School, at a salary of \$38,382 (Step 1), prorated from January 7, 2025, for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.
7. Acceptance of Letter of Resignation from Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Staff Member #1533, effective December 20, 2024.

HIB REPORT

On a motion by Mr. Cartelli, and seconded by Mr. Piccioni, the Board approved by roll call to affirm the findings and recommendations of the Superintendent on the following Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying complaint: BHS #4

YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Mr. Piccioni. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: Mrs. O'Halloran.

POLICY

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

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

First Reading

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

OPERATIONS

Mr. Gardberg: BHS Roof, Scoreboard JHS, SSS bathrooms, SSS air handler, Tri-town # of Boonton Town residents

On a motion by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Mondino, the Board approved Operations resolutions #1-6 by roll call. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Mr. Piccioni. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None ABSENT: Mrs. O'Halloran.

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

\$755.00	12/09/2024	Student Activity JHS (attachment)
\$856,391.20	12/18/2024	General checks (attachment)
\$86,497.60	12/18/2024	General ACH (attachment)
\$15,494.63	12/18/2024	Cafeteria ACH (attachment)
\$25,902.20	01/06/2025	General checks (attachment)
2. Payroll Expenses: The Board approves these payroll expenses.

\$1,069,338.34	12/15/2024
\$1,038,294.73	12/30/2024
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
Matt Emering	12/6/2024	NJ Aviation Ed Council Round Table, Whippany	\$6.00
Vicki Cornell	12/6/204	NJ Aviation Ed Council Round Table, Whippany	\$6.00
Wayne Barreto	12/10/24	Girls Soccer All County Banquet, East Hanover	\$53.46

Rebecca Kipp-Newbold	1/22/25	NJ District Test and Technology, Coordinator Training, Princeton	\$39.95
Julie Rienzi	1/28/25	Understanding HIB Characteristics, New Brunswick	\$39.76
Bevin Hughen	12/17/24	AVID Coordinator Workshop, Rockaway	\$8.93
Rebecca Kipp-Newbold	1/23/25	24.25 Regional Preschool Admin, Meeting, Paterson	\$19.36
Rebecca Kipp-Newbold	1/28/25	Understanding HIB Characteristics, New Brunswick, NJ	\$40.33

4. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 1/6/2025 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
2412-0000	Tri Town Little League; Uniform Night BHS Cafeteria Thursday 4/3/2025 (4:00 – 9:00 PM)
2412-0001	Boonton Preschool STEM Night BHS Rooms, 101,103,104 Thursday 1/9/2025 (5:00 – 8:00 PM)
2412-0002	Boonton Hills & Valley LAX; Girls Outdoor Clinic BHS Turf Saturdays 4/5 - 5/31/2025 (2:00 – 6:00 PM)
2412-0003	Boonton Hills & Valley LAX; Girls Indoor Clinic SSS Multipurpose Room Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays 3/3 - 3/28/2025 (6:30 – 9:30 PM) NO ACCESS WHEN SCHOOL IS CLOSED
2412-0004	Tri Town Little League; Fundraising Event BHS Gym Friday 5/16/2025 (4:00 – 10:00 PM)
2412-0005	Boonton Hills & Valley LAX; Outdoor Practice BHS Turf Saturdays 3/1 - 3/29/2025 (2:00 – 6:00 PM)
2412-0006	Boonton PTA: Penny Wars SSS – Multipurpose Room Monday-Friday 1/27 - 1/31/2025 (10:30 AM – 1:30 PM)

5. Agreement with County of Morris: The Board approves the Modification Agreement for Renewable Energy Program with the Morris County Improvement Authority, providing for early removal of solar photovoltaic systems at Board of Education facilities.

6. Corrective Action Plan FY2024: The Board accepts the Corrective Action Plan in response to the FY2024 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) and Auditors Management Report (AMR). (enclosure)

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Bossen: Congrats to board members, new agenda format, spending money - curriculum will draw more students.

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Next meeting is January 27, 2025

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 7:55 pm by Mr. Cartelli 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

Adjourn executive session and return to open session.

On a motion at 8:23 pm by Mr. Cartelli and seconded by Mrs. Darling, all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 8:24 by Mr. Joyce and seconded by Mrs. Darling, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL:



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Meeting Minutes

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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 (attachment)
\$2,280.00	01/27/2025	Cafeteria checks (attachment)
\$3,307,378.16	11/1 - 11/30/2024	Electronic checks, including payroll (attachment)
\$57,343.16	01/27/2025	General ACH (attachment)
\$580.00	01/06/2025	General checks (attachment)
\$976,755.90	01/27/2025	General checks (attachment)
\$3,318.30	01/27/2025	Student Activity BHS checks (attachment)
\$601.50	01/27/2025	Student Activity JHS checks (attachment)
\$75.00	01/10/2025	Student Activity SSS checks (attachment)
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:



**BOONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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Meeting Minutes

6:30 pm on February 10, 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: Jennifer Darling, Patrick Joyce, Loren Katsakos, Irene LeFebvre, Matthew Mondino, Brianna O'Halloran, Daniel Piccioni, Andrew Portas. Absent was/were: Christopher Cartelli, Elaine Doherty.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

LIAISON REPORTS

1. John Hill School Student Representative, Talia Adamo: Girls & boys basketball, spring sports, Student Council Spirit Week, middle school dance, Penny Wars
2. Boonton High School Student Representative, Ashley Suplicki: Candy Grams by the sophomore class, Peer Leadership Club, Seniors v. Faculty basketball game, Wrestling, spring sports
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)
4. Home School Association (HSA)
5. Town Council by Marie DeVenezia: Study for the Daress Theater
6. ESC of Morris County: None
7. MCSBA by Mrs. Darling: Meeting last week, Unsung Heros, Irene LeFebvre Award
8. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: DC visit, legislators are concerned about uncertainty

WORK OF THE BOARD

1. Administration
 - General District News and Updates: Alerts, snow days / giveback days
 - Report of Alternative Access Scores
 - Enrollment & Preschool Lottery
 - CST building renovations, BHS lockers
 - Staffing Needs for 2025-2026
 - Major Facility Areas of Focus for 2025-2026: BHS roof, SSS bathrooms

- Technology Areas of Focus for 2025-2026: WiFi upgrades, servers, back-ups, phone system, Apptegy
 - Student Information System Exploration
 - Calendar for 2025-2026
2. Curriculum & Instruction
- Professional Development: Preschool, Language, Service learning/work-based learning
 - Data analysis, Math roundtable
 - Academy & AVID Updates
 - Instructional Initiatives: Sheltered instruction, Seal of Biliteracy, Honors/Dual credit
3. Operations
- Projects: BHS roof, BHS lockers, CST renovations
 - FY26 budget: Working through a projected deficit due to significant increases in healthcare premiums, out-of-district placements and roofing, while State Aid is uncertain until February 27, and Extraordinary Aid is always an estimate. The district has banked cap of \$591,377 and a new enrollment adjustment of \$351,671 available for 25-26. Options include assigning FY25 available balance towards FY26 or reducing the lease-purchase; withdrawing from capital reserve to reduce the lease-purchase and/or towards payments on the lease-purchase; using more fund balance; and reducing the scope of the roof project. BOE tentative approval is scheduled for 3/10, but could be any day up to 3/19, when it's due to the State.
4. Policy: None
5. Other: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

John Tolochko: Inquired about renovating Fireman's Field

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

MINUTES

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

Approval of the following Board of Education meeting minutes.

1. Regular session: January 27, 2025 (enclosure)
2. Executive session: January 27, 2025 (enclosure)

ADMINISTRATION

PK-8

Mr. Valle, responding to a question about item #1, said that the district is advertising to fill the position.

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

1. Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Sandra Harmon, Middle School Math Teacher John Hill School, effective April 30, 2025, for the purpose of retirement.
2. Field Trip: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destination for the 2024-2025 school year:

Grade/Group	Destination
Grades 6-8	Union County Performing Arts Center

3. Before and/or After School Middle School Academic Support: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members for academic support at John Hill School for up to 2 days per week, 1 hour per day, at a rate of \$40.00 per hour, based on student enrollment, effective from January 27, 2025:

Jennifer Sanazzarro	Monica Nieves	Sheila Barrientos	Cindy Tserkis
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4. Long-Term Leave Replacement Preschool Teacher: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Joan Dolan as the long-term leave replacement Preschool Teacher at Boonton High School, at a salary of \$66,915 (Step 3 MA) prorated from March 10, 2025 through June 30, 2025.

5. Compensation for additional teaching periods: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members compensation in the amount of \$1,400.00 prorated from January 13, 2025, for additional teaching responsibilities at John Hill School:

Erika Faruolo	Linden Klein	Christine Jackson
Meg DiNapoli	Victoria Pauciello	

6. Bridges to Learning 2025 Summer Programs: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following Bridges to Learning 2025 Summer Programs:

- Early Learner's Academy for incoming and current Pre-K Students at School Street School June 30th - August 1st, excluding July 4th
- Summer After Camp Bridges Program for students entering Kindergarten through 6th Grades at John Hill School June 30th - August 1st, excluding July 4th
- Summer Theater Program for students entering grades 6th - 9th Grades at John Hill School/Boonton High School - June 30th - July 11th, excluding July 4th
- Summer Enrichment for students entering Kindergarten - 8th Grades at John Hill School August 4th - August 15th including before care and aftercare

7. Out-of-District Placement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the out-of-district placement for Student State ID# 9931083037-B at PG Chambers School for the 2024-2025 school year, beginning February 3, 2025 at a tuition cost of \$499.78 per day (90 days), and that transportation be arranged as needed.

8. 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 10 hours per week, beginning January 24, 2025, with instruction to be provided by LearnWell Education at a rate of \$60.75 per hour.

PK-12

On a motion by Mr. Joyce and seconded by Mr. Mondino, the Board approved Administration PK-12 resolutions #1-7 by roll call. YES: Mrs. Darling, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Piccioni, Mr. Portas. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Doherty.

1. District Calendar for 2025-2026 School Year: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the district calendar for the 2025-2026 school year. ([attachment](#))

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:

Grade/Group	Destination
Grade 11 Guidance Department	NJ National College Fair, NJ Expo Center
Grades 9-12 CBI	Sazon, Michaels (Parsippany) Thai Cuisine Pasquales, Curly's, Kinnelon High School
Grades 9-12 (Business Academy/FBLA)	Metlife Stadium
Grades 9-12 (Criminal Justice Academy)	NJ State Police Museum
Grades 9-12 (Teaching & Learning Academy)	Rutgers University Graduate School of Education
Grades 10-12 (FBLA)	Harrah's Convention Center
Grades 10-12 (Marketing Class)	Business Owners on Main Street
Grades 11-12 (Peer Leadership)	School Street School - Read Across America

3. Addition to Substitute List: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Joan Dolan as teacher to the 2024-2025 substitute list.
4. Staff Member for Crowd Control: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Vanessa DeJesus for Crowd Control at events as required for the 2024-2025 school year.
5. Volunteer Coaches: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following volunteer coaches at Boonton High School for the 2024-2025 school year:

Kathie Foley as volunteer Boys Tennis Coach
Mark Stanic as volunteer Track and Field Coach, pending receipt of substitute certification

6. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 5740385473-B for up to 5 hours per week beginning January 29, 2025, with instruction to be provided by Prime Healthcare Services – St. Clare’s, LLC at a rate of \$55.00 per hour.
7. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board of Education approves the provision of home instruction for the following students for up to 10 hours per week each, with instruction to be provided by district approved instructors at a rate of \$40.00 per hour:

Student State ID# 5021258138-LP, beginning February 3, 2025, and
Student State ID# 8011425262-LP, beginning February 5, 2025

HIB REPORT

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

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 #4 and BHS #5.

POLICY

OPERATIONS

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

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

\$39,630.71	02/10/2025	Cafeteria ACH (attachment)
\$67,509.30	02/10/2025	General ACH (attachment)
\$308,021.44	02/10/2025	General checks (attachment)
\$5,820.00	02/10/2025	Student Activity BHS checks (attachment)
\$151.00	02/10/2025	Student Activity JHS ACH (attachment)
\$1,385.00	02/10/2025	Student Activity SSS checks (attachment)
\$3,200,670.24	12/1 - 12/30/2024	Electronic checks, including payroll (attachment)
2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending December 31, 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 December 31, 2024; major funds have not been over-expended; and sufficient funds are available for the remainder of the year.

4. Payroll Expenses: The Board approves the following payroll expenses.
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|----------------|-----------|
| \$1,193,489.60 | 1/15/2025 |
| \$1,104,588.72 | 1/30/2025 |
| \$265,712.57 | 1/31/2025 |
5. 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
Rebecca Kipp-Newbold	4/2/2025	Supervising Work Based Learning Cohort, Virtual Workshop	\$832.00
Maribel Martinez	2/21/2025	District Homeless Liaison Roundtable Randolph, NJ	\$13.25
Maribel Martinez	2/28/2025	NJAPSA Winter Academy	\$54.23
David Huguen	3/6/- 3/9/2025	NJSIAA State Wrestling Championships, Atlantic City, NJ	\$3090.84
Louisa Sinatra	3/6/- 3/9/2025	NJSIAA State Wrestling Championships, Atlantic City, NJ	\$465.84
Anthony Shovlowsky	3/6/- 3/9/2025	NJSIAA State Wrestling Championships, Atlantic City, NJ	\$465.84
Jason Klebez	4/2/2025	Supervising Work Based Learning Cohort 2, Virtual Workshop	\$832.00
Alan Masters	4/2/2025	Supervising Work Based Learning Cohort 2, Virtual Workshop	\$832.00
Luisa Iuliano-Cabrera	4/2/2025	Supervising Work Based Learning Cohort 2, Virtual Workshop	\$832.00
Vincenzo LoGuidice	3/3/2025	Tri-State High School Psychology Teacher Workshop, South Orange, NJ	\$23.16

6. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 02/10/2025 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
2502-0000	Boonton SEPAG: Transition Fair BHS Cafeteria, Parking lot Thursday 5/1/2025 (5:00-8:30 PM)
2502-0001	Boonton Parks & Recreation: Open Play Pickleball JHS Gym Tuesday 4/1//2025 (6:45-9:00 PM)
2502-0002	Boonton Parks & Recreation: Spring Track BHS Track Sundays 3/30-6/8/2025 (12:00-2:00 PM)

7. Professional Services: The Board approves the proposal for Boonton High School Roof Replacement, Areas 1, 2 and 3 to H2M architects & engineers for \$159,400.
8. 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.

Location	Item
John Hill School	Savin copier ID #L9844

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Katsakos: Boonton Historical Society is closing to prepare a new exhibit

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Next meeting is February 24, 2025

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 8:30 pm by Mrs. Darling 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.

On a motion at 8:46 pm by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mr. Mondino, all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

Adjourn executive session and return to open session.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 8:47 by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mr. Joyce, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL:



**BOONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Meeting Minutes

6:30 pm on February 24, 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 Building at 434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ.

ROLL CALL

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

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

The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

LIAISON REPORTS

1. John Hill School student representative: None
2. Boonton High School student representative Ashley Suplicki: Student Leadership Conference, Seniors v. Faculty volleyball, Consumer Bowl, Copa tourney, Powder puff flag football, Spring play, GSA, Wrestling teams
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) by Gabriella Lanza: Gertrude Hawk chocolate, Boonton swag, school store at JHS, Box Tops, Flocking, Spirit wear, Membership
4. Home School Association (HSA): None
5. Town Council by Marie DeVenezia: Asked for the name of the spring play (Music Man); Town passed resolutions waiving summer program residency requirements for families of first responders and handicapped parking; car show in April.
6. ESC of Morris County: None
7. MCSBA: None
8. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: New member training weekend; nominating committee; federal and state issues
9. Other by Mrs. Katsakos: Historical Society's new exhibit opens on 3/1

SUPERINTENDENT

1. District News and Updates: BHS student touched up an historic aerial photo; FBLA competition; State Police helicopter on 4/11; PTA store at JHS; Dentistry presentation at SSS; Preschool registration; PD on early dismissal day of 3/3 and full day of 3/31
2. FY26 Budget: With a range of assumptions and estimates, the budget is facing a \$375k deficit, but State aid notices are expected on 2/27.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

Steve Bossen asked if Policy/Regulation 5516 is for high school only and suggested there should be a similar policy for staff if it's not in place.

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

MINUTES

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

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

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

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

On a motion by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Piccioni, the Board approved Administration PK-12 resolutions #1-5 by roll call. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Piccioni, Mr. Portas. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Mondino.

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

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

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

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

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

On a motion by Mr. Piccioni and seconded by Mrs. Darling, the Board approved Operations resolutions #1-4 by roll call. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Piccioni, Mr. Portas. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Mondino.

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

\$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
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

Steve Bossen asked about the impact of removing DEI, and Mr. Valle said we are waiting for NJDOE guidance; asked for the next step in addressing an issue with a teacher, and Mr. Valle said it is with him; and asked how districts have attempted to make changes at the State level, and Mrs. LeFebvre and Mr. Gardberg said that state associations actively do this.

Tyler Cechony asked about the binder initiative at BHS, and Dr. Kipp-Newbold responded about the goals and methods prescribed by AVID.

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

- Next meeting is March 3, 2025
- Mrs. Doherty complimented how the BHS nurse has improved the process for sports physicals
- Ms. Devenezia said she could not attend the special meeting scheduled for March 3

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 8:03 pm by Mr. Portas and seconded by Mrs. Darling, 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 8:25 pm by Mrs. Doherty and seconded by Mrs. Darling, all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session.

ADMIN PK-12

On a motion by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Piccioni, the Board approved Administration PK-12 resolution #6 by roll call. YES: Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Piccioni, Mr. Portas. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mr. Mondino.

6. Termination of Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the termination of Employee #1519, effective February 13, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 8:36 pm by Mr. Piccioni and seconded by Mrs. Doherty, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL:



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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:



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The Boonton Town Board of Education, of Morris County, New Jersey, held a meeting at Boonton High School, 306 Lathrop Ave, Boonton, NJ, at 6:30 pm on March 10, 2025.

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, Loren Katsakos, Irene LeFebvre, Brianna O'Halloran, Daniel Piccioni. Matthew Mondino arrived at 6:34 pm. Absent was: Andrew Portas.

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

The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

LIAISON REPORTS

1. John Hill School student representative Kiera Shiels: Read Across America, Spirit Week, spring sports, band field trip, fundraiser at Bako's, talent show
2. Boonton High School student representative Ashley Suplicki: Spring sports, La Copa, GSA, boys & girls wrestling, PLC
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA): None
4. Home School Association (HSA): None
5. Town Council by Marie Devenezia: Meeting on March 3, contract for Town Hall parking lot, ordinance for one-way street
6. ESC of Morris County: None
7. MCSBA by Mrs. Darling: Meeting on April 2
8. NJSBA: None
9. Other: Historical Society has an exhibit on March 23, and Native Plant Society offers a free seed library

WORK OF THE BOARD

1. Administration
 - Staffing: Appointments of paras and math teachers
 - Programming: "Music Man" spring musical, Read Across America, BHS Passion Project, JHS art recognitions, BHS Honors Arts Show, BHS internship program, AVID interviews
 - Professional Development: Early dismissal on March 3 and full day on March 31

- Academies and AVID: Trips to colleges, NJ State Police, Rutgers & Seton Hall, Students2Science, PizzaHQ, Glassworks Studio, Aviation Institute of Maintenance, digital badges, senior passion projects
- 2. Operations: Mr. Gardberg reviewed the budget process and three scenarios for Board approval tonight.
- 3. Policy: Mrs. Katsakos commented on approving the final read of policies.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

- Steve Bossen asked about bills for phones and about informing the public about the budget before the meeting when it is adopted
- Marie Devenezia asked about advertising the budget

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

MINUTES

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

Approval of the following Board of Education meeting minutes.

1. Regular session: February 24, 2025 (enclosure)
2. Executive session: February 24, 2025 (enclosure)

ADMINISTRATION

PK-8

On a motion by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Mondino, the Board approved Administration PK-8 resolutions #1-9 by roll call. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Piccioni. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None

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 K-2 (CBI)	McDonald's, Boonton Holmes Library
Grades 3-8 (CBI)	Boonton Holmes Library
Grade 8 (AVID)	Caldwell University
Grades 6-8 (Music)	Calvary Temple & Dorney Park

2. Long-Term Leave Replacement Paraprofessional: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Motaleb Taher as a Long-Term Leave Replacement Paraprofessional at School Street School, at a salary of \$38,382 (Step 1), prorated from March 11, 2025 through May 2, 2025.
3. Appointment of Preschool Paraprofessional: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Kim McGreevy to the position of Preschool Paraprofessional, Boonton High School, at a salary of \$39,348 (Step 4), prorated from April 10, 2025 for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.

4. Appointment of Paraprofessional: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Jeffrey Wiswall to the position of Paraprofessional, John Hill School, at a salary of \$39,348 (Step 4), prorated from March 25, 2025 for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.
5. Movement on Salary Guide: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves the following staff member's movement on guide in accordance with the Agreement between the Board of Education and the Boonton Education Association, retroactive to February 1, 2025:

Employee	Placement on Guide
Denise Esmail	Step 17 MA+15 to Step 17 MA+30

6. Bridges to Learning Before/After School Support Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Tina Cosentino and Soheir Hassan* as Adult Support Staff for the Bridges to Learning Before/After School Program at John Hill School for the 2024-2025 school year at a rate of \$23.00 per hour.
*Pending receipt of background clearance
7. Appointment of Long Term Leave Replacement Math Teacher: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Ruzena Sucharova as the long-term leave replacement Math Teacher, John Hill School, at a salary of \$101,245 (Step 17 MA/30) prorated from April 22, 2025 for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.
8. Appointment of Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Jeffrey Tavalacci to the position of Math Teacher, John Hill School, at a salary of \$94,515 (Step 17 BA/15) effective August 27, 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year.
9. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board of Education approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID #4885742630-B for up to 10 hours per week beginning March 3, 2025, with instruction to be provided by district approved instructors at a rate of \$40.00 per hour.

PK-12

On a motion by Mrs. O'Halloran and seconded by Mrs. Doherty, the Board approved Administration PK-12 resolutions #1-11 by roll call. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Piccioni. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Portas.

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 9-12 (STEM)	Universal Technical Institute
Grades 9-12 (CBI)	Curly's, Walk in Town, Willowbrook
Grades 11-12 (FBLA)	Essex County Hospital Center

2. Appointment of Assistant to the Business Administrator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Leslie Alfano-Barboza to the position of Assistant to the Business Administrator, at a salary of \$55,591, prorated from April 22, 2025 for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.
3. Extra Hours: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves up to 40 total hours (after work hours) for Leslie Alfano-Barboza between March 11, 2025 and April 21, 2025 for assistance in the Business Administrator's Office at a rate of \$26.73 per hour.
4. Unpaid Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves an unpaid leave of absence for Jordan Goldson, Special Education Teacher Boonton High School from April 22, 2025 through May 9, 2025.
5. 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 February 2025. (enclosure)
6. Volunteer Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves Daniel Drugac as a volunteer track and field coach 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# 5740385473-B for up to 10 hours per week beginning February 24, 2025 with instruction to be provided by district approved instructors at a rate of \$40.00 per hour.
8. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for the following students to be provided by Prime Healthcare Services – St. Clare's, LLC at a rate of \$55.00 per hour:

Student State ID# 5740385473-B for up to 5 hours per week beginning February 27, 2025
Student State ID# 4781002764-B for up to 5 hours per week beginning March 5, 2025
9. Outside Evaluation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Dr. Sostre-Oquendo, MD to conduct a Psychiatric Evaluation for Student State ID #2341880031-B at a cost of \$1,000.00.
10. 2025 Special Education Extended Year Programs: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following 2025 Special Education Extended Year Programs, to be held at John Hill School:

Program Dates: July 7, 2025 through August 1, 2025 (Monday - Friday)

Preschool from 8:30 am-11:30 am
Grades K-12 from 8:00 am-12:00 pm
11. Sign Language Interpreter: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a Sign Language Interpreter for Extracurricular Activities for out-of-district Student State ID# 4789637065-B during the 2024-2025 softball season, as needed, not to exceed \$12,000.

HIB REPORT

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

Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board affirms the findings and recommendations on the following Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying complaints: BHS #7, SSS #2, SSS#3.

POLICY

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

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

Final 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

On a motion by Mr. Cartelli and seconded by Mrs. Darling, the Board approved Operations resolutions #1-11 by roll call. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce (except #5), Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Piccioni (except #5). NO: Mr. Joyce (#5), Mr. Piccioni (#5). ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Portas.

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

\$39,736.00	03/10/2025	Cafeteria ACH (attachment)
\$80,197.06	03/10/2025	General ACH (attachment)
\$55,446.55	03/10/2025	General checks (attachment)
\$198.70	03/10/2025	Student Activity BHS ACH (attachment)
\$952.20	03/10/2025	Student Activity BHS checks (attachment)
\$320.00	03/10/2025	Student Activity JHS checks (attachment)

2. Payroll Expenses: The Board approves the following payroll expenses.
 \$1,117,648.10 2/15/2025
 \$1,092,844.42 2/28/2025
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
Rebecca Kipp-Newbold	4/10/2025	Preschool Inclusion Leadership Conference, West Windsor, NJ	\$109.86
Rosemarie Sullivan	4/29/2025	OFAC Fingerprinting Training Morris Plains, NJ	\$9.49
Mia Fondacaro	7/28 - 7/29/2025	Tomorrow's Teachers Summer Training, Teaneck, NJ	\$550.00
Melanie DiBartolo	5/2/2025	NJ Special Ed Annual Summit Monroe, NJ	\$201.98
Petra Wiehe Lieberman	4/24 - 4/25/2025	NJABA Conference Somerset, NJ	\$253.85
Robin Schwalb	3/13/2025	Autism and Threat Assessment Training, Morristown, NJ	\$8.93
Jordan Goldson	6/30 - 7/1/2025	Tomorrow's Teachers Summer 2025 Training, Virtual	\$550.00

4. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 03/10/2025 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
2502-0008	Lumen Gentium Academy: Spring Play BHS Auditorium Monday – Saturday April 7-12/2025 (3:00 – 9:00 PM)
2502-0009	Boonton Hills & Valley LAX: Indoor Practice BHS Gym Tuesday 2/25/25 (6:30-9:00 PM)
2502-0010	Tri Town LL: Evaluations BHS Main Gym Friday 3/7/2025 (6:15-8:00 PM)
2502-0012	Girl Scout Troop 98289: Meeting JHS Media Center Thursday 3/20/2025 (6:00-7:30 PM)
2502-0013	Girl Scout Troop 98529: Meeting JHS Media Center Thursday 4/24/2025 (6:00-7:30 PM)

2503-0000 BHS Boys LAX: Booster Parents
 BHS Concession Stand
 During Home Games 3/27-5/22 (11:00 AM- 8:00 PM)

5. 2025-2026 Tentative Budget: The Board approves the 2025-2026 tentative budget using state aid figures; submission of the tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools, in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:7F-5 and 18A:7F-6; advertising the tentative budget in The Citizen newspaper in accordance with the form suggested by the NJ Department of Education and according to law; and holding a public hearing at the meeting on April 28, 2025.

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Total
Budget	36,857,868	1,061,603	1,425,300	39,344,771
Tax Levy	22,934,459		1,073,353	24,007,812

6. Adjustment for Enrollment: The Board includes in the 2025-2026 tentative budget the adjustment for enrollment in the amount of \$222,665. The district intends to utilize this adjustment for supplies and materials necessary for the additional students.
7. Capital Reserve Withdrawal: The Board of Education includes in the 2025-2026 budget a capital reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$200,000.00 for the Boonton High School Partial Roof Replacement.
8. Professional Services: The Board approves the following maximum dollar limits for professional services and public relations, as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-9.3(c)14, for the 2025-2026 school year; the School Business Administrator to track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded; and, if the need arises, to adopt a dollar increase in the maximum amount through formal board actions.

Legal:	\$110,000
Architecture/Engineering:	5,000
Audit:	35,190
<u>Physician:</u>	<u>19,656</u>
For a total amount of:	\$169,846

9. Maximum Travel Budget: The Board approves establishing the maximum travel expenditure amount of \$44,455, as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq., for the 2025-2026 school year, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3. The maximum travel expenditure amount for the 2024-2025 school year is \$63,455, of which \$18,982 has been spent and \$6,202 is encumbered to date.
10. Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement: The Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district;
 AND, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board;
 AND, a board of education may establish, for regular district business travel only, an

annual school year threshold of \$150 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30);

AND, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 but deemed by the board of education to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms;

BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education includes in the tentative budget travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7, to a maximum expenditure of \$44,455 for all staff and board members for the 2025-2026 school year.

The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

11. Preschool Operational Plan: The Board approves submission of the Preschool Education Aid 2025-2026 District Enrollment and Planning Workbook to the NJ Department of Education, and appropriation of funds in the amount of \$2,472,166.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

- John Tolochko commented about progress with Firemen's Field
- Steve Bossen asked about progress on the Strategic Plan and with the binder initiative

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

- Next meeting is March 24, 2025
- Mrs. Doherty suggested recognizing our unsung heroes
- Mrs. Katsakos commented on FBLA winning the Consumer Bowl

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 7:53 pm by Mr. Piccioni and seconded by Mrs. O'Halloran, all present voted to approve the following resolution to enter Executive Session. Mr. Cartelli left the meeting.

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

Mr. Mondino left the meeting at 8:29 pm.

Adjourn executive session and return to open session.

On a motion at 8:38 pm by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Doherty, all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session.

ADMINISTRATION

PK-8

On a motion by Mrs. Doherty and seconded by Mrs. Darling, the Board approved Administration PK-8 resolutions #10 by roll call. YES: Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Ms. O'Halloran. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Mr. Piccioni. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mr. Mondino.

10. Termination of Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the termination of Employee #1185, effective February 27, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 8:32 by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mrs. O'Halloran, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL:



**BOONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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Meeting Minutes

6:30 pm on March 24, 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 Building at 434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ.

ROLL CALL

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

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CORRESPONDENCE

LIAISON REPORTS

1. John Hill School student representative: None
2. Boonton High School student representative Ashley Suplicki
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA): None
4. Home School Association (HSA): None
5. Town Council by Marie DeVenezia: Town budget, speeding on certain streets, car show, spring clean-up, slogan contest, Easter eggs
6. ESC of Morris County by Mrs. LeFebvre: Received the deed for property recently purchased
7. MCSBA by Mrs. Darling: Meeting on 4/2 to recognize Unsung Heroes
8. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: Upcoming conferences
9. Historical Society by Mrs. Katsakos: Opening yesterday for the new exhibit; upcoming visit by the fourth grade

SUPERINTENDENT

1. District News and Updates
 - a. School Street: Performances
 - b. John Hill: Students for Change, math night
 - c. Boonton HS: Photography by student Sage Hill earned a college scholarship, academy field experiences, National Honor Society
2. FY25 budget by Mr. Valle & Mr. Gardberg: Projected increase in premiums is trending up to 27% due to significant increases in claims paid in 2024 compared to 2023 and prior years. This will constrain funds available for the BHS partial roof replacement from for just the roof sections

in the worst condition. Proposals from Horizon and competitors are due by April 4 so direction by the Board on April 7 is needed for revising the budget. Board members agreed to pursue legal action against the State for underfunding.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

None

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

MINUTES

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

1. Regular session: March 3, 2025 (enclosure)
2. Executive session: March 3, 2025 (enclosure)
3. Regular session: March 10, 2025 (enclosure)
4. Executive session: March 10, 2025 (enclosure)

ADMINISTRATION

PK-8

On a motion by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Doherty, the Board approved Administration PK-8 resolutions #1-5 by roll call. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Piccioni. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Mondino.

1. Bridges to Learning After School Enrichment Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Melinda Miksad for the Bridges to Learning After School Enrichment Staff to be paid \$40 - \$70 per class, based upon enrollment during the 2024-2025 school year.
2. Appointment of Custodian: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Ahmed Messeleka to the position of Custodian, School Street, at a salary of \$41,480 (Step 1), prorated from April 15, 2025 through June 30, 2025, pending clearance of background check.
3. Clinical Practice Internship: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a Clinical Practice Internship for Adriana Torres, Felician University, for 175 hours between March 17, 2025 and May 9, 2025 at School Street School, under the supervision of Megan Bialek.
4. Outside Psychiatric Evaluations: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following outside psychiatric evaluations to be conducted by Dr. Sostre-Oquendo, MD, at a cost of \$1,000 each:

Student State ID# 5197785687-B
Student State ID# 9092613712-B
Student State ID# 7968816201-B

5. Bridges to Learning Before/After School Support Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Angela Brown as Adult Support Staff for the Bridges to Learning Before/After School Program for the 2024-2025 school year at a rate of \$23.00 per hour.

PK-12

On a motion by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Doherty, the Board approved Administration PK-12 resolutions #1-5 by roll call. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Piccioni, Mr. Portas. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Mondino.

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 9-12 (Gateway Academy)	Stevens Institute of Technology
Grades 9-12 (CBI)	Cedar Grove High School, West Orange High School, Pompton Queen Diner, Patriots Park

2. Addition to Substitute List: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Diana Melo as a substitute custodian for the 2024-2025 school year, pending background clearance.
3. Dual Enrollment Agreement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a Dual Enrollment Agreement between Boonton Public Schools and William Paterson University for the 2025-2026 school year. (enclosure)
4. Memorandum of Understanding Between the University of Delaware and Boonton High School: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Delaware and Boonton High to establish a relationship in which students will participate in the University's Horn Entrepreneurship (UD Horn) Entrepreneurship Experience Lab (ExtreX) for the 2025-2026 school year. (enclosure)
5. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 5740385473-B for up to four hours per day, beginning March 5, 2025, with instruction to be provided by New Hope Integrated Behavioral Health Care at a rate of \$650 per week.

HIB REPORT

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

Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board affirms the findings and recommendations on the following Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying complaint: BHS #8.

POLICY

None

OPERATIONS

Mr. Gardberg: Treasurer for helping to complete reports, DOE submission for roof, budget

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

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

\$24,417.18	03/24/2025	Cafeteria ACH (attachment)
\$31,607.01	03/24/2025	General ACH (attachment)
\$264,679.08	03/24/2025	General checks (attachment)
\$1,700.00	03/24/2025	Student Activity BHS checks (attachment)
\$743.92	03/24/2025	Student Activity JHS ACH (attachment)
\$425.00	03/24/2025	Student Activity JHS checks (attachment)
\$4,023,228.74	1/1 - 1/31/2025	Electronic checks (attachment)
2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending January 31, 2025. ([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 January 31, 2025; 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 (\$)	Workshop / Conference	Total Cost
Christina Buck	5/20/2025	Intersectionality: Shaping Experiences and Creating Opportunities, New Brunswick, NJ	\$81.82
Melanie DiBartolo	4/9/2025	The Interaction Between Mental Health, Kenilworth, NJ	\$23.78
Jennifer Coleman	5/9/2025	Developing a Common Language for your ESL and Special Education Teams, Monroe, NJ	\$201.98
Kristin McGovern	5/9/2025	Developing a Common Language for your ESL and Special Education Teams, Monroe, NJ	\$201.98
Maribel Martinez	5/9/2025	Developing a Common Language for your ESL and Special Education Teams, Monroe, NJ	\$201.98
Maribel Martinez	5/14-5/16/2025	Spring Leadership Conference 2025 Atlantic City, NJ	\$1097.84

5. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 03/24/2025 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
2503-0001	BHS Boys LAX: Booster Parents BHS Cafeteria Tuesday 3/18/2025 (5:00 - 8:00 PM)
2503-0002	Tri Town LL: Opening Day JHS Upper Field, Parking Lot Saturday 4/5/2025 (9:00 AM -12:00 PM)
2503-0003	Claim to Fame: Dance Recital BHS Auditorium Saturday 6/14/2025 (1:00-8:00 PM)
2503-0004	OLMC: Met-Pat League Pentathlon BHS JV Baseball Field, Track Saturday 5/31/2025 (9:00 AM -2:30 PM)
2503-0005	Boonton PTA Family STEM Might JHS Gym, Cafeteria, Parking Lot Thursday 4/7/2025 (3:00 – 10:00 PM) <i>Revised to change the date from 4/10 to 4/7 (approved on 9/9/2024)</i>

6. DOE Submission: The Board authorizes H2M Architects and Engineers to submit the application for the Partial Roof Replacement at Boonton High School to the New Jersey Department of Education as an Other Capital project and that the Board is not seeking state funding, and to amend the District's Long Range Facility Plan as needed.
7. Transportation Agreement: The Board approves the transportation reimbursement for Student State ID# 6871142752-B for transportation to and from Pillar High School in Livingston for the 2024-2025 school year, to be paid based on student attendance, not to exceed \$4,500.00.
8. 2025-2026 Tentative Budget: The Board approves the 2025-2026 tentative budget using state aid figures; submission of the tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools, in accordance with N.J.S.A.18A:7F-5 and 18A:7F-6; advertising the tentative budget in The Citizen newspaper in accordance with the form suggested by the NJ Department of Education and according to law; and holding a public hearing at the meeting on April 28, 2025. *(note: revised from 3/10/2025 for Special Revenue amount, not tax levy)*

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Total
Budget	\$36,857,868	\$3,533,769	\$1,425,300	\$41,816,937
Tax Levy	22,934,459		1,073,353	24,007,812

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Bossen: Thanked Mr. Cartelli for the lawsuit idea; use by staff of mobile devices in classrooms; state purchasing regulations; policy for drug testing of staff

Marie DeVenezia: Roof projects over multiple years; prior roof replacements; timing of healthcare premiums; tax levy impact on homeowners; State's \$20 million tax levy incentive

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Next meeting is April 7, 2025

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 7:42 pm by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Doherty, all present voted to approve the following resolution to enter Executive Session. Mr. Cartelli left the meeting.

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. Katsakos and seconded by Mrs. Doherty, all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 8:07 pm by Mr. Joyce and seconded by Mrs. Doherty, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL:



Meeting Minutes

6:30 pm on April 7, 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 Building at 434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ.

ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members present at roll call were Jennifer Darling, Patrick Joyce, Loren Katsakos, Irene LeFebvre, Daniel Piccioni, Andrew Portas. Matthew Mondino arrived at 6:38 pm. Absent were Christopher Cartelli, Elaine Doherty, Brianna O'Halloran.

Also present were Mr. Thomas Valle, Superintendent, Mr. Steven Gardberg, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and approximately five members of the public. The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CORRESPONDENCE

NJ Assembly members Aura Dunn and Brian Bergen regarding state school aid

LIAISON REPORTS

1. John Hill School student representative: Spring sports, AVID trip to Caldwell College, Spring Fling, band/choir concerts & Patriots game, spirit week, motivational speaker, 8th-grade end-of-year formal
2. Boonton High School student representative: National Honor Society, Gateway passion projects, Class of 2029 fundraiser, spirit week and pep rally
3. MCSBA: Unsung Heroes last week, next meeting is May 7
4. NJSBA: Workshop 2025 in October

WORK OF THE BOARD

1. Administration
 - Staffing: New ELA teacher, resignation of BHS teacher
 - Programming: 1st-grade performance, JHS performance, JHS wellness fair, Unsung Heroes, BHS art show, spring concerts
 - Give-back days for extended Memorial Day weekend plus June 13
 - Playground mulch
 - Textbooks and online resources
 - College partners: Fairleigh Dickinson, University of Delaware, County College of Morris
 - Ms. Buck to present about Seal of Biliteracy at a workshop
 - Academies and AVID
 - AI in Education

2. Operations
 - Budget / Health Insurance
 - Cafeteria tables at School Street
 - Playground mulch
 - CST Building renovations
 - Firemen's Field
3. Policy: Involving staff in AI policies

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

1. John Tolochko: Firemen's Field
2. Steve Bossen: Lawsuit against the State, Textbooks in physical or digital formats, Goals and plans for using state assessment data

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

MINUTES

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

Approval of the following Board of Education meeting minutes.

1. Regular session: March 24, 2025 (enclosure)
2. Executive session: March 24, 2025 (enclosure)

ADMINISTRATION

On a motion by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Mondino, the Board approved Administration PK-8 resolutions #1-4 by roll call. YES: Mrs. Darling, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Mr. Piccioni. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Doherty, Ms. O'Halloran.

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 K-2 (CBI)	Boonton Lanes
Grade 4	Boonton Historical Society

2. Teachers for Elementary Level Title III Family Engagement Events: 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 for up to 4 events per level and up to 3 hours per event, to be paid with Title III funds:

Karen Kovall

Stacy Calise

Jen Sannazzaro

3. Bridges to Learning Summer Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Bridges to Learning Summer Staff from June 30, 2025 through August 22, 2025 as per the attached (attachment).
4. Appointment of Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Kristin Kubinsky to the position of ELA Teacher, John Hill School, at a salary of \$97,315 (Step 17 MA) effective August 27, 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year.

PK-12

On a motion by Mr. Joyce and seconded by Mrs. Darling, the Board approved Administration PK-12 resolutions #1-7 by roll call. YES: Mrs. Darling, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Mr. Piccioni, Mr. Portas. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Doherty, Ms. O'Halloran.

1. Memorandum of Understanding: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a Memorandum of Understanding Between the County College of Morris and Boonton High School for the 2025-2026 school year. (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:

Grade/Group	Destination
Grade 12 (Gateway Academy)	Grounds for Sculpture (Hamilton)
Grades 9-12 (Business Academy)	One Patriots Park
Grades 9-12 (Wrestling)	Casa Bianca
Grades 9-12 (CBI)	Denville Train Station, Walk through Boonton
3. FBLA National Competition: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the registration fee of \$195.00 and chaperone cost of \$125.00 for Student State ID #6484569308-B to attend the FBLA National Competition in California in June 2025.
4. Teacher for High School Level Title III Family Engagement Events: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Matthew Voswinkle for High School Level Title III Family Engagement Events for the 2024-2025 school year, at a rate of \$40.00 per hour for up to 4 events per level and up to 3 hours per event, to be paid with Title III funds.
5. 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 March 2025. (enclosure)
6. Acceptance of Letter of Resignation from Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Vicki Cornell, Technology Teacher Boonton High School, effective 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# 3812525668-B for up to 10 hours per week, beginning March 31, 2025 with instruction to be provided by LearnWell Education at a rate of \$60.75 per hour.

HIB REPORT

None

POLICY

None

OPERATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Joyce and seconded by Mr. Portas, the Board approved Operations resolutions #1-4 by roll call. YES: Mrs. Darling, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Mr. Piccioni, Mr. Portas. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Doherty, Ms. O'Halloran

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

\$40,814.28	4/7/2025	Cafeteria ACH (attachment)
\$78,328.98	4/7/2025	General ACH (attachment)
\$693,669.59	4/7/2025	General checks (attachment)
\$3,191.19	4/7/2025	Student Activity BHS ACH (attachment)
\$707.11	4/7/2025	Student Activity BHS checks (attachment)
\$586.00	4/7/2025	Student Activity JHS checks (attachment)

2. Payroll Expenses: The Board approves the following payroll expenses.

\$1,104,844.64	3/15/2025
\$1,152,729.83	3/30/2025

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
Robin Schwalb	5/5/2025	School Law Student Rights: What NJ Social Workers Should Know, Virtual	\$60.00
Steven Gardberg	6/4 - 6/6/25	Annual Conference NJASBO, Atlantic City, NJ	\$1,080.69
Marianne Sayle	5/9/2025	Developing a Common Language for your ESP and Special Education Teachers, Monroe Twp, NJ	\$202.00
Louis Castano	7/21 - 7/25/2025	NGSS Summer Institute for Grades K-12, Raritan Valley CC	\$546.17

4. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 4/7/2025 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.

<u>Permit #</u>	<u>Requested by / Facility / Dates</u>
2503-0007	Boonton PTA: Spring Book Fair JHS Art Room Thursday 4/24 – Friday 5/2/2025 (8:00 AM - 3:00 PM)

- 2503-0008 Girl Scouts
Annex Garden
Tuesday 4/1 & Wednesday 10/1/2025 (8:00 AM -8:00 PM)
- 2503-0009 Girl Scouts
Annex Garden
Wednesday 4/2-Tuesday 9/30/2025 (8:00 AM -8:00 PM)
- 2503-0010 BHS Track & Field Boosters; MC Championship
BHS Concession Stand & Bathrooms
Tuesday 5/20/2025 (1:45 -8:00 PM)
- 2504-0000 Boonton PTA: Fundraiser Pick Up
JHS Lobby
Tuesday 4/1/2025 (3:00 – 6:00 PM)
- 2504-0001 BHS Track & Field Boosters: Track Meet
BHS Concession Stand & Bathrooms
Tuesday 4/22/2025 (2:45 -7:15 PM)
- 2504-0002 BHS Track & Field Boosters: Track Meet
BHS Concession Stand & Bathrooms
Monday 4/7/2025 (2:45 -7:15 PM)
- 2504-0003 BHS Track & Field Boosters; MC Championship
BHS Concession Stand & Bathrooms
Wednesday 5/21/2025 (1:45 -8:00 PM)

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Next meeting is April 28, 2025

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 7:43 pm by Mr. Joyce and seconded by Mrs. Darling, 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 8:31 pm by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mr. Mondino, all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 8:32 by Mr. Piccioni and seconded by Mr. Mondino, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL:



**BOONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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Meeting Minutes

6:30 pm on April 28, 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 Building at 434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ.

ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Also present were Mr. Thomas Valle, Superintendent, Mr. Steven Gardberg, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and approximately 3 members of the public. The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

LIAISON REPORTS

1. John Hill School student representative (Mr. Mondino spoke on behalf of JHS representative): Science Fair, Student 2 Science, Motivated speaker, Take Your Child to Work Day, Concerts, Spring Dance, School Store, Sports, Spirit Week
2. Boonton High School student representative: Bring Your Child to Work Day, Spirit Week, Prom, Acceptance Day May 1, Senior Class Trip, State testing, Fundraising for Student Council and Lacrosse
3. Town Council by Marie Devenezia: Contracts for road work, ground water, Budget at 1.99% increase, Probationary police officer, Contract for town-wide tax reassessment
4. ESC of Morris County: Application to present at NJSBA for seeking ideas from school districts
5. MCSBA: Meeting on May 7
6. NJSBA: Meeting this week, Delegate Assembly
7. Other: Historical Society: Pathways for History, Crossing Guards recognition

SUPERINTENDENT

1. District News and Updates: Kindergarten registration, Regional Transition Fair on May 1, Concerts, State Police helicopter for Aviation and Criminal Justice academies, Playgrounds, Opening Day speaker for staff
2. Public Hearing of 2025-2026 Budget (Mr. Gardberg & Mr. Valle spoke): Healthcare costs \$1 million, Tightening up of staff in-support services-ESS Intervention, Suggestion to educate staff in keeping costs down?

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

Mr. Bossen: Push by the Board to publicize to the community?

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

MINUTES

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

Approval of the following Board of Education meeting minutes.

1. Regular session: April 7, 2025 (enclosure)
2. Executive session: April 7, 2025 (enclosure)

ADMINISTRATION

PK-8

On a motion by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Mondino, the Board approved Administration PK-8 resolutions #1-2 by roll call. YES: Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Ms. O'Halloran. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mr. Piccioni.

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

Grade/Group	Destination
Grade 5	Boonton Holmes Library

2. 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 the month of April 2025 for School Street School (enclosure) and John Hill School (enclosure).

PK-12

On a motion by Mr. Mondino and seconded by Mrs. Darling, the Board approved Administration PK-12 resolutions #1-5 by roll call. YES: Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Portas. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mr. Piccioni.

1. Senior Portfolio Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Kathleen Foley for up to 10 hours for Senior Portfolio Math, at a rate of \$40.00 per hour.
2. Substitutes: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following substitutes for the 2024-2025 school year:

Substitute Teachers/Paraprofessionals:
Nicolette Costa

Kathleen Mooney
Alec Vento
Luke Hughen*
Tami Grimes*
Gia Stritter**
Julian Billa**
Mark Riccio**

*Pending background clearance

**Pending receipt of substitute

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:

Grade/Group	Destination
Grade 12	Dorney Park

4. Memorandum of Understanding: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a Memorandum of Understanding Between the County College of Morris and Boonton High School for students enrolled in college-level mathematics classes during the 2025-2026 school year. (enclosure)
5. 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 the month of April 2025 for Boonton High School (enclosure)

HIB REPORT

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

Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board affirms the findings and recommendations on the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying complaint SSS #2.

POLICY

None

OPERATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Joyce and seconded by Ms. O'Halloran, the Board approved Operations resolutions #1-15 by roll call. YES: Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Portas. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mr. Piccioni.

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.
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| \$48,706.67 | 04/28/2025 | Cafeteria ACH (attachment) |
| \$7,042.72 | 04/28/2025 | Cafeteria checks (attachment) |
| \$12,584.71 | 04/28/2025 | General ACH (attachment) |
| \$481,153.49 | 04/28/2025 | General checks (attachment) |
| \$147.11 | 04/28/2025 | Student Activity BHS ACH (attachment) |
| \$4,505.77 | 04/23/2025 | Student Activity BHS checks (attachment) |

\$2,002.30	04/28/2025	Student Activity JHS ACH (attachment)
\$8,895.00	04/23/2025	Student Activity JHS checks (attachment)
\$4,504.30	04/23/2025	Student Activity SSS checks (attachment)
\$3,374,656.82	02/01 - 02/28/2025	Electronic checks, incl. payroll (attachment)

2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending 2/28/2025. ([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 2/28/2025; major funds have not been over-expended; and sufficient funds are available for the remainder of the year.
4. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 4/28/2025 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
2504-0004	BHS Football Parents Committee: Boonton Jr. Boomers Football Camp BHS V & JV Baseball Fields Monday-Thursday 7/2/-31/2025 (3:00 - 6:00 PM)
2504-0005	Tri Town Little League: Picture Night BHS Cafeteria Tuesday & Wednesday 5/6 & 5/7/2025 (4:00 -9:00 PM)
2504-0006	BHS Football Parents Committee: Parent Meeting BHS Auditorium Wednesday 4/23/2025 (7:00 -8:30 PM)
2504-0008	Boonton Preschool Health and Safety Family Night BHS Aux Gym, Rooms 101,103,104 Tuesday 5/20/2025 (5:00 -8:00 PM)
2504-0009	Boonton Hills & Valley Lacrosse: Picture Night BHS Cafeteria Tuesday 4/8/2025 (5:00 – 9:00 PM)
2504-0010	BHS Track & Field Boosters: Track Meet BHS Concession Stand & Bathrooms Tuesday 4/29/2025 (2:00 -8:00 PM)

5. Contract: The Board intends to award a contract to Hertz Furniture for replacement of the School Street School Cafeteria Tables for \$127,607.45, per Keystone Purchasing Network cooperative contract #KPN-202012-02C, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c.139, and Local Finance Notice 2012-10.

6. Tuition Rates: The Board approves the following tuition rates for the 2025-2026 school year.
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| Kindergarten | \$16,581 | Multiple Disabilities | \$52,016 |
| Grades 1-5 | 17,713 | Learning Language Disabilities | 48,890 |
| Grades 6-8 | 18,133 | Preschool Disabled | 69,794 |
| Grades 9-12 | 18,985 | | |

7. 2025-2026 District Budget: The Board approves adoption of the 2025-2026 budget.

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Total
Budget	\$37,140,532	\$3,533,769	\$1,425,300	\$42,099,601
Tax Levy	23,157,123		1,073,353	24,230,476

And, the Board, on March 24, 2025, voted to submit to the Executive County Superintendent a Tentative Budget for 2023-2024 as follows:

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Total
Budget	\$36,857,868	\$3,533,769	\$1,425,300	\$41,816,937
Tax Levy	22,934,459		1,073,353	24,007,812

And, the Tentative Budget was approved by the Executive County Superintendent; And, the Board has now determined to modify the Tentative Budget because of additional funding due to an increase in enrollment; Be it resolved the Board approves the modification of the Tentative Budget as follows:

Budget Line	Description	Tentative	Final	Change	Explanation
3080	General Supplies	\$457,528	\$412,415	-\$45,113	Reduction to offset textbooks
3100	Textbooks	\$1,000	\$41,000	\$40,000	Business & Aviation
11000	Basic Skills: Sal of Teachers	\$623,021	\$527,656	-\$95,365	Staffing adjustment
29100	Tuit. to Priv. School for the Disabled	\$2,492,836	\$2,311,946	-\$180,890	Student moved out, Remove TBD aides
41500	Guidance: Sal of Other Prof Staff	\$766,623	\$697,718	-\$68,905	Staffing adjustment
47000	Central Svc: Salaries	\$392,634	\$393,620	\$986	Staffing adjustment
54180	Spec Prog: Health Bens	\$979,254	\$1,132,651	\$153,397	Premium increase
60668	Extraord Svc: Health Bens	\$302,198	\$349,304	\$47,106	Premium increase
71180	Unalloc Bens: Health Bens	\$3,247,720	\$3,843,968	\$596,248	Premium increase
76080	Const Svc	\$854,000	\$1,199,200	\$345,200	Shift to smaller roof project
76140	Lease Purch Principal	\$510,000	\$0	-\$510,000	Shift to smaller roof project
	TOTAL			\$282,664	

8. Adjustment for Enrollment: The Board approves to include in the final budget the adjustment for enrollment in the amount of \$351,671. The district intends to utilize this adjustment for staffing, supplies and materials for the additional students.
9. Adjustment for Health Care Costs: The Board approves to include in the final budget the adjustment for increased costs of health benefits in the amount of \$93,658. The additional funds will be used to pay for the additional increases in health benefit premiums.
10. Maximum Travel: Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, a board of education must establish a maximum dollar limit for travel expenditure, as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.1 et seq., BE IT RESOLVED that the Board includes in the tentative budget a maximum travel expenditure of \$44,455 for the 2025-2026 school year. The maximum travel expenditure for the 2024-2025 school year is \$63,455, of which \$19,562 has been spent and \$6,345 is encumbered to date.
11. Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement: The Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; AND, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; AND, a Board may establish, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$218 per staff member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); AND, travel and related expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 but deemed by the Board to be necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; BE IT RESOLVED, the Board approves all travel not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7 as being necessary and unavoidable as noted on the approved Board of Education Out of District Travel and Reimbursement Forms; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board includes in the tentative budget travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A Subchapter 7, to a maximum expenditure of \$44,455 for all staff and board members for the 2025-2026 school year. The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.
12. Professional Support/Non-Public Services Agreement: The Board approves the agreement with the Educational Services Commission of Morris County for the 2025-2026 school year for Professional Support, OT, PT, Speech services, and for non-public IDEA, Chapters 192/193 Textbook, Nursing and Technology aid services.
13. Joint Transportation Agreement: The Board approves the agreement with the Educational Services Commission of Morris County for the 2025-2026 school year to transport public, nonpublic and special education pupils.
14. Professional Support/Non-Public Services Agreement Addendum: The Board approves the agreement with the Educational Services Commission of Morris County for the 2025-2026 school year for the Non Public Security Aid Program.

15. Roofing Upgrades: The Board approves award of a contract for 2025-2026 to Waterproofing Technologies Inc, per Educational Services Commission of New Jersey #ESCNJ/AEPA 21D, to replace roofing for \$973,776.75 at Boonton High School

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Bossen: 1) Question about lawsuit? 2) Policy for staff re: mobile device usage? Which policy number? 3) Rollout for AC at SSS and BHS?

Mrs. Doherty: Window AC units

Mr. Mondino: Uptick of dogs and e-bikes on the turf

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Next meeting is May 12, 2025; evaluation of the Superintendent; Marie Devenezia complimented on the kindness of the Boonton students.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 7:40 pm by Mrs. 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

Adjourn executive session and return to open session.

On a motion at 8:08 pm by Mr. Joyce and seconded by Mr. Portas, all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 8:09 pm by Ms. O'Halloran and seconded by Mrs. Doherty, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL:



**BOONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Meeting Minutes

6:34 pm on May 12, 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 Building at 434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ.

ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Also present were Mr. Thomas Valle, Superintendent, Mr. Steven Gardberg, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and approximately three members of the public. The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

LIAISON REPORTS

1. Boonton High School student representative: AP Exams, Prom, Senior Trip, PLC kickball tournament-seniors vs staff, Senior internships
2. Town Council by Marie Devenezia: Meeting last Monday-passed Town Budget with 1.99% levy increase, awarded contract for reassessment, conservative capital budget, bonding for new ladder truck, Law enforcement may help to resolve prohibited use of the turf field, Policy to permit residence to use small trailers to bring items to recycling center
3. ESC of Morris County: Meeting this week, Superintendent evaluation, goals for future
4. MCSBA: BHS student received \$1500 scholarship and \$500 CCM tuition credit, hosting the October meeting at BHS, Mrs. Darling-Master Board Certification and Certified Board Leader, Mrs. LeFebvre recognized for 30 years as a member
5. NJSBA: Spring conference, AI conference, Law Forum, Leadership Summit

WORK OF THE BOARD

1. Administration
 - Student Information Systems
 - MCSBA
 - 8th Grade/MS Leadership awards
 - Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week
 - AVID: Seniors and Underclassmen
 - Turf and Track: Dogs and bikers access

- Dr. Rebecca Kipp-Newbold: Internships, Pre-K-full for the Fall and have a waitlist, Two textbook adoptions, PD: Articulations between growth grades, Summer: AVID and AP, Emily Bohn: Lincoln Scholar, C-Span fellowship, Academies and AVID, Linda Mauriello-Transitions and Art Fair

2. Operations

- FY26 Budget
- Roof, Cafeteria tables
- Federal grant outlook
- Healthcare
- Donation

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 7:36 pm by Mrs. Doherty and seconded by Ms. 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.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

Adjourn executive session and return to open session.

On a motion at 8:08 pm by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Ms. O'Halloran, all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session.

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

MINUTES

On a motion by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Joyce, the Board approved the Minutes of the following meetings by roll call. YES: Christopher Cartelli, Jennifer Darling, Patrick Joyce, Irene LeFebvre, Brianna O'Halloran, Andrew Portas. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Loren Katsakos. ABSENT: Elaine Doherty, Matthew Mondino, Daniel Piccioni.

1. Regular session: 4/28/2025 (enclosure)
2. Executive session: 4/28/2025 (enclosure)

ADMINISTRATION

PK-8

On a motion by Mr. Cartelli and seconded by Mrs. Darling, the Board approved Administration PK-8 resolutions #1-16 by roll call. YES: Christopher Cartelli, Jennifer Darling, Patrick Joyce, Loren Katsakos, Irene LeFebvre, Brianna O'Halloran. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Elaine Doherty, Matthew Mondino, Daniel Piccioni.

1. Annual Reappointments of Staff Members for the 2025-2026 School Year: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following annual reappointments of staff members for the 2025-2026 school year. Salaries are on file at the Board of Education Office.

PreK-8 Tenured Certified Staff (enclosure)
PreK-8 Non-Tenured Certified Staff (enclosure)
PreK-8 Non-Certified Secretarial Staff (enclosure)
PreK-8 Non-Certified Health Assistant (enclosure)
PreK-8 Non-Certified Paraprofessionals (enclosure)
PreK-8 Non-Certified Lunch Aides (enclosure)
PreK-8 Non-Certified Custodians (enclosure)

2. Annual Reappointments of Administrators for the 2025-2026 School Year: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following annual reappointments of administrators, for the 2025-2026 school year. Salaries are on file at the Board of Education Office.

PreK-8 Tenured Certified Administrators (enclosure)

3. Stipend Payments for Elementary Child Study Team Members, Guidance Counselors and Nurses: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves stipend payments to the following Elementary Child Study Team Members, Guidance Counselors and Nurses in accordance with the Agreement Between the Town of Boonton and The Boonton Education Association, in lieu of a prep period during the 2024-2025 school year:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Meghan Arahill	Social Worker	\$850.00
Jennifer Coleman	Social Worker	\$850.00
Toni DeCotiis	Psychologist	\$850.00
Georgianna Gnecco	Mental Health Clinician	\$850.00
Kristin McGovern	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant	\$850.00
Neda Pourki-Deak	Guidance Counselor	\$850.00
Heidi Brady	Guidance Counselor	\$850.00
Christine Maier	Guidance Counselor	\$850.00
Maria Beaton	School Nurse	\$850.00
Kelli Shiels	School Nurse	\$850.00

4. Extend Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to extend the Leave of Absence for Caroline Dougherty previously approved

on November 25, 2025 from February 26, 2025 through June 30, 2025 to extend through November 23, 2025.

5. Extend Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to extend the Leave of Absence for Taylor Burke previously approved on December 9, 2024 from March 8, 2025 through June 30, 2025; then revised on February 28, 2025 to begin February 24, 2025 through June 30, 2025, to extend through November 23, 2025.
6. Extend Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to extend the Leave of Absence for Laura O'Shea previously approved on May 13, 2024 from October 23, 2024 through June 30, 2025, to extend through June 30, 2026.
7. Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a leave of absence for Lacey Mayer, Preschool Teacher, School Street School, effective August 27, 2025 through June 30, 2026, utilizing 22 days of accumulated sick days followed by an unpaid leave of absence.
8. Extra Hours for Attendance: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves extra hours for the following staff members for attendance duties from September 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026:

Jessica Giordano for 2 hours per day at John Hill School at an hourly rate of \$31.53 (Step 3),

Deborah Salemi for 6 hours per week at School Street School at an hourly rate of \$31.65 (Step 4), and

Ann Tvedt for 4 hours per week at School Street School, at an hourly rate of \$31.65 (Step 4).

9. Extra Hours: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves extra hours for the following staff members, as needed and assigned by the Principal, to cover the front office at School Street School during the 2025-2026 school year at a rate of \$22.05 per hour:

Olga Morales	Ann Tvedt	Debbie Salemi
Veronica Adamo	Tammy Fabish	

10. Summer Hours for School Nurses: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves up to 15 total hours each for Maria Beaton and Kelli Shiels during July and August 2025 at their contractual hourly rate of pay to complete health office work.
11. Bridges to Learning Summer Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following Bridges to Learning Summer Staff:

PreK Early Learner's Academy
Cassandra Lazar, High School volunteer
Hannah Vint, High School volunteer
Lucy Cunningham, High School volunteer

Early Learner's Academy
Talia Adama - high school volunteer

Summer Theater Program
Sadie Coughlin - high school volunteer
Alison Del Gaizo - middle school volunteer

Afternoon Bridges
Jennifer Eckels - adult support staff substitute @ \$23.00 per hour

August Enrichment
Jennifer Eckels - adult support staff substitute @ \$23.00 per hour
Natasha Weymers, Middle School Volunteer
Jamie Jensen, Middle School Volunteer

12. Staff for Summer Academic Program: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members and stipends paid with Title I funds, for the Summer Academic Support Program for students in Grades K-8 during the summer of 2025, pending enrollment:

Program Supervisor: Kelly Liberati at a stipend rate of \$3,000

Teachers at a stipend rate of \$1,600 each:

Cynthia Tserkis	Gabrielle Filippini	Jennifer Bridi
Dina Davis	Kaitlyn Brown	

13. Coaches: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following coaches and stipends at John Hill School for the 2025-2026 school year:

Coach	Position	Stipend
Amanda Sheehan	Head Field Hockey	\$4,641
Gregory LaPointe	Assistant Field Hockey	\$2,321
Devon Engelberger	Cross Country	\$4,641
Daniel Montgomery	Boys Soccer	\$4,641
Erika Faruolo	Girls Soccer	\$4,641
James Nash	Boys Basketball	\$5,311

14. Student Music Observation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a student observation for Lloyd Silikovitz, Rider University, a student music observation at John Hill School between May and June 2025 under the supervision of Kristen Houser, pending background check.
15. Extracurricular/Instructional Aide Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves up to 3 hours for Jennifer Coleman to assist and supervise Student State ID# 8359684319-B, during John Hill School Evening Junior Choir Spring Concert on April 23, 2025 at a rate of \$30.55 (Step 4) per hour.

16. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 6480018176-B for up to 10 hours per week, beginning April 22, 2025, with instruction to be provided by LearnWell Education at a rate of \$60.75 per hour.

PK-12

On a motion by Ms. O'Halloran and seconded by Mr. Cartelli, the Board approved Administration PK-12 resolutions #1-25 by roll call. YES: Christopher Cartelli, Jennifer Darling, Patrick Joyce, Loren Katsakos, Irene LeFebvre, Brianna O'Halloran, Andrew Portas. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Elaine Doherty, Matthew Mondino, Daniel Piccioni.

1. Annual Reappointments of Staff Members for the 2025-2026 School Year: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following annual reappointments of staff members for the 2025-2026 school year. Salaries are on file at the Board of Education Office.
 - 9-12 Tenured Certified Staff (enclosure)
 - 9-12 Non-Tenured Certified Staff (enclosure)
 - 9-12 Non-Certified Secretarial Staff (enclosure)
 - District-Wide Non-Certified Head Secretary (enclosure)
 - 9-12 Non-Certified Health Assistant (enclosure)
 - 9-12 Non-Certified Paraprofessionals (enclosure)
 - 9-12 Non-Certified Custodians (enclosure)
 - District-Wide Non-Certified Maintenance Staff (enclosure)
 - District-Wide Bus Drivers (enclosure)
2. Annual Reappointments of District-Wide Unaffiliated Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following annual reappointments of District-Wide Unaffiliated Staff for the 2025-2026 school year. Salaries are on file at the Board of Education Office. (enclosure)
 - District-Wide Board Office Staff District-Wide Technology Staff
 - Supervisor Buildings & Grounds Director Community Education
3. Annual Reappointments of Administrators for the 2025-2026 School Year: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following annual reappointments of administrators for the 2025-2026 school year. Salaries are on file at the Board of Education Office.
 - 6-12 Tenured Certified Administrator (enclosure)
 - 6-12 Non-Tenured Certified Administrator (enclosure)
 - 9-12 Non-Tenured Administrator (enclosure)
 - 9-12 Tenured Certified Administrators (enclosure)
 - District-Wide Non-Tenured Certified Administrator (enclosure)
4. Contract for School Business Administrator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the employment contract and detailed statement of contract costs for Steven Gardberg, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, approved by the Executive County Superintendent, for the term July 1, 2025 through June

30, 2026, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth therein with an annual salary of \$174,081. (enclosure)

5. Contract for Assistant Superintendent: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the employment contract and detailed statement of contract costs for Dr. Rebecca Kipp-Newbold, Assistant Superintendent, approved by the Executive County Superintendent, for the term July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth therein with an annual salary of \$160,217. (enclosure)
6. Stipend Payments for Secondary Child Study Team Members, Guidance Counselors, Librarian, Student Assistance Coordinator, and Nurse: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves stipend payments to the following Secondary Child Study Team Members, Guidance Counselors, Librarian, Student Assistance Coordinator and Nurse in accordance with the Agreement Between the Town of Boonton and The Boonton Education Association, in lieu of a prep period during the 2024-2025 school year:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Brenda Allemant	School Psychologist	\$850.00
Melanie Dibartolo	Social Worker	\$850.00
Linda Mauriello	Transition Coordinator	\$850.00
Julie Rienzi	Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant	\$850.00
Robin Schwalb	Mental Health Clinician	\$850.00
Janet Chauhan	School Nurse	\$850.00
Kelly Mabin	Guidance Counselor	\$850.00
James Nash	Guidance Counselor	\$850.00
Sara Simmons	Guidance Counselor	\$850.00
Tashi Oyola	Guidance Counselor	\$850.00
Dawn Hebert	Librarian	\$400.00
Leah Birchler	Student Assistance Coordinator	\$850.00

7. Acceptance of Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Dragana Stolic, Boonton High School Teacher, effective June 30, 2025.
8. Appointment of Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves the appointment of Scott Allen to the position of Social Studies Teacher, Boonton High School, at a salary of \$78,870 (Step11 MA+15) effective August 27, 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year.
9. Acceptance of Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Tara Signorelli, Boonton High School Teacher, effective June 30, 2025.
10. 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 12+ (CBI)	Curly's, Walk through Town

11. 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)
12. 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 April 2025. (enclosure)
13. Summer Substitute Secretaries: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following summer substitute secretaries at a rate of \$125 per day during the summer of 2025:

Tammy Fabish	Susan Chara	Rebecca Ross
Bridget Burke Weiss	Rehana Ibrahim	Veronica Adamo
Laura Sudak	Melinda Miksad	Clare Zarzecki
Deborah Salemi	Samantha Newell	Robin Zanca
Tracy Paulozzo	Jennifer Eckels	

14. Summer Custodian/Maintenance Workers: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following as summer maintenance (\$20 per hour) and summer custodial workers (\$16 per hour) during the summer of 2025:

Kaylee Hughen*	Luca DiGiacopo
Rinaldo DiGiacopo*	Sero DiGiacopo

*Pending outcome of background check

15. Summer Hours for School Nurse: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves up to 15 total hours for Janet Chauhan during July and August 2025 at her contractual hourly rate of pay to complete health office work.
16. Emergency Evacuation Use Agreement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Emergency Evacuation Use Agreement Between the Boonton Town Board of Education and County College of Morris. (enclosure)
17. Coaches: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following coaches and stipends at Boonton High School for the 2025-2026 school year:

<u>Coach</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Step / Stipend</u>
Sean Norton	Head Football	4 \$12,707
Steve Delaporte	Assistant Football	4 \$ 8,644
Salvatore Montevago	Assistant Football	4 \$ 8,644
Mickey Norton	Assistant Football	4 \$ 8,644
Andrew Scalone	Assistant Football	4 \$ 8,644
Jeffrey Tavalacci	Assistant Football	4 \$ 8,644
Cindy Tserkis	Head Field Hockey	4 \$11,343
Leah Durkin	Assistant Field Hockey	3 \$ 6,306
Kristy Shovlowsky	Assistant Field Hockey	4 \$ 7,586
Zachary Sabatino	Head Cross Country	4 \$ 7,088
James Nash	Head Boys Soccer	4 \$11,343

John Sisto	Assistant Boys Soccer	3	\$ 6,306
Wayne Barreto	Head Girls Soccer	4	\$11,343
Holly Settineri	Assistant Girls Soccer	4	\$ 7,586
Kathie Foley	Head Girls Tennis	4	\$ 7,075
Jabari Jackson	Head Boys Basketball	4	\$11,742
Gregory LaPointe	Assistant Boys Basketball	4	\$ 7,680
Matthew Brandt	Assistant Boys Basketball	2	\$ 5,755
Michael Carlin	Head Girls Basketball	4	\$11,742
Robert Davidson	Assistant Girls Basketball	4	\$ 7,680
Holly Settineri	Assistant Girls Basketball	4	\$ 7,680
David Hughen	Head Wrestling	4	\$11,742
Anthony Shovlowsky	Assistant Wrestling	4	\$ 7,680
Louisa Sinatra	Assistant Wrestling	4	\$ 7,680

18. Volunteer Coaches: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following volunteer coaches at Boonton High School for the 2025-2026 school year:

Matthew Emering - Volunteer Football Coach
Amanda Sheehan - Volunteer Field Hockey Coach

19. Advisors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following advisors and stipends, pending outcome of negotiations, at Boonton High School for the 2025-2026 school year:

<u>Advisor</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Stipend</u>
Samantha Angelillo	Art Club	\$ 760
Dennis Johnson	Band Director	\$ 4,500
Edward Haddad	BHS Chorus	\$ 760
Louisa Sinatra	BHS SRA Coordinator	\$ 5,060
Laurene Carey	French Club	\$ 760
Daniel Matarazzo	Makerspace	\$ 1,300
Omar Perez	Spanish Club	\$ 760
Kelly Mabin	Club Alliance	\$ 760
Daniel Matarazzo	Drama Producer	\$ 1,650
Dennis Johnson	Drama Music Director	\$ 2,000
Vincenzo LoGiudice	E-Sports	\$ 1,625
Daniel Matarazzo	E-Sports	\$ 1,625
Jody Oliveri	Expressions	\$ 870
Marissa LaPlaca	FBLA (Future Business Leaders)	\$ 1,175
Samantha Pino	FBLA (Future Business Leaders)	\$ 1,175
Rachel Olivo	FEA Future Educators Association Club	\$ 760
Dennis Johnson	Jazz Band	\$ 1,875
Marissa LaPlaca	Mock Trial	\$ 760
Christina Buck	Multicultural Club Co-Advisor	\$ 241
Dilek Demirors	Multicultural Club Co-Advisor	\$ 241
Sameera Hanafi	Multicultural Club Co-Advisor	\$ 241
Michelle McBride	Peer Leadership Assistant	\$ 1,085
Olivia DiTrollo	Peer Leadership Head	\$ 1,975
Sandra Seegers	Wampus	\$ 1,510

Jody Oliveri	Yearbook	\$ 3,665
Karen Bonanni	BHS SRA Financial Coordinator	\$ 2,650
Michelle McBride	Class Advisor Grade 10	\$ 1,625
Marissa LaPlaca	Class Advisor Grade 11	\$ 2,325
Jamie Westergaard	Class Advisor Grade 12	\$ 2,325
Samantha Angelillo	National Honor Society	\$ 1,000
Courtenay Shera	Transportation Supervisor - AM & PM	\$ 3,650

20. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for the following students:

Student State ID# 4781002764-B for up to 10 hours per week, beginning May 5, 2025, with instruction to be provided by LearnWell Education at a rate of \$60.75 per hour,
Student State ID# 8450448940-LP for up to 10 hours per week, beginning April 29, 2025, with instruction to be provided by district approved instructors at a rate of \$40 per hour, and
Student State ID# 2665305108-B, up to 10 hours per week, beginning May 2, 2025, with instruction to be provided by Aspire Counseling Center, at a rate of \$670 per week.

21. Teachers for IEP Meetings: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following teachers to attend IEP meetings, if needed, between June 25, 2025 and August 26, 2025 at a rate of \$25 per hour:

Barbara Gilbert	Tracy Paulozzo	Jenna Irwin
Lorraine Kiernan	Andrea Villegas	Meg DiNapoli
Lauren Dedoussis	Amy Smith	Gabrielle Filippini
Paul Chiodo	Teresa Rodrigues	Mary Guenther
Valerie Wasserman	Danielle Alfano	Ellen Christian
Kathleen Foley	Erika Faruolo	Linden Klein
Jessica Harbeson	Krystal Aug	Brannagh Walker
Matthew Voswinkel		

22. Special Education Summer ESY Program Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff for the 2025 Special Education Summer ESY Program, from July 7, 2025 through August 1, 2025 as follows:

Staff Member	Position	Rate of Pay
Julie Rienzi	Program Supervisor	\$6,500.00
Kelli Shiels	School Nurse	\$42.00 per hour-up to 4.75 hours per day

Preschool - Special Education Teacher (PK)

Danielle Alfano	PSD	\$42.00 per hour-up to 3.75 hours a day
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Classroom Aides (PK)

Jillian Calett	PSD	\$22.05 per hour-up to 3.5 hours per day
Reina Garcia	PSD	\$22.05 per hour-up to 3.5 hours per day
Debbie Robinson	PSD	\$22.05 per hour-up to 3.5 hours per day
Catalina Sanchez	PSD	\$22.05 per hour-up to 3.5 hours per day
Melissa Mihalko	PSD	\$22.05 per hour-up to 3.5 hours per day

LLD/MD Classes - Special Education Teachers (Gr K-12)

Ellen Christian	LLD	\$42.00 per hour-up to 4.75 hours per day
Linden Klein	LLD	\$42.00 per hour-up to 4.75 hours per day
Matthew Voswinkel	LLD	\$42.00 per hour-up to 4.75 hours per day
Kathy Foley	LLD/MD	\$42.00 per hour-up to 4.75 hours per day

Classroom Aides (Gr K-12)

Brianna Affinito	LLD	\$22.05 per hour-up to 4.5 hours per day
Laura Affinito	LLD	\$22.05 per hour-up to 4.5 hours per day
Shatha Mokhemer	LLD	\$22.05 per hour-up to 4.5 hours per day
Isabela Gelb	LLD	\$22.05 per hour-up to 4.5 hours per day
Tina Cosentino	LLD	\$22.05 per hour-up to 4.5 hours per day
Lili Laderach	LLD	\$22.05 per hour-up to 4.5 hours per day
Robin Zanca	LLD	\$22.05 per hour-up to 4.5 hours per day
Saima Choudry	LLD	\$22.05 per hour-up to 4.5 hours per day
Melyssa Stella	LLD	\$22.05 per hour-up to 4.5 hours per day
Marissa Haight	LLD	\$22.05 per hour-up to 4.5 hours per day
Maureen Cosentino	LLD	\$22.05 per hour-up to 4.5 hours per day
Erika Faruolo	LLD	\$22.05 per hour-up to 4.5 hours per day
Sandy Seegers	LLD	\$22.05 per hour-up to 4.5 hours per day
Daniel Montgomery	MD/LLD	\$22.05 per hour-up to 4.5 hours per day
Marie Evans	MD/LLD	\$22.05 per hour-up to 4.5 hours per day
Kirstine Kleid	MD/LLD	\$22.05 per hour-up to 4.5 hours per day

Substitutes as needed - Aide \$22.05 per hour - Teacher \$42 per hour - Nurse \$265 per day

Margaret McCollum – Substitute Teacher/Aide

Lorraine Kiernan – Substitute Teacher/Aide

Madison Affinito – Substitute Teacher/Aide

Amy Smith – Substitute Teacher/Aide

Andrea Villegas – Substitute Teacher/Aide

Meg DiNapoli – Substitute Teacher/Aide

Elizabeth McCollum - Substitute Teacher/Aide

Christine Jackson - Substitute Teacher/Aide

Matthew Robinson - Substitute Teacher/Aide

Jamila Naematullah - Substitute Teacher/Aide

Samantha Newell - Substitute Teacher/Aide

Melinda Miksad - Substitute Teacher/Aide

Robin Schwalb – Substitute Aide

Janet Chauhan – Substitute Nurse

Mannal Ramadan – Substitute Nurse

Related Service Providers:

Speech Therapists

Valerie Wasserman up to 52 hours at contractual hourly rate

Mary Guenther up to 52 hours at contractual hourly rate

Occupational Therapist

Paul Chiodo up to 50 hours at contractual hourly rate

Physical Therapist
Teresa Rodrigues up to 50 hours at contractual hourly rate

BCBA
Petra Lieberman up to 20 hours at contractual hourly rate

23. ESY Bus Aides: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following as aides to ride the bus, as needed, during the 2025 Summer ESY Programs for up to 1 hour per day, at a rate of \$22.05 each:

Debbie Robinson Laura Affinito Marie Evans

24. Ratified Agreement Between the Boonton Administrator's Association and the Boonton Town Public Schools: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves the Ratified Agreement Between the Boonton Administrator's Association and the Boonton Town Public Schools covering the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029. (enclosure)

25. Acceptance of Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Philip Johnson, Boonton High School Teacher, effective June 30, 2025.

HIB REPORT

On a motion by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Joyce, the Board approved the HIB resolution by roll call. YES: Christopher Cartelli, Jennifer Darling, Patrick Joyce, Irene LeFebvre, Brianna O'Halloran. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Loren Katsakos, Andrew Portas. ABSENT: Elaine Doherty, Matthew Mondino, Daniel Piccioni.

Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to affirm the findings and recommendations on the following Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying complaints: JHS #5 and JHS #6.

POLICY

None

OPERATIONS

On a motion by Ms. O'Halloran and seconded by Mrs. Darling, the Board approved Operations resolutions #1-13 by roll call. YES: Christopher Cartelli, Jennifer Darling, Patrick Joyce, Loren Katsakos, Irene LeFebvre, Brianna O'Halloran, Andrew Portas. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Elaine Doherty, Matthew Mondino, Daniel Piccioni.

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.
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| \$15,790.42 | 5/12/2025 | Cafeteria ACH (attachment) |
| \$81,802.55 | 5/12/2025 | General ACH (attachment) |
| \$21,292.00 | 4/29/2025 | General checks (attachment) |
| \$1,512.00 | 5/7/2025 | General checks (attachment) |
| \$744,857.53 | 5/12/2025 | General checks (attachment) |
| \$35.88 | 5/12/2025 | Student Activity BHS ACH (attachment) |
| \$144.00 | 5/12/2025 | Student Activity BHS checks (attachment) |
| \$5,935.19 | 4/29/2025 | Student Activity JHS checks (attachment) |

\$2,640.00	5/12/2025	Student Activity JHS checks (attachment)
\$40.96	5/12/2025	Student Activity SSS ACH (attachment)
\$1,895.84	4/29/2025	Student Activity SSS checks (attachment)
\$1,700.00	5/12/2025	Student Activity SSS checks (attachment)
\$4,101,472.81	03/01 - 03/31/2025	Electronic checks (attachment , incl. payroll)

2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending March 31, 2025. ([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 March 31, 2025; major funds have not been over-expended; and sufficient funds are available for the remainder of the year.
4. Payroll Expenses: The Board approves the following payroll expenses.

\$1,152,205.43	4/15/2025
\$1,088,896.44	4/30/2025
5. 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
Robert Davidson	5/9/2025	Morris County STEM Squad Canfield School	11.66
Meghan Stratton	7/8 -7/10 and 8/5 -8/7	Drew Writing Project Summer Institute, Drew University	\$650.00
Meghan Stratton	Virtual Asych	Work-Based Learning Supervision Virtual through Rutgers	\$850.00
Brenda Allemant	5/21/25	BASC-3 Overview and Interpretation Live Webinar	\$109.00

6. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 05/12/2025 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
2504-0011	Boonton Fire Dept: Game BHS Varsity Field Fridays 5/9-7/25/2025 (6:00-8:00 PM)
2504-0012	Boonton Preschool Health and Safety Family Night BHS Aux Gym, Rooms 101,103,104 Monday 5/19/2025 (5:00 -8:00 PM)
2504-0013	Tri-Town Little League Opening Day BHS Gym Saturday 4/5/2025 (9:00 AM– 12:00 PM)

7. Contract: The Board approves the Master Agreement and Attachment A with E-Rate Consulting, per NJSBA Procurement Number E-8801-NJSBA ACES-CPS, effective 7/1/2025 - 6/30/2027, for \$1,500 per year to file Category One applications, and \$1,500 per year (as needed) to file applications for Category Two and WAN Modulating Electronics.
8. Lease Agreement: The Board approves the lease agreement with the New Jersey Firemen's Home to permit the Board to use the property field for recreational purposes.
9. Professional Service: The Board approves for Home Care Therapies LLC (dba Horizon Healthcare Staffing and Horizon Staffing Resources) to provide as-needed nursing services for the 2025-2026 school year per the attached agreement.
10. Medical Services Contract: The Board approves a medical services contract with Dr. Arnold Pallay, MD, of Changebridge Medical Associates PA, Montville, NJ, for the 2025-2026 school year for the amount of \$18,720.00.
11. Donation: The Board accepts the donation of \$1,000 to support the Boonton High School field hockey program in memory of 2008 graduate Jessica Baker from her family.
12. Contract for Food Service Management Company: The Board approves renewal of the Food Service Management Company (FSMC) contract with Pomptonian Food Service for school year 2025-2026. The FSMC shall receive, in addition to the costs of operation, an administrative/ management fee of \$0.2575 per reimbursable meal and meal equivalent to compensate the FSMC for administrative and management costs. This fee shall be billed monthly as a cost of operation. The SFA guarantees the payment of such costs and fee to the FSMC. Total meals are calculated by adding reimbursable meal pattern meals served and meal equivalents. The number of reimbursable meals served to the children shall be determined by actual count. Cash receipts, other than from sales of reimbursable program meals served to the children, shall be divided by \$4.095 to arrive at an equivalent meal count. The per meal administrative/ management fee of \$0.2575 will be multiplied by total meals. There is no guaranteed financial performance. Based on the total estimated expenses (cost) including food, labor, supplies, other expenses, and FSMC management fee, the Total Estimated Cost of Contract is \$669,236.79.
13. Contract: The Board approves to award a contract to Hertz Furniture for replacement of the School Street School Cafeteria Tables for \$127,607.45, per Keystone Purchasing Network cooperative contract #KPN-202012-02C, pursuant to P.L. 2011, c.139, and Local Finance Notice 2012-10.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Steve Bossen: Thank you to the Administration for their continuity. Thank you to the BHS nurse. Discussed an ongoing problem with daughter's teacher. Asked about petitioning the state. Asked about BHS later start time.
- Mr. Brian Vint-His daughter is at BHS. His son is at Stockton. Senior Assassination of water guns, please don't play at night.

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

- Next meeting is June 9, 2025
- Superintendent Evaluation

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 8:34 pm by Mr. Cartelli and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL:



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Meeting Minutes

6:30 pm on June 9, 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 Building at 434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ.

ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Also present were Mr. Thomas Valle, Superintendent, Mr. Steven Gardberg, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and approximately 10 members of the public. The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

LIAISON REPORTS

1. JHS by Talia Adamo: Wash DC trip, Guerilla Haiku, field days, 8th grade dance and graduation, artist in residence
2. BHS by Ashley Suplicki: Senior skip day was this past thursday and we all had a great bonding day at the beach; Senior trip was today to Dorney Park. About 90 students went and everyone had a great time; Thursday is prom. It will be held at The Grand; next week is finals week and good luck to all taking their final exams; graduation is 6/24; congrats to all our seniors graduating; senior breakfast that morning to also celebrate; Kaylee Huguen is Valedictorian, and Micah Gursoy is Salutatorian.
3. PTA by Gabriella Lanzo: Monthly newsletter, Multicultural festival, 8th grade signs, ice cream social, new Boonton swag for sale, store at JHS open in the mornings, Box Tops, flocking, Jr Bomber spirit wear
4. HSA by Matt: Teacher Appreciation Week, 12th grade signs, scholarship
5. Town Council by Marie: Stigma-free town, new water operator for utility, endorsed 2025 round of affordable housing, ordinance to modify salaries/wages
6. MCSBA: Planning for next year
7. NJSBA: Board member of the year, all-day conference on AI for schools, next week leadership conference for presidents and VP, law forum on 6/26
8. Other: Women's Club Sat 6/14 with the library, program on human trafficking; Historical Society - Christmas sale in July

WORK OF THE BOARD

1. Administration
 - a. Celebrations: Recognition of school representatives Talia Adamo (JHS) and Ashley Suplicki (BHS); Graduations; AVID National Demonstration School; BHS Valedictorian and Salutatorian, e-sports club, senior awards
 - b. School events: State testing; Wash DC trip; Senior trip to Dorney Park; Field days; Preschool fun day; Kgtn orientation; career day; 2nd grade visit to JHS; Instrumental preview for 3rd grade; 6th grade LEAD graduation; Group 1 javelin champion; lacrosse goalie
 - c. Staffing: Appt of SSS long-term leave replacement, JHS long-term leave replacement, BHS math teacher, BHS technology teacher; filling open positions
2. Public Relations: New website launched
3. Policy: To meet over the summer
4. Reports
 - a. State certified self-assessment HIB ... get correct name
 - b. Violence, Vandalism, Intimidation and Bullying ... get correct name
5. Programming:
 - a. 57 senior interns
 - b. Preschool: Waitlists, placements at 90% of preferences
 - c. FAFSA: 100% of seniors met the requirement
 - d. Seal of Biliteracy: 22 earned
 - e. AVID National Demonstration School
 - f. Professional development for PreK-2, Drew AI writing
 - g. Academy & AVID: Common and individual, incoming enrollment, college-level classes; AVID elective at JHS
6. Operations
 - a. FY26 budget: Fully approved by the State
 - b. Roof: Kickoff meeting Tue 6/10
 - c. Playground mulch
 - d. CST building renovations: HVAC, electrical, doors, windows, carpet
 - e. Federal funds FY26
 - f. HVAC and plumbing issues at School Street and John Hill
 - g. Turf use on Sunday mornings
 - h. Technology updates

SUPERINTENDENT

1. State Report of HIB Grades for the 2023-2024 School Year
2. Report of Student Safety Data System (SSDS) Submission for January through June 2025

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

None

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

MINUTES

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

1. Regular session: May 12, 2025 (enclosure)
2. Executive session: May 12, 2025 (enclosure)

ADMINISTRATION

PK-8

On a motion by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mr. Cartelli, the Board approved Administration PK-8 resolutions #1-18 by roll call. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Doherty, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Piccioni.

1. Recognition of John Hill School Board Representative: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board expresses its appreciation to Talia Adamo for serving as the John Hill School Board representative for the 2024-2025 school year.
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:

Grade/Group	Destination
SSS & JHS Preschool	BHS Preschool
Grade 7	Grace Lord Park

3. AVID Coordinator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Bevin Huguen as the AVID Coordinator at John Hill School at a stipend rate of \$5,775.00 effective July 1, 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year.
4. Self-Assessment for Determining Grades: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act for the period from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 for School Street School and John Hill School. (enclosure) (enclosure)
5. Bridges to Learning Tuition Rates: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Bridges to Learning Tuition Rates for the 2025-2026 school year. (attached)
6. Bridges to Learning Summer Volunteer: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following Bridges to Learning Summer Volunteer:

Summer Theater Program and August Enrichment
Gwen Brewer, Middle School Volunteer

7. Bridges to Learning 2025-2026 Calendar: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Bridges to Learning 2025-2026 calendar. (attached)
8. Anti Bullying Specialists: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Jennifer Coleman and Christine Maier as Anti-Bullying Specialists at John Hill School and School Street School for the 2025-2026 school year at a stipend rate of \$2,200.00 each.
9. Community and Parent Involvement Specialist: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Jessica Harbeson as the Community and Parent Involvement Specialist at a stipend rate of \$5,775.00, effective July 1, 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year.
10. AVID Committee Members: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following certified staff as the AVID Committee Members for Professional Development at John Hill School, at a stipend rate of \$500.00 each, to be paid with Title IIA Funds during the 2025-2026 school year.

Marybeth Comer

Michael Smulewicz

Katelyn Barth

11. Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Kathie Foley as the Girls Basketball Coach at John Hill School for the 2025-2026 school year, at a stipend rate of \$5,311.00.
12. Long-Term Leave Preschool Teacher: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Meagan Daly as the long-term leave replacement Preschool Teacher, School Street School, at a salary of \$77,670.00 (Step 11 MA) effective August 27, 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year.
13. Long-Term Leave Teacher: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Christine Jackson as the long-term leave replacement Teacher, John Hill School, at a salary of \$83,215.00 (Step 13 MA), effective August 27, 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year.
14. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for the following students:

Student State ID# 7960668385-B for up to 10 hours per week beginning May 9, 2025, with instruction to be provided by Prime Healthcare Services – St. Clare's LLC, at a rate of \$55.00 per hour,

Student State ID# 5756058896-B for up to 10 hours per week, May 12 - June 24, 2025, with instruction to be provided by district approved instructors at a rate of \$40.00 per hour, and

Student State ID# 5756058896-B for, up to 10 hours per week, July 7 - August 1, 2025, with instruction to be provided by district approved instructors at a rate of \$42.00 per hour.

15. Instructional Aide: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Marie Evans to assist/supervise Student State ID# 1104912701-B during the 8th grade graduation ceremony on June 23, 2025 for up to 3 hours at a rate of \$30.55 per hour.
16. Professional Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Epic Health Services, Inc (dba AVEANNA Healthcare) to provide 1:1 nursing services for Student State ID# 9156234508-B for the 2025 ESY Program and for the 2025-2026 school year (per doctor's order), to be billed at a maximum hourly rate of \$75.00 per hour, as follows:

July 7, 2025 - August 1, 2025 - 1 hour per week

September 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026 - 6 hours 50 minutes per day

17. Professional Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Progressive Therapy of New Jersey, LLC to provide BCBA Services in the classroom, at a rate of \$118.00 per hour not to exceed \$90,000.
18. Out-of-District Placements: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following out-of-district placements for the 2025 Extended School Year Program and for the 2025-2026 school year, and that transportation be arranged as needed:

Mt Lakes BOE/ Lake Drive

Student State ID# 3937809532-B

2025-2026 school year

Tuition - \$448.36 per day (180 days)

Student State ID# 5759515210-B

2025 ESY Summer Program and 2025-2026 school year

Tuition - \$448.36 per day (199 days)

Celebrate the Children

Student State ID# 5165378198-B

2025 ESY Summer Program and 2025-2026 school year

Tuition - \$466.00 per day (203 days) 1:1 aide - \$210.00 per day (203 days)

Student State ID# 3487009694-B

2025 ESY Summer Program and 2025-2026 school year

Tuition - \$466.00 per day (203 days) 1:1 aide - \$210.00 per day (203 days)

Student State ID# 3078967486-B

2025 ESY Summer Program and 2025-2026 school year

Tuition - \$466.00 per day (203 days) 1:1 aide - \$210.00 per day (203 days)

Student State ID# 9170093314-B

2025 ESY Summer Program and 2025-2026 school year

Tuition - \$466.00 per day (203 days) 1:1 aide - \$210.00 per day (203 days)

Chapel Hill Academy
Student State ID# 9732235202-B
2025 ESY Summer Program and 2025-2026 school year
Tuition - \$435.00 per day (210 days)

PG Chambers School
Student State ID# 9931083037-B
2025 ESY Summer Program and 2025-2026 school year
Tuition - \$509.90 per day (210 days)

Pillar Elementary School
Student State ID# 4528801449-B
2025 ESY Summer Program and 2025-2026 school year
Tuition - \$440.21 per day (210 days) 1:1 Aide - \$260.00 per day (210 days)

Shepard School
Student State ID# 7385463695-B
2025 ESY Summer Program and 2025-2026 school year
Tuition - \$332.41 per day (213 days)

Windsor Learning Center
Student State ID# 4080925442-B
2025 ESY Summer Program and 2025-2026 school year
Tuition - \$367.00 per day (210 days)

PK-12

On a motion by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mr. Cartelli, the Board approved Administration PK-12 resolutions #1-42 by roll call. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Mr. Portas. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Doherty, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Piccioni.

1. Recognition of Boonton High School Board Representative: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board expresses its appreciation to Ashley Suplicki for serving as the Boonton High School Board representative for the 2024-2025 school year.
2. Summer Substitute Secretaries: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following summer substitute secretaries at a rate of \$125 per day during the summer of 2025:

Michele Wolchesky

Elisabeth Cunningham

Santina DiBenedetto*

*Pending clearance of prints

3. Summer Custodian/Maintenance Worker: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Elisabeth Cunningham as a summer maintenance (\$20 per hour) and summer custodial worker (\$16 per hour) during the summer of 2025.

4. Additions to Substitute List: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following additions to the 2024-2025 substitute list:

Varsha Ganesar*

Santina DiBenedetto**

*Pending clearance of prints

**Pending receipt of substitute certificate

5. Textbook Adoption: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the adoption of the new textbook A People & A Nation: A History of the United States, published by Cengage, copyright date 2025 for US II Honors/Dual Credit County College of Morris classes at Boonton High School, for 60 editions at a cost of \$208.00 each.
6. Textbook Adoption: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the adoption of the new textbook Introduction to Criminal Justice A Personal Narrative Approach, copyright date 2023, for Criminal Justice Honors/Dual Credit FDU classes at Boonton High School, for 60 editions at a cost of \$83.00 each.
7. Academy Coordinators: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following Academy Coordinators at Boonton High School, at a stipend rate of \$5,775.00 each effective July 1, 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year:

Staff Member

Alyssa DeOrio

Vincenzo LoGiudice

Jordan Goldson

John Sisto

Mia Fondacaro

Nupur Bahl

Laurene Carey

Academy

Business Academy

Criminal Justice Academy

Teaching & Learning Academy

Aviation Academy

STEM Academy

Gateway Academy

Gateway Academy

8. AVID Coordinator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Marissa LaPlaca as the AVID Coordinator at Boonton High School at a stipend rate of \$5,775.00 effective July 1, 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year.
9. Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Sophia Reed, Business Education Teacher, Boonton High School, effective June 30, 2025.
10. Appointment of Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Anna Rabbia to the position of Math Teacher, Boonton High School, at a salary of \$62,605.00 (Step 1 BA), effective August 27, 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year, pending receipt of certification.
11. Appointment of Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Robert Mann to the position of Technology Teacher, Boonton High School, at a salary of \$89,765.00 (Step 15 MA), effective August 27, 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year, pending receipt of certification.

12. School Safety and Security Drill Annual Statement of Assurance: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the School Safety and Security Drill Annual Statement of Assurance for the 2024-2025 school year. (enclosure)
13. New Jersey Voter Registration Law Annual Statement of Assurance: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the New Jersey Voter Registration Law Annual Statement of Assurance for the 2024-2025 school year. (enclosure)
14. BCBA Supervised Fieldwork Experience: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Margaret McCollum a BCBA Supervised Fieldwork Experience for up to 130 hours per month during the 2025-2026 school year, including Extended School Year, under the supervision of Petra Wiehe Lieberman, BCBA.
15. Self-Assessment for Determining Grades: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act for the period from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 for Boonton High School. (enclosure)
16. 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 May 2025. (enclosure)
17. Volunteer Coaches: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves the following volunteer coaches at Boonton High School during the 2025-2026 school year:

Bryan Figueroa as volunteer Football Coach and
Kathie Foley as volunteer Boys Tennis Coach
18. Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Olivia DiTriolo as Assistant Field Hockey Coach at Boonton High School for the 2025-2026 school year, at a stipend of \$4,846.00 (Step 1).
19. Boonton High School Student Volunteer for Extended School Year Program: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves Matthew Ribardo to volunteer in the Extended School Year Program during 2025, under the supervision of Kathie Foley.
20. Summer Hours for Bus Drivers: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves up to 8 hours each per day from June 25, 2025 through August 31, 2025 for Wendy Wolgast and Agustina Perman at their hourly contractual rate of pay.
21. 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+ (CBI)	William Patterson, Holmes Library, Waterloo Village, Curly's, Paterson Great Falls

22. Athletic Field Trips: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following athletic field trip destinations during the 2025-2026 school year (events may or may not take place):
- Knights of Columbus, Boonton
 - Hilton Garden Inn, Rockaway
 - Casa Bianca Banquets & Catering, Oak Ridge
 - The Mansion at Mountain Lakes, Mountain Lakes
 - Morris County Park, Tourne Park, Boonton
 - Bally's Atlantic City Hotel & Casino - Caesars Entertainment, Atlantic City
 - Jim Whelan Boardwalk Hall, Atlantic City
 - Seton Hall University, South Orange
 - Montclair State University, Montclair
 - William Paterson University, Wayne
 - Sussex Technical High School, Sparta Township
 - Hanover Park High School, East Hanover
 - Franklin High School, Somerset
 - Pennsauken High School, Pennsauken Township
 - Jim Thorpe High School, Jim Thorpe, PA
 - Randolph High School, Randolph
 - Mount Olive High School, Flanders
 - Newton High School, Newton
 - Kittatinny Regional High School, Newton
23. Athletic Events: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following athletic events to be hosted at Boonton High School during the 2025-2026 school year, with dates to be determined:
- Morris County Field Hockey Seeding Meeting, September/October
 - Morris County Field Hockey Semi-Final and Championship Games, October
 - NJAC Field Hockey All-Conference Meeting, November
 - Morris & Sussex County Field Hockey All-County Meeting, November
 - NJAC Wrestling All-Conference Meeting, March
 - Morris County Track and Field Championships, May
24. Certified Staff for Virtual Personal Finance: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Marissa LaPlaca to oversee a Virtual Personal Finance Course at Boonton High School for up to 25 hours, effective July 1, 2025 at a rate of \$42.00 per hour.
25. District-Wide Anti Bullying Coordinator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Rebecca Kipp-Newbold as the District-Wide Anti Bullying Coordinator for the 2025-2026 school year.
26. Anti Bullying Specialists: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Leah Birchler and Julie Rienzi as Anti-Bullying Specialists at Boonton High School for the 2025-2026 school year at a stipend rate of \$2,200.00 each.

27. Public Relations Coordinator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Tonia Merlino as the Public Relations Coordinator, effective July 1, 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year, at a stipend rate of \$5,775.00.
28. Supervision of Content Recovery Program: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Jordan Goldson to supervise the Content Recovery Program for Grades 9-12, for 4 hours per day from June 30, 2025 through July 18, 2025 (Mondays through Thursdays) at a stipend rate of \$60.00 per hour, with additional hours for evaluation of Authentic Learning Tasks and other tasks as needed, to be paid for with Title I Funds.
29. Staff to Write Authentic Learning Tasks: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members to write authentic learning tasks for the high school Content Recovery Program for up to 2 hours each per Authentic Learning Task at a rate of \$36.75 per hour, to be paid with Title IIA Funds. Multiple tasks are needed per subject/course. All assignments and due dates will be based on student enrollment.

Christina Buck
Olivia DiTrollo

Gabrielle Flippini
Jillian Glaser

Alyssa DeOrio
Samantha Angelillo

30. Staff for Authentic Learning Tasks: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members to participate in implementation and scoring of Authentic Learning Tasks for Grades 9-12 for 3.5 hours per day from June 30, 2025 through July 18, 2028 (Mondays through Thursdays), plus one paid virtual training session, at a stipend rate of \$42.00 per hour each, to be paid for with Title I Funds:

Alyssa DeOrio
Christopher Hurd

Vincenzo LoGuidice
Cynthia Tserkis

Olivia DiTrollo
Gabrielle Fillippini

31. AVID Committee Members: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following certified staff as the AVID Committee Members for Professional Development at Boonton High School, at a stipend rate of \$500.00 each, to be paid for with Title IIA Funds during the 2025-2026 school year.

James Nash
Rachel Olivo

Tashi Oyola
Kate Brennan

Kelly Mabin
Olivia DiTrollo

32. Extra Hours for School Nurse to Complete Student Physicals: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves up to 50 extra hours for Janet Chauhan during the summer of 2025 to complete student physicals to clear student athletes for summer and fall athletics at her hourly contractual rate of pay.
33. District Mentoring for Quality Induction Program Plan: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Boonton Public School District Mentoring for Quality Induction Program Plan for years 2025-2028. (enclosure)
34. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for the following students:

Student State ID# 1634140653-LP for up to 10 hours per week from July 7, 2025 - August 1, 2025, to satisfy graduation requirements, with instruction to be provided by district approved instructors at a rate of \$42.00 per hour,

Student State ID# 6310150103-B up to 10 hours per week beginning July 7, 2025 - August 1, 2025 to satisfy and fulfill the IEP and graduation requirements for academic instruction in the Least Restrictive Setting, with instruction to be provided by district approved home instructors at a rate of \$42.00 per hour, and

Student State ID# 2405927069-B for up to 10 hours per week from June 3, 2025 - June 24, 2025, with instruction to be provided by district approved instructors at a rate of \$40.00 per hour.

35. Revise Resolution for Special Education Summer 2025 ESY Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to revise the resolution previously approved on May 12, 2025, approving Saima Choudhry as a Special Education Paraprofessional in the Special Education Summer 2025 ESY Program, to be a substitute in the program, at her request.
36. Special Education Summer 2025 ESY Program LLD/MD Paraprofessionals and Additional Substitutes: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following as paraprofessionals and additional substitutes for the LLD/MD Special Education Summer 2025 ESY Program from July 7, 2025 - August 1, 2025 for up to 4.5 hours per day at a rate of \$22.05 per hour.

Kimberly McGreevy

Melinda Miksad

Daniel Vnencak

Substitutes - Aide \$22.05 per hour, Teacher \$42.00 per hour, Nurse \$165.00 per day:

Saima Choudhry – Substitute Teacher/Aide

Eric Shollenberger – Substitute Teacher/Aide

Cheryl Schleicher– Substitute Teacher/Aide

37. Summer Evaluations: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following evaluations to be completed between June 24, 2025 and August 26, 2025, at a rate of \$300.00 each:

Up to 6 speech evaluations to be conducted by Valerie Wasserman or Mary Guenther

Up to 1 occupational therapy evaluation to be conducted by Paul Chiodo

Up to 1 physical therapy evaluation to be conducted by Teresa Rodriguez

38. Home Instructors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members to provide home instruction during the 2025-2026 school year, based on their individual certifications, at a rate of \$42.00 per hour:

Cynthia Tserkis

Ellen Christian

Barbara Gilbert

Devon Engelberger

Karen Kovall

Sandy Seegers

Edward Haddad

Julie Rienzi

39. Work-Based Learning (WBL) Sites: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following Work-Based Learning (WBL) sites for the 2025 ESY Summer Program and for the 2025-2026 school year:
- Pomptonian (Boonton High School Cafeteria)
Boonton Coffee, Boonton
Delizia Pizza Kitchen, Boonton
Shoprite, Parsippany
YMCA, Mountain Lakes
Petco, Parsippany
Michaels, Parsippany
Pizzanada, Parsippany
40. Unpaid Work Based Learning (WBL) Placements: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves unpaid Work-Based Learning (WBL) placements for the following students during the 2025 ESY Summer Program and for the 2025-2026 school year. The students will be rotated through all approved work sites Monday–Friday, per semester, accompanied by an aide at all assigned locations:
- Student State ID# 3469294383-LP
Student State ID# 4175800186-B
Student State ID# 7144382155-LP
Student State ID#4272916671-LP
Student State ID#5678682317-B
Student State ID#3381782349-LP
41. Out-of-District Placements: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following out-of-district placements for the 2025 Extended School Year Program and 2025-2026 school year, and that transportation be arranged as needed:
- Mt Lakes BOE/ Lake Drive MLHS
Student State ID# 4789637065-B
2025 ESY Summer Program and 2025-2026 school year
Tuition - \$448.36 per day (199 days)
- Holmstead School
Student State ID# 6093252807-B
2025-2026 school year
Tuition - \$380.04 per day (180 days)
- ECLC - Chatham
Student State ID# 9460157166-B
2025 ESY Summer Program and 2025-2026 school year
Tuition - \$411.67 per day (200 days) 1:1 aide - \$280.00 per day (200 days)
- Pillar High School
Student State ID# 6871142752-B
2025 ESY Summer Program and 2025-2026 school year
Tuition - \$448.29 per day (210 days) 1:1 aide - \$270.00 per day (210 days)

Student State ID# 5258723966-B
2025 ESY Summer Program and 2025-2026 school year
Tuition - \$448.29 per day (210 days) 1:1 aide - \$270.00 per day (210 days)

Cornerstone Day School
Student State ID# 1408535645-B
2025 ESY Summer Program
Tuition - \$482.20 per day (28 days)

Calais School
Student State ID# 1755089072-B
2025-2026 school year
Tuition - \$436.03 per day (180 days)

Allegro School
Student State ID# 4501631529-B
2025-2026 school year
Tuition - \$599.00 per day (180 days) 1:1 Aide - \$225.00 per day (180 days)

Shepard School
Student State ID# 1408535645-B
2025 ESY Summer Program
Tuition - \$482.20 per day (28 days)

Spectrum Academy 360
Student State ID# 2944726256-B
2025 ESY Summer Program and 2025-2026 school year
Tuition - \$468.49/day (205 days)

Student State ID# 9885623248-B
2025 ESY Summer Program and 2025-2026 school year
Tuition - \$468.49 per day (205 days)

42. Appointment of Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Colin Bower to the position of Math Teacher, Boonton High School, at a salary of \$67,405.00 (Step 1 MA), effective August 27, 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year.

HIB REPORT

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

Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board affirms the findings and recommendations on the following Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying complaint:
BHS #9 and JHS # 7.

POLICY

None

OPERATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Joyce and seconded by Mrs. Darling, the Board approved Operations resolutions #1-20 by roll call. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Mr. Portas. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Mr. Portas(12-13). ABSENT: Mrs. Doherty, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Piccioni.

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

\$65,755.24	6/9/2025	Cafeteria ACH (attachment)
\$87,867.16	6/9/2025	General ACH (attachment)
\$4,390.00	5/9/2025	General checks (attachment)
\$483,618.10	5/30/2025	General checks (attachment)
\$669,244.01	6/9/2025	General checks (attachment)
\$4,851.54	6/3/2025	Student Activity BHS ACH (attachment)
\$1,133.92	6/9/2025	Student Activity BHS ACH (attachment)
\$28,410.35	6/9/2025	Student Activity BHS checks (attachment)
\$1,720.00	6/9/2025	Student Activity JHS ACH (attachment)
\$3,932.00	5/15/2025	Student Activity JHS checks (attachment)
\$5,169.50	6/9/2025	Student Activity JHS checks (attachment)
\$4,832,574.74	04/01 - 04/30/2025	Electronic checks (incl. payroll, attachment)
2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending April 30, 2025. ([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 April 30, 2025; major funds have not been over-expended; and sufficient funds are available for the remainder of the year.
4. Payroll Expenses: The Board approves the following payroll expenses.

\$1,091,444.42	5/15/2025
\$1,104,882.59	5/30/2025
5. 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
Rebecca Kipp-Newbold	7/14/2025-7/17/2025	AVID Summer Institute Baltimore, MD	\$1493.25
Luisa Iuliano-Cabrera	7/14/2025-7/17/2025	AVID Summer Institute Baltimore, MD	\$2543.28
Tashi Oyola	7/14/2025-7/17/2025	AVID Summer Institute Baltimore, MD	\$2543.28
Olivia DiTrollo	7/14/2025-7/17/2025	AVID Summer Institute Baltimore, MD	\$2543.28
Louis Castano	7/14/2025-7/17/2025	AVID Summer Institute Baltimore, MD	\$2543.28
Marissa LaPlaca	7/14/2025-7/17/2025	AVID Summer Institute Baltimore, MD	\$2543.28

Alyssa DeOrio	7/14/2025-7/17/2025	AVID Summer Institute Baltimore, MD	\$2543.28
Katelyn Barth	7/14/2025-7/17/2025	AVID Summer Institute Baltimore, MD	\$2543.28
Meghan Stratton	7/14/2025-7/17/2025	AVID Summer Institute Baltimore, MD	\$2543.28
Jamie Nash	7/14/2025-7/17/2025	AVID Summer Institute Baltimore, MD	\$2543.28
Rachel Olivo	7/14/2025-7/17/2025	AVID Summer Institute Baltimore, MD	\$2543.28
Christopher Hurd	7/14/2025-7/17/2025	AVID Summer Institute Baltimore, MD	\$2543.28
Meg DiNapoli	8/4/2025	OG and Fidelity Course by IMSE	\$375.00
Meghan Stratton	7/1-7/2/2025	Evaluation Curriculum Through Collaboration, Freehold, NJ	\$504.85
Louis Castano	7/1-7/2/2025	Evaluation Curriculum Through Collaboration, Freehold, NJ	\$504.85
Neda Pouki	9/29/2025	Understanding Students Through Their Perspectives, Somerset, NJ	\$133.22
Louis Castano	7/21-7/25/2025	NGSS Summer Institute 2025 Branchburg, NJ	\$550.87
Meg DiNapoli	7/7/2025	IMSE Intervention and Support for Struggling Readers Course	\$200.00
Leah Birchler	9/18/25 - 6/11/26	Prevention is Key Monthly Meeting Rockaway, NJ (10 dates)	\$113.74
Michael LaVaglio	10/21/25	AI and Writing Conference Madison, NJ	\$100.34

6. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 6/9/2025 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
2505-0001	OLMC Parish Picnic
2505-0006	SSS Multipurpose Room, Parking Lot, Field
2505-0007	Sunday 7/13/2025 (9:00 AM - 6:00 PM)
2505-0008	Boonton High School Softball Boosters: Pasta Night BHS Cafeteria Wednesday 5/14/2025 (5:00 - 7:30 PM)
2505-0011	Boonton PTA: Fun Run & Walk SSS Multipurpose Room Friday 5/9/2025 (6:00 – 9:00 PM)

- 2505-0012 Tri-Town Little League: Practice
SSS Multipurpose Room
Monday-Fridays 5/13 - 6/6/2025 (6:15 - 8:15 PM)
- 2505-0014 Just Dance Academy: Recital
BHS Auditorium & Music Room
Saturday & Sunday 5/16 - 5/17/2026 (7:00 AM – 3:00 PM)
- 2505-0015 Trailblazers Make-up Game
BHS Turf
Sunday 10/26/2025 (12:00 - 3:00 PM)
- 2505-0016 Boonton Parks & Recreation: Soccer Camp
BHS JV Baseball Field
Monday – Friday 7/7 - 7/11/2025 (5:00 - 8:00 PM)
- 2505-0017 Tri-Town Little League: Practice
BHS Gym & JHS Gym
Monday-Fridays 5/13 - 6/6/2025 (6:00 -8:30 PM)

7. Scholarship Awards: The Board approves payments in the total amount of \$12,850.00 from the scholarship escrow accounts to Boonton High School students.
8. Contracts: The Board approves awarding the contracts to CDW Government for \$127,490.32 for servers and for \$41,729.00, per State Contract / Co-op contract #ESCNJ/AEPA-22G.
9. Bidding/Purchasing Shared Services Agreement: The Board approves the Cooperative Bid Purchasing Service agreement with Educational Services Commission of Morris County for the 2025-2026 school year for \$10,867.00.
10. Safety Grant Application: The Board approves submission of a grant application for the 2025 Safety Grant Program through the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group's Eric West Sub-fund for the purposes described in the application, in the amount of \$7,200 for the period 7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026.
11. Tax Levy Payment Schedule 2025-2026: The approves this schedule with the Town of Boonton.

Month	Gen Fund	Debt Svc	TOTAL
Jul-25	\$1,929,760.25	\$536,677.00	\$2,466,437.25
Aug-25	1,929,760.25		1,929,760.25
Sep-25	1,929,760.25		1,929,760.25
Oct-25	1,929,760.25		1,929,760.25
Nov-25	1,929,760.25		1,929,760.25
Dec-25	1,929,760.25		1,929,760.25
Jan-26	1,929,760.25	536,676.00	2,466,436.25
Feb-26	1,929,760.25		1,929,760.25
Mar-26	1,929,760.25		1,929,760.25
Apr-26	1,929,760.25		1,929,760.25

May-26	1,929,760.25		1,929,760.25
Jun-26	1,929,760.25		1,929,760.25
	\$23,157,123.00	\$1,073,353.00	\$24,230,476.00

12. Health Service Insurance Provider Agreement: The Board approves the renewal of health service insurance agreement with Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Jersey, with a 26.5% increase from current rates, effective 7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026.
13. Dental Insurance Provider Agreement: The Board approves the renewal of dental insurance agreement with Delta Dental, with a 0% increase from current rates, effective 7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026.
14. Statement of Assurance: The Board approves submission of 2024-2025 Testing for Lead in School Drinking Water Statement of Assurance (SOA) to the NJ Department of Education.
15. Appointment of Auditor: The Board approves the appointment of Lerch, Vinci & Bliss, LLC as School District Auditor for the 2025-2026 school year, and to perform the annual school district audit for the 2024-2025 school year at a fee of \$33,500.
16. Anticipated Contracts 2025-2026: Pursuant to PL 2015, Chapter 47, the Boonton Town Board of Education intends to renew, award, or permit to expire the following contracts previously awarded by the Board in 2024-2025. These contracts are, have been, and will continue to be in full compliance with all state and federal statutes and regulations; in particular, New Jersey Title 18A:18. et.seq, NJAC Chapter 23, and Federal Procurement Regulations 2CFR Part 200.317 et. Seq. ([attachment](#))
17. Establish and/or Deposit into Certain Reserve Accounts at Year End: The Board approves to establish and/or deposit into capital reserve accounts at year end as follows: WHEREAS, NJSA 18A:21-2 and NJSA 18A:7G-13 permit a Board of Education to establish and/or deposit into certain reserve accounts at year end, and WHEREAS, the aforementioned statutes authorize procedures, under the authority of the Commissioner of Education, which permit a board of education to transfer anticipated excess current revenue or unexpended appropriations into reserve accounts during the month of June by board resolution, and WHEREAS, the Boonton Board of Education wishes to deposit anticipated current year surplus into a Capital Reserve, Tuition Reserve and/or Maintenance Reserve, account at year end, and WHEREAS, the Boonton Board of Education has determined that up to \$1,500,000.00 each is available for such purpose of transfer; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Boonton Board of Education that it hereby authorizes the district's School Business Administrator to make this transfer consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.
18. Comprehensive Equity Plan: The Board authorizes the Affirmative Action Team to conduct the Needs Assessment and develop a Comprehensive Equity Plan; and further authorizes submission of the Comprehensive Equity Plan and Statement of Assurance to the New Jersey Department of Education.
19. Menu Price Lists: The Board approves the meal and a la carte price lists for the 2025-2026 school year ([attachment](#)).

20. Waste and Recycling Services Contract: The Board approves award of the contract with Waste Management of Ewing, NJ, for the 2025-2026 school year for \$32,254.44, for trash and recycling pickup.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Steve Bossen: Earlier concern about a staff member; budget info to share with the public; offer to help with a new phone system
2. Chris Cartelli: Two BHS students volunteered at a cancer fundraiser
3. Marie Devenezia: Town website has been upgraded; Request from a member of the public about adding a sidewalk to improve pedestrian safety by tennis courts - DOT Safe Routes to Schools grant?
4. Matt Mondino: Send info to the students and families about damage that vaping causes?

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Superintendent evaluation
2. Irene: Met with Daniel Harris, Chief of Staff to Assembly Speaker, county improvement authorities working with entities in other counties, PILOTs, no-public-vote referendum for PILOT money to the town to pay interest, opportunity to exclude bad contractors, restrictions of 3% decrease and 6% increase state aid, earlier timing for state aid notice, cell phone policies, electric rates, community-based solar, four-day workweeks in the summer, teacher shortage
3. Next meeting 7/14

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 8:05 pm by Mrs. 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

Adjourn executive session and return to open session.

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

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 8:12 pm by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mrs. Darling, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL:



**BOONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

434 LATHROP AVENUE · BOONTON · NEW JERSEY · 07005

Meeting Minutes

6:30 pm on July 14, 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 Building at 434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ.

ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members present at roll call were: Jennifer Darling, Elaine Doherty, Patrick Joyce, Loren Katsakos, Irene LeFebvre, Brianna O'Halloran, Andrew Portas(arrived 6:36). Absent was/were: Christopher Cartelli, Matthew Mondino, Daniel Piccioni.

Also present were Mr. Thomas Valle, Superintendent, Mr. Steven Gardberg, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and approximately 3 members of the public. The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CORRESPONDENCE

LIAISON REPORTS

1. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) by Caitlyn Magennis: Looking forward to new school year, planning our dates, encouraging parents to attend BOE meetings, assemblies, field trip busing, annual events
2. Other: Historical Society Christmas in July

WORK OF THE BOARD

1. Administration
 - a. End of school year
 - b. Current programs: ESY and Rec camp
 - c. Staffing: SSS secretary, PreK long-term leave, BHS math, BHS business, BHS SpEd teachers. In need of lunch aides, JHS SpEd teacher, JHS para
 - d. Security personnel
 - e. Professional Development: District Leadership Team meetings, AVID, Orton Gillingham, Drew Writing Project, Raritan Valley CC, Security, Next Gen Science
2. Public Relations: Transition website and communications from Realtime to Apptegy
3. Policy: Residency, athletics, sunscreen, mobile phones
4. Operations
 - a. CST building: Nearly complete, staff moved in,
 - b. SSS bathrooms: Demolition
 - c. BHS roof: Materials delivered
 - d. FY25 budget: Revenue from clothing bins towards lunch balances
 - e. FY26 budget: E-Rate funding for network infrastructure

- f. Bid & quote thresholds increase per statute
- g. Federal grants: IDEA & Title I stable, but Title II-III are at risk
- h. FY25 ExAid: Actual \$849k v Budget \$800k
- i. State Health Benefits: 36.2% and 39.5%
- j. Eagle Scout project
- k. Technology: Right-sizing contracts, reducing complexity, eg. meeting tech, Security-related replacements, Google Workspace

SUPERINTENDENT

- 1. District News and Updates
- 2. Emergency Virtual/Remote Instruction Plan

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

None

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

On a motion by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Ms. O'Halloran, all present voted to use a consent agenda to vote on all resolutions on the agenda.

On a motion by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Ms. O'Halloran, the Board approved the full agenda by roll call. YES: Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Portas (except Admin PK-8). NO: None. ABSTAIN: Mr. Portas (only Admin PK-8). ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mr. Mondino, Mr. Piccioni.

MINUTES

Approval of the following Board of Education meeting minutes.

- 1. Regular session: June 9, 2025 (enclosure)
- 2. Executive session: June 9, 2025 (enclosure)

ADMINISTRATION

PK-8

- 1. Advisors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following advisors and stipends at John Hill School for the 2025-2026 school year:

Advisor	Position	Stipend
Yvonne Manca	Band Grades 6-8	\$2,875
Yvonne Manca	Chorus Grades 6-8	\$1,450
Laura Sudak	Coding Club Grades 3-5	\$ 760
Laura Sudak	Coding Club Grades 6-8	\$ 760
Julie Rogers	Drama Director	\$1,800
Laura Sudak	Helping Hands	\$ 600
Kristen Houser	Junior Band Grades 3-5	\$1,450
Kristen Houser	Junior Chorus Grades 3-5	\$ 860
Gregory LaPointe	Mathletes/Chess	\$1,200
Linden Klein	Broadcasting	\$ 720
Carol Haight	Broadcasting	\$ 720
Kaitlyn Barth	Stars and Stripes	\$ 600

Zachary Sabatino	Student Council	\$2,000
Marybeth Comer	Students for Change	\$2,000
Jenna Crithary	Students for Change	\$2,000
Pamela Jones-Cassino	Yearbook	\$1,450
Lauren Dedoussis	Wellness & Mindfulness Elementary	\$ 760
Lauren Dedoussis	Wellness & Mindfulness Middle	\$ 760
Kathy Beiermeister	Activities Financial Coordinator	\$2,650
Kathy Beiermeister	Testing Facilitator	\$2,650
Zachary Sabatino	Enrichment Facilitator	\$2,650
Bevin Hughen	8th Grades Trip Co-Coordinator	\$1,099
Amanda Sheehan	8th Grades Trip Co-Coordinator	\$1,099

2. Coaches: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following coaches and stipends at John Hill School for the 2025-2026 school year:

Coach	Position	Stipend
Daniel Montgomery	Baseball Coach	\$ 4,641
Noreen Rocco Mahoney	Softball Coach	\$ 4,641

3. Appointment of Long-Term Leave Replacement PreK Teacher: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Ryleigh Marcus as the Long-Term Leave Replacement PreK Teacher, Boonton High School, at a salary of \$67,405 (Step 1 MA), prorated from August 27, 2025 through November 23, 2025.
4. Appointment of Long-Term Leave Replacement PreK Teacher: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Deblina Mukherjee as the Long-Term Leave Replacement PreK Teacher, Boonton High School, at a salary of \$67,905 (Step 2 MA), prorated from August 27, 2025 through November 23, 2025.
5. Appointment of Head Secretary: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Tammy Fabish to the position of Head Secretary, School Street School, at a salary of \$58,815 (Step 7), prorated from October 1, 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year.
6. Letter of Resignation from Lunch Aide: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Tammy Fabish, School Street School Lunch Aide, effective September 30, 2025.
7. Field Trip: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destination for the 2025-2026 school year:

Grade/Class	Destination
Grades 6-8 Field Hockey	East Stroudsburg University

8. Sick Day Payouts: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves sick day payouts for the following retired certified staff members:

Sheila Barrientos in the amount of \$8,820 for 147 unused sick days x \$60 per day, and Deborah Gleeson in the amount of \$3,090 for 51.5 unused sick days x \$60 per day

9. Bridges to Learning Summer Volunteer: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Grace Cunningham, college student, to volunteer for the Bridges to Learning Summer Theater Program.
10. Bridges to Learning Summer Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Karen Maggio as an Adult Support Staff Substitute for the Bridges to Learning Summer Program at an hourly rate of \$23.
11. Extra Hours to Cover Nurse's Office: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves extra hours as assigned by the principals for Luisa Westura to cover the nurse's office at John Hill School during the 2025-2026 school year at her contractual hourly rate of pay.
12. Out-of-District Placements: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following out-of-district placements for the 2025 Extended School Year Program and 2025-2026 school year, and that transportation be arranged as needed:

Chapel Hill Academy
 Student State ID# 5756058896-B
 2025 ESY Summer Program and 2025-2026 school year
 Tuition - \$435 per day (210 days)

Mt Lakes BOE/ Lake Drive
 Student State ID# 3937809532-B
 2025 ESY Summer Program
 Tuition - \$448.36 per day (19 days)

13. Acceptance of Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Linden Klein, Special Education Teacher, John Hill School, effective July 11, 2025.

PK-12

1. Emergency Virtual/Remote Instruction Plan: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Emergency Virtual/Remote Instruction Plan for the 2025-2026 school year. (Enclosure)
2. Advisors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following advisors and stipends at Boonton High School for the 2025-2026 school year:

Advisor	Position	Stipend
Alyssa DeOrio	Peer Leadership Assistant	\$1,085
Tashi Oyola	Key Club Advisor	\$ 870
Vanessa DeJesus	Grade 9 Class Advisor	\$1,625
Vanessa DeJesus	Football Cheerleading Advisor	\$4,000
Jody Oliveri	Drama Director	\$4,375
Kate Brennan	Broadcasting Club	\$2,310
Karen Bonanni	GSA Advisor	\$3,010
Dennis Johnson	Drama Chorus	\$2,000
Kathie Foley	FBLA Advisor	\$1,175

Sean Norton	Winter Weightlifting Advisor	\$ 990
Sean Norton	Spring Weightlifting Advisor	\$ 990

3. Staff for Ticket Sales/Crowd Control/Clock Operator/Football Announcer/Track Meet Events: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members and rates of pay for ticket sales/crowd control/clock operator/football announcer and track meet events, at events as required for the 2025-2026 school year:

Name	Event(s)
Chris Hurd	Crowd Control / Clock Operator / Football Announcer / Track Meet Attendant
Cindy Tserkis	Crowd Control / Clock Operator / Ticket Sales
Roxanne London	Crowd Control / Clock Operator / Ticket Sales
Holly Settineri	Crown Control / Clock Operator
Colleen Faessinger	Crowd Control / Clock Operator / Ticket Sales
James Nash	Crowd Control / Clock Operator
Robert Davidson	Crowd Control / Clock Operator / Ticket Sales
Devon Engelberger	Crowd Control / Clock Operator
Samantha Angelillo	Crowd Control / Ticket Sales
Bevin Huguen	Crowd Control / Clock Operator / Ticket Sales
Amanda Sheehan	Crowd Control
Steven Delaporte	Crowd Control / Clock Operator / Ticket Sales
Michael Aquino	Crowd Control / Clock Operator
Olivia DiTrollo	Crowd Control
Kelly Mabin	Crowd Control / Clock Operator / Ticket Sales
Rachel Olivo	Crowd Control
Daniel Montgomery	Crowd Control / Clock Operator / Ticket Sales
Gregory LaPointe	Crowd Control / Clock Operator / Ticket Sales
Emily Bohn	Crowd Control
Vanessa DeJesus	Crowd Control
Matthew Emering	Crowd Control / Clock Operator
Barbara Gilbert	Clock Operator / Ticket Sales
Wayne Barreto	Clock Operator
Rose Sullivan	Ticket Sales / Track Meet Attendant
Patrise Danzi	Ticket Sales / Track Meet Attendant
Jessica Green	Ticket Sales / Track Meet Attendant

Event Description Rates of Pay

Crowd Control Varsity Football/GSA \$75.00

Crowd Control Varsity \$60.00

Crowd Control JV/Freshmen/JHS \$30.00

Football Announcer \$60.00

Ticket Sales \$50 (half time) \$75 (full game)

Clock Operator Varsity \$60.00

Clock Operator JV/Freshmen/JHS \$30.00

Track Meet Event Attendants \$52 (Single) \$82.50 (Double/Triple)

4. Coaches: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following coaches and stipends at Boonton High School for the 2025-2026 school year:

Coach	Position	Step	Stipend
Mickey Norton	Head Boys Lacrosse	4	\$11,343
Wayne Barreto	Assistant Boys Lacrosse	4	\$ 7,586
Matthew Testa	Assistant Boys Lacrosse	4	\$ 7,586
Kristy Shovlowsky	Head Girls Lacrosse	4	\$11,343
Leah Durkin	Assistant Girls Lacrosse	2	\$ 5,602
Matthew Emering	Assistant Girls Lacrosse	3	\$ 6,306
Steven Delaporte	Head Track & Field	4	\$11,343
Devon Engelberger	Assistant Track & Field	4	\$ 7,586
Jason Kaulfers	Assistant Track & Field	4	\$ 7,586
Holly Settineri	Assistant Track & Field	3	\$ 6,306
Christopher Becker	Head Baseball	4	\$11,231
William Hopkins	Head Softball	2	\$ 8,081
Michelle Becker	Assistant Softball	2	\$ 5,602
Gregory LaPointe	Head Boys Tennis	4	\$ 7,075

5. Volunteer Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Vincent Coiro as a volunteer football and wrestling coach at Boonton High School for the 2025-2026 school year.
6. Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Samantha Pino, Boonton High School Math Teacher, effective June 30, 2025.
7. Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from John Gatti, Boonton High School Special Education Teacher, effective June 30, 2025.
8. Appointment of Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Elias Rosazza to the position of Math Teacher, Boonton High School, at a salary of \$65,605 (Step 3 BA/15) effective August 27, 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year.
9. Appointment of Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Vincent Coiro to the position of Business Education Teacher, Boonton High School, at a salary of \$68,905 (Step 4 MA) effective August 27, 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year.
10. Appointment of Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Deana Weiss to the position of Special Education Teacher, Boonton High School, at a salary of \$75,270 (Step 10 MA) effective August 27, 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year.

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

Grade/Group	Destination
Grade 12 - Softball Award Luncheon	The Mansion at Mountain Lakes

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

Grade/Group	Destination
Field Hockey Team	Stony Acres, Marshall Creek PA12 for 25-26

13. Sick Day Payout: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a sick day payout for Frank Evans, retired custodian, in the amount of \$540 for 13.5 unused sick days at \$40 per day.

14. Stipend Payment for Child Study Team Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves a stipend payment in the amount of \$850 to Petra Wiehe Liberman, Child Study Team Member, in accordance with the Agreement Between the Town of Boonton and The Boonton Education Association, in lieu of a prep period during the 2024-2025 school year, who was inadvertently left off the original listing approved in May.

15. 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 June 2025. (enclosure)

16. Summer Days for Secondary Guidance Counselor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves 8 days for Sara Simmons during the summer of 2025, paid at her hourly contractual rate, for guidance work.

17. Extra Hours to Cover Nurse's Office: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves extra hours as assigned by the principal for Doris Yanez to cover the nurse's office at Boonton High School during the 2025-2026 school year at her contractual hourly rate of pay, pending outcome of negotiations.

18. Submission of the Annual Bilingual Waiver: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the submission of the annually required Bilingual Waiver to the NJDOE. (enclosure)

19. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for for the following students:

Student State ID# 4885742630-B, for up to 10 hours per week from July 7, 2025 through August 1, 2025, with instruction to be provided by district approved instructors at a rate of \$42 per hour, and

Student State ID# 8320374669-B, for up to 5 hours per week, beginning June 11, 2025 with instruction to be provided by Prime Healthcare Services – St. Clare's LLC, at a rate of \$55 per hour.

20. Out-of-District Placement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the out-of-district placement of Student State ID# 6962093758-B to attend YCS George Washington School for the 2025 ESY Summer Program, at a rate of \$473.14 (19 days), and that transportation be arranged as needed.
21. Appointment of Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Kelsey Corsaro to the position of Special Education Teacher, Boonton High School, at a salary of \$81,515 (Step 12 MA/15) for the 2025-2026 school year.

HIB REPORT

Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board affirms the findings and recommendations on the following Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying complaint: JHS #8.

POLICY

None

OPERATIONS

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

\$51,542.33	06/23/2025	Cafeteria ACH (attachment)
\$37,216.22	06/23-30/2025	General ACH (attachment)
\$396.15	07/14/2025	General ACH (attachment)
\$599,625.49	06/23-6/30/2025	General checks (attachment)
\$46,598.55	07/03/2025	General checks (attachment)
\$129,997.63	07/14/2025 FY25	General checks (attachment)
\$26,983.26	07/14/2025 FY26	General checks (attachment)
\$544.51	06/23/2025	Student Activity BHS ACH (attachment)
\$11,079.00	06/17-6/30/2025	Student Activity BHS checks (attachment)
\$1,550.00	06/23/2025	Student Activity JHS ACH (attachment)
\$11,790.58	6/17-6/30/2025	Student Activity JHS checks (attachment)
\$3,732.80	6/23-6/30/2025	Student Activity SSS checks (attachment)
\$3,363,236.29	05/01 - 05/31/2025	Electronic checks (attachment , incl. payroll)
2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending May 31, 2025. ([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 May 31, 2025; major funds have not been over-expended; and sufficient funds are available for the remainder of the year.
4. Payroll Expenses: The Board approves the following payroll expenses.

\$1,220,361.49	6/15/2025
\$1,083,753.42	6/24/2025
\$29,945.44	6/30/2025

5. 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
Samantha Angelillo	10/27-10/28/2025	AENJ Educators of NJ Fall Conference, Princeton, NJ	\$273.28
John Courteany Shera	10/21/2025	Third Annual AI and Writing Symposium, Madison, NJ	\$137.28
Maria Beaton	10/16/2025	A Team Approach to Children with Diabetes in School	\$11.47
Tracy Col-Spector	7/28-8/1/2025	IMSE Orton-Gillingham Plus Course, Virtual	\$1500.00
Vince Coiro	July - August 2025	Entre Professional Development and Certification Registration, Newark, DE	\$2039.12
Vince Coiro	July 7-10, 2025	AP Summer Institute, Virtual	\$1150.00

6. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 7/14/2025 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
2506-0002	Boonton Hills & Valley LAX: Girls Outdoor Clinic BHS Turf Sunday 6/1/2025 (10:00 -11:00 AM)
2506-0003	BHS Track & Field: Year End BBQ BHS Concession & Bathrooms Wednesday 6/11/2025 (1:00 – 6:00 PM)
2506-0004	Boonton Hills & Valley LAX: Girls Outdoor Clinic BHS Turf Sundays 6/29, 7/6, 7/13, 7/20, 7/27, 8/3/10/2025 (10:00 AM -2:00 PM)
2506-0005	Boonton Parks & Recreation: Drive in Movie BHS Parking Lot Saturday 9/20/2025 (5:00 – 9:00 PM)
2506-0006	Lincoln Park PAL: Football
2506-0007	BHS Turf & Concession, Bathrooms Saturday 9/13/2025 (4:00 -10:30 PM)

7. Contract: The Board approves contracts for 2024-2025 to Amazon that total \$82,919.46.

8. Contract: The Board approves awarding a 2025-2026 contract for \$42,909,84 to CDW Government for computers, per Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ) contract #ESCNJ/AEPA-22G.
9. Contract: The Board approves awarding a 2025-2026 contract for \$78,776.00 to Vivacity Tech PBC for Chromebooks, per NASPO contract # NASPO-NJ-HP M0483-24-TELE-72087.
10. Contract: The Board approves a one-year renewal for the 2025-2026 school year of the contract with Realtime Information Technology for \$50,991.04, per NJSA 18A:18A-5(a)(19).
11. Bid Threshold: Whereas, Steven Gardberg, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, possesses a Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) certificate; Whereas, the State Treasurer, in consultation with the Governor and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-7 and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (b), has increased the bid threshold amount for school districts with a Qualified Purchasing Agent, from \$44,000 to \$53,000, effective July 1, 2025; Now, therefore be it resolved, that the Boonton Town Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (a), establishes and sets the bid threshold amount of \$53,000 for the school district, and further authorizes the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, the Qualified Purchasing Agent, to award contracts, in full accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (a), for those purchases that do not exceed in the aggregate of the newly established bid threshold amount. Furthermore, for contracts in the aggregate that are less than the bid threshold but fifteen (15%) or more of the amount, the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary shall award contracts after soliciting at least two competitive quotations. The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-37 (c), is authorized to award contracts that are in the aggregate less than fifteen (15%) percent of the bid threshold without soliciting competitive quotations.
12. 2024-2025 District Budget: The Board approves to revise the 2024-2025 budget by increasing revenue in miscellaneous income for anticipated clothing bin proceeds by \$4,800 and appropriating the additional funds into 11-000-310-930 for food service deficits.
13. 2025-2026 District Budget: The Board approves to revise the 2025-2026 budget by increasing revenue in miscellaneous income for anticipated E-Rate reimbursements by \$186,000 and appropriating the additional funds into 12-000-400-450 for technology upgrades.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Steve Bossen: Thank you to the BHS teacher for chaperoning the trip to Europe; Personnel matter; Data sheet for school finance
2. Brian Vint: Healthcare-pool with the town?; Good teachers and bad teachers; order of courses

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Next meeting is August 11, 2025

Board Retreat: Will see if Charlene Peterson, Field Representative for the NJ School Boards Association, is available on 7/28

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 7:55 pm by Mr. Joyce and seconded by Mrs. Darling, 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 8:09 pm by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Ms. O'Halloran, all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 8:10 pm by Mr. Joyce and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL:



**BOONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

434 LATHROP AVENUE · BOONTON · NEW JERSEY · 07005

Meeting Minutes

6:30 pm on July 28, 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 & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members present at roll call were: Jennifer Darling, Elaine Doherty, Patrick Joyce (arrived 7:11), Loren Katsakos, Irene LeFebvre, Andrew Portas. Absent were: Christopher Cartelli, Matthew Mondino, Brianna O'Halloran, Daniel Piccioni.

Also present were Mr. Thomas Valle, Superintendent, Mr. Steven Gardberg, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and no members of the public. The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

RETREAT AGENDA

1. Board Goals
 - a. Board training for certification with Lincoln Park
2. Three to four district goals to move the district forward, with feedback from the schools that make their way back to the Board, followed by Board evaluation of the Superintendent for meeting the goals / tied to the strategic plan
 - a. Technology & Security: Inventory, Needs assessment, 3-5 year plan
 - b. Student Information System: Transition to Genesis
 - c. PD Model: Implement after-school sessions
 - d. Mission statement

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Next meeting is August 11, 2025

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 7:53 pm by Mr. Joyce and seconded by Mrs. Darling, 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.

Mrs. Doherty left at 8:32 pm.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

Adjourn executive session and return to open session.

On a motion at 8:53 pm by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mrs. Darling, all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 8:54 pm by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Portas, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

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Meeting Minutes

6:30 pm on August 11, 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 Building at 434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ.

ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Also present were Mr. Thomas Valle, Superintendent, Mr. Steven Gardberg, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and approximately 1 member of the public. The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CORRESPONDENCE

none

LIAISON REPORTS

1. Town Council: Meeting on next Monday, distributing school news to residents without school-age children
2. ESC of Morris County: Plans for reconfiguring their building
3. NJSBA: Rebecca will present at Workshop
4. Other: Town and Women's Club are collecting back-to-school supplies

WORK OF THE BOARD

1. Administration
 - Personnel: Dr. Kipp-Newbold's resignation; three walk-in resolutions for preschool registration, training for the new School Street secretary, and BHS soccer coach; appointments tonight; transfer of staff; resignation; fully staffed for instructional personnel; still looking for residency officer
 - Programming: Athletics sportsmanship award, summer programs, AVID signing day
 - Professional Development: Sheltered instruction, Calendar for school year after-school meetings, New-staff orientation,
 - Technology: Network cabling, new PCs for Windows 11 (labs and administrators), new servers, Chromebooks, Linewise to monitor concerning student matters
 - Summer Projects: CST building, BHS roof, SSS bathrooms, Eagle Scout project

2. Superintendent
 - FY25 HIB Self-Assessment for Determining Grades
 - FY25 Student Achievement Presentation (NJGPA) and ACCESS FOR ELLs
 - Emergency Virtual/Remote Plan
3. Policy: Feedback from AD included in policy for attendee behavior at athletic events; School Choice; sun protection
4. Operations
 - Finance: FY25 audit starts next week, FY26 federal grants - ESEA up 2.2% and IDEA down 2.1%
 - Facilities: CST building; BHS roof is complete except for metal flashing; SSS bathrooms; future projects
 - Transportation: One custodian is training to get his CDL; waiting for bid results from ESC for OOD routes
 - AI for Business Office

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

- Steve Bossen: Admin PK12 #19 District Goals; policies that should not be responsibility of districts; BHS cell phone policy; BHS guidance counselors
- Marie DeVenezia: Please send the test results presentation; training for parents on the new student information system

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

On a motion by Ms. O'Halloran and seconded by Mrs. Doherty, all present voted to approve to combine all resolutions into a consent agenda.

On a motion by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mrs. Doherty, the Board approved all resolutions in a consent agenda by roll call. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Portas. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Mr. Portas (Admin PK8). ABSENT: Mrs. Darling, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Mondino, Mr. Piccioni.

MINUTES

Approval of the following Board of Education meeting minutes.

1. Regular session: July 14, 2025 (enclosure)
2. Executive session: July 14, 2025 (enclosure)
3. Regular session: July 28, 2025 (enclosure)
4. Executive session: July 28, 2025 (enclosure)

ADMINISTRATION

PK-8

1. Resignation of Lunch Aide: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Jessica Giordano, John Hill School Lunch Aide, effective June 30, 2025.

2. Resignation of Paraprofessional: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Marissa Haight, Paraprofessional, effective June 30, 2025.
3. Appointment of Lunch Aides: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of the following lunch aides for the 2025-2026 school year:

Diane LiMandri, John Hill School, at an hourly rate of \$31.02 (Step 1) for three hours per day, and

Jennifer Eckels, School Street School, at an hourly rate of \$31.02 (Step 1) for three hours per day.
4. Appointment of PreK Paraprofessional: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Saima Choudhry to the position of PreK Paraprofessional, John Hill School, at a salary of \$39,954 (Step 1) effective August 27, 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year.
5. Certified Staff Transfers: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following certified staff transfers effective August 27, 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year:

Tina Houck, Elementary Teacher School Street School to John Hill School,
Erika Faruolo, Special Education Teacher John Hill School to School Street School, and
Jennifer Bridi, Special Education Teacher School Street School to John Hill School.
6. Appointment of Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Shalyn Fry to the position of Special Education Teacher, School Street School, at a salary of \$64,105 (Step 4 BA), effective August 27, 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year.
7. Parent / Student Handbooks: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the School Street School and John Hill School Parent / Student Handbooks for the 2025-2026 school year. (enclosure) (enclosure) (enclosure)
8. Professional Development Plans: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Professional Development Plans for School Street School and John Hill School for the 2025-2026 school year. (enclosure) (enclosure)
9. Field Trips: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destinations for the 2025-2026 school year:

Grade/Class	Destination
Grade 4 (STEM)	Science to Science - Whippany
Grade 5 (STEM)	Science to Science - Whippany

10. Self-Assessment for Determining Grades: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act for the period from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 for School Street School and John Hill School. (enclosure) (enclosure)
11. AVID Committee Members: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Heidi Brady and Jenna Crithary as AVID Committee Members for Professional Development at John Hill School, at a stipend rate of \$500.00 each, to be paid with Title IIA Funds during the 2025-2026 school year.
12. Bridges to Learning Before and After Care Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Bridges to Learning Before and After Care Staff for the 2025-2026 school year. (attachment)
13. Educational Leadership Internship: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves an Educational Leadership Internship of at least 300 hours for Georgianna Gnecco attending William Paterson University, beginning January 2026 under the supervision of Maribel Martinez.
14. Detention Monitors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following as Detention Monitors at John Hill School at a rate of \$26.50 per hour for the 2025-2026 school year:

Laura Sudak
Jamila Naematullah
Bevin Hughen
Gregg LaPointe

Amy Smith
Brad Davidson
Krystal Sacco
Monica Nieves

Karen Kovall
Laura Affinito
Zach Sabatino

15. Itinerant Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Lake Drive School to provide the following services during the 2025-2026 school year for Student State ID#6590698493 (dates to be determined):

Itinerant Services (TOD) – 4 sessions at \$190 per session
Audiological Services – up to 1 hour at \$255 per hour

16. Extra Hours: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves three days of extra hours for Tammy Fabish to train for the role of Secretary at School Street School, at her secretary per diem rate of pay, to be completed by September 30, 2025.

PK-12

1. Acceptance of Letter of Resignation from Assistant Superintendent: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Rebecca Kipp-Newbold, Assistant Superintendent, effective August 31, 2025.
2. Revised Emergency Virtual/Remote Instruction Plan: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Revised Emergency Virtual/Remote Instruction Plan for the 2025-2026 school year. (enclosure)

3. Substitutes: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following substitutes for the 2025-2026 school year:

Substitute	Position(s) to be Approved
Thuraya Abdelal	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Rehana Abraham	Teacher / Paraprofessional / Secretary
Haya Ali	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Patricia Bednar	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Isabella Bennett	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Julian Billa	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Bridget Burke-Weiss	Teacher / Paraprofessional / Secretary
Susan Chara	Teacher / Paraprofessional / Secretary
Daniel Clavijo	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Meredyth Coleman	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Joshua Cooper	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Kellei Cosby	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Nicolette Costa	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Jennifer Davis	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Mohamed Derar	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Isabella DiGiacopo	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Luca DiGiacopo	Maintenance Worker
Sero DiGiacopo	Maintenance Worker
Madison Dooreman	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Fadia Drali	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Stephanie Eagan	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Jennifer Eckels	Teacher / Paraprofessional / Secretary
Adriane Eoga	Paraprofessional / Secretary
Tammy Fabish	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Deirdre Feeney	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Diane Fenton	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Bryan Figueroa	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Eve Gada	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Varsha Ganesan	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Veronica Gatto	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Marlene Grant	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Tami Grimes	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Julia Hecht	Teacher / Paraprofessional
William Hopkins	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Janet Hunter	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Helaine Kerian	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Aileen Lang	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Janet Long	Teacher / Paraprofessional / Secretary
Batisse Manhardt	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Cynthia Mascia	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Elizabeth McCollum	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Diana Melo	Custodian
Victoria Mierzwa	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Keith Mitchell	Bus
Riham Mohamed	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Rakib Momen	Teacher / Paraprofessional

Kathleen Mooney	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Deborah Pawlikowski	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Mihaela Popescu	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Nancy Questa	Teacher / Paraprofessional / Secretary
Mannal Ramadan	Nurse
Desiree Ramos	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Mark Riccio	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Matthew Robinson	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Ahmed Salama	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Rajul Salunia	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Henry Samek	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Cheryl Schleicher	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Sawsan Sheiko	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Eric Shollenberger	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Savannah Spann	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Ruzena Sucharova	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Motaleb Taher	Teacher / Paraprofessional
John Trahan	Bus Driver
Jennifer Van Sadars	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Alec Vento	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Dan Vnencak	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Lillian Whitney-Morley	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Michele Wolchesky	Secretary
Mariana Zamfirescu	Teacher / Paraprofessional
Elizabeth Zuffelato	Teacher / Paraprofessional

4. Substitute Rates of Pay: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following substitute rates of pay for the 2025-2026 school year:

Teachers/Aides - County or State Certificate:	\$130 per day
Secretary:	\$125 per day
Secretary Hourly Rate	\$16 per hour
Nurse:	\$200 per day
Custodian:	\$16 per hour
Maintenance:	\$20 per hour

5. Resignation of Guidance Counselor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Tashi Oyola, Boonton High School Guidance Counselor, effective September 16, 2025.
6. Appointment of Guidance Counselor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Deanna Wilks to the position of Guidance Counselor, Boonton High School, at a salary of \$68,905 (Step 4 MA), prorated from on or about September 30, for the 2025-2026 school year.
7. Realtime Trainers: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Christina Buck and Christopher Hurd as Realtime Trainers at New Staff Orientation on August 25, 2025 for up to 2 hours each at a rate of \$36.75 per hour.

8. Parent / Student Handbook: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Boonton High School Parent / Student Handbook for the 2025-2026 school year. (enclosure)
9. Professional Development Plan: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Professional Development Plan for Boonton High School for the 2025-2026 school year. (enclosure)
10. District Professional Development Plan: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the District Professional Development Plan for the 2025-2026 school year. (enclosure)
11. Detention Monitors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following as Detention Monitors at Boonton High School at a rate of \$26.50 per hour for the 2025-2026 school year:

Samantha Angelillo

Barbara Gilbert

Daniel Montgomery

12. Common Lunch Monitors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following as Common Lunch Monitors at Boonton High School at a stipend rate of \$3,000 each for the 2025-2026 school year:

Michael Lavaglio

Jennifer Tambakis

Omar Perez

Edward Haddad

Jason Kaulfers

Julie Rienzi

Devon Engelberger

Steven Delaporte

Matthew Emering

Emily Bohn

13. Self-Assessment for Determining Grades: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Self-Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act for the period from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 for Boonton High School. (enclosure)
14. Advisor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Melinda Miksad as the Varsity Basketball Cheerleading Advisor at Boonton High School at a stipend rate of \$4,000 for the 2025-2026 school year.
15. Paraprofessional Transfer: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a transfer for Daniel Drugac, Boonton High School Paraprofessional to John Hill School effective August 27, 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year.
16. 6th Period Stipends: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following 6th period stipends for staff at Boonton High School for the 2025-2026 school year, as per the Agreement Between the BEA and the Board of Education:

Full Stipend - \$5,775

Samantha Angelillo

Nupur Bahl

Emily Bohn

Colin Bower

Kate Brennan

Alyssa DeOrio

Olivia DiTrollo

Matthew Emerging

Colleen Faessinger

Kathleen Foley

Beth Forward

Laurene Carey

Jillian Glaser

Jordan Goldson

Sandra Greene

Edward Haddad

Sameera Hanafi

Christopher Hurd

Jason Kaulfers
Robert Mann
Rachel Olivo
Holly Settineri
Steven Young

Michael LaVaglio
Daniel Matarazzo
Anna Rabbia
Roger Shan

Vincent LoGiudice
Jody Oliveri
Elias Rosazza
John Sisto

The following Science teachers will receive partial sixth period stipends for science labs:

Matt Voswinkel	14.6%	=	\$843.15
Wei Shi	73%	=	\$4,215.75
Matt Ross	73%	=	\$4,215.75
Steve Frenkel	73%	=	\$4,215.75
Mia Fondacaro	73%	=	\$4,215.75
Dean Del Guercio	73%	=	\$4,215.75
Wayne Barreto	58.4%	=	\$3,372.60

17. Contract: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the contract for the Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired, as follows, for the 2025-2026 school year:

Student State ID# 6871142752-B, Education Level 1 - \$2,541.00

18. Special Education Teen Advocacy Group: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members to conduct the Boonton School District Special Education Teen Advocacy Group (TAG/Jr. TAG) during the 2025-2026 school year. Groups will conduct up to 10 events for Boonton High School and up to 9 events at John Hill School (Grades 6-8), up to 3 hours per event plus a one-time, 1-hour mentor training session, at a rate of \$42 per hour:

Melanie DiBartolo
Meg DiNapoli

Brenda Allemant
Jennifer Coleman

Gabrielle Filippini

19. District Goals: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the 2025-2026 District Goals. (enclosure)
20. Bus Aide: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Karen Maggio as an aide 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 hourly contractual rate of pay, for the 2025-2026 school year.
21. Bus Aide Substitutes: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following as bus aide substitutes 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 hourly contractual rate of pay, for the 2025-2026 school year:

Ann Tvedt

Debbie Salemi

Maureen Cosentino

22. Field Trip: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destination for the 2025-2026 school year:

Grade/Class	Destination
Grades 9-12 (STEM)	Science to Science - Whippany

23. Extend Home Instruction Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to extend the home instruction services previously approved on June 9, 2025 for Student State ID# 1634140653-LP from July 7, 2025 to August 1, 2025 to extend through August 14, 2025, with instruction to be provided by district approved home instructors at a rate of \$42 per hour.
24. Central Registration Assistant: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Jesica Harbeson as the Central Registration Assistant for up to 20 hours at a rate of \$22.05 per hour to be completed between August 12, 2025 and August 26, 2025.
25. Resignation of Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from James Nash, Boonton High School Head Boys Soccer Coach, for the 2025-2026 school year.

HIB REPORT

Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board affirms the findings and recommendations on the following Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying complaints: SSS #4, JHS #9.

POLICY

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

First Reading	
Policy #0143	Board Member Election and Appointment (Revised) (attachment)
Policy #0173	Duties of Public School Accountant (Revised) (attachment)
Policy #0174	Legal Services (M) (Revised) (attachment)
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Policy #1636.01	Notification of Promotion, New Job, and Transfer Opportunities (New) (attachment)
Policy #1648.15	Recordkeeping for Healthcare Settings In School Buildings – Covid-19 (M) (Abolished) (attachment)
Policy #2422	Statutory Curricular Requirements (M) (Revised) (attachment)
Policy #5111	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (Revised) (attachment)
Policy & Reg #5117	Interdistrict Public School Choice (Revised) (attachment) (attachment)
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Policy #6220	Budget Preparation (M) (Revised) (attachment)

OPERATIONS

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

\$18,994.75	8/7/2025	Cafeteria ACH (attachment)
\$3,640.00	8/11/2025	Cafeteria checks (attachment)
\$15,523.44	8/7/2025	General ACH FY25 (attachment)
\$79,537.69	8/11/2025	General ACH FY26 (attachment)
\$38,078.20	7/30/2025	General checks FY25 (attachment)
\$14,153.36	8/7/2025	General checks FY25 (attachment)
\$97,237.96	7/30/2025	General checks FY26 (attachment)
\$1,255,166.78	8/11/2025	General checks FY26 (attachment)
\$704.32	8/7/2025	Student Activity BHS ACH (attachment)
\$5,899.27	8/7/2025	Student Activity BHS checks (attachment)
\$3,540,117.71	June 2025	Electronic checks (attachment , incl. payroll)
2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending June 30, 2025. ([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 June 30, 2025; major funds have not been over-expended; and sufficient funds are available for the remainder of the year.
4. Payroll Expenses: The Board approves the following payroll expenses.

\$192,356.44	7/15/2025
\$221,469.40	7/30/2025
5. 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
Matthew Emering	11/16 - 11/18/25	AOPA STEM Symposium, Indianapolis, IN	\$1,841
Petra Lieberman	9/19/25	Handle With Care, Hamilton NJ	\$555.00
Petra Lieberman	8/25 - 8/27/25	QBS Safety Care, Fairfield NJ	\$2,325

6. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 8/11/2025 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
2507-0008	Boonton High School Field Hockey: Photos
	BHS Turf Field Wednesday 7/16/2025 (2:30 - 5:30 PM)

- 2507-0009 Lincoln Park PAL: Football
BHS Main Gym Saturday 9/13/2025 (12:00 - 8:00 PM)
- 2507-0010 NJSBA: Meeting
BHS Cafeteria Tuesday 10/7/2025 (5:00 - 9:00 PM)
- 2507-0015 Boonton High School Field Hockey: Booster Meeting
BHS Cafeteria Monday 8/18/2025 (6:30 - 8:00 PM)
- 2507-0019 Boonton High School Field Hockey: Mum sale Pick Up
BHS Parking Lot & Covered Walk
Saturday 9/6/2025 (6:00 AM - 12:00 PM)
Saturday 9/13/2025 (6:00 AM - 12:00 PM) (RAIN DATE)
- 2507-0020 Boonton High School Field Hockey: County Tournament Host
BHS Concession Stand & Bathrooms
Saturday 10/25/2025 (1:00 - 7:00 PM)
- 2507-0021 Boonton High School Field Hockey: County Tournament Host
BHS Concession Stand & Bathrooms
Tuesday 10/28/2025 (5:00 - 9:00 PM)
- 2507-0022 Boonton High School Field Hockey: Alumni Day
BHS Concession Stand Saturday 9/20/2025 (9:00 AM - 2:00 PM)
- 2507-0023 Boonton High School Field Hockey: Pasta Dinners
BHS Cafeteria
9/2, 9/26, 10/8, 10/29, 11/5, 11/11/2025 (4:00 - 7:15 PM)
- 2507-0024 Boonton High School Field Hockey: Photos
BHS Turf Field Wednesday 8/20/2025 (11:15 AM - 1:00 PM)
- 2507-0025 Boonton High School Field Hockey: Senior Photos
BHS Turf Field Wednesday 7/23/2025 (3:00 - 4:30 PM)
- 2508-0000 Boonton High School Football Parents: Food Sales
BHS Concession Stand
Fridays 9/5, 9/19, 10/3, 10/17, 10/31 (5:00 - 10:00 PM)

7. Tuition Agreement: The Board approves the tuition agreement with Morris County Vocational School District for educational services for the 2025-2026 school year.

<u>Student</u>	<u>Regular Education</u>	<u>Special Education</u>
Full-time	\$10,175	\$15,361
Part-time	5,030	7,681

8. IDEA FY26 Grant: The Board approves submission of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Grant Fiscal Year 2026 in the following amounts.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Award</u>
Basic	\$446,540
<u>Preschool</u>	<u>14,154</u>
Total	\$460,694

9. 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.

Location	Item
Boonton HS	Savin copier MP7503
John Hill School	Savin copier MP7503
School Street School	Savin copier MP7503

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

Next meeting is September 8, 2025

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 7:56 pm by Mrs. Doherty and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos, 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 8:30 pm by Ms. O'Halloran and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos, all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 8:31 pm by Ms. O'Halloran and seconded by Mrs. Doherty, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL:



**BOONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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Meeting Minutes

6:30 pm on September 8, 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 Building at 434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ.

ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members present at roll call were Mrs. Jennifer Darling, Mrs. Elaine Doherty (arrived 6:47), Mrs. Loren Katsakos, Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Mr. Matthew Mondino, Mr. Andrew Portas. Absent were Mr. Christopher Cartelli, Mr. Patrick Joyce, Ms. Brianna O'Halloran, Mr. Daniel Piccioni.

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.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

LIAISON REPORTS

1. John Hill School student representative Nick Fava: Fall sports, Back to School night
2. Boonton High School student representative Ivanna Robello: Fall sports, new phone policy
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) by Gabriela: Newsletter and calendar, Class Ambassadors, Staff welcome back breakfast, Meeting on 9/9, spirit wear, Box Tops
4. Home School Association (HSA) by Courtney Mondino: Back to School breakfast, Dues, Back to School Night, Calendar raffle, prom dresses
5. Town Council by Marie: Appointed the SLEO III, provided info to Mr. Henry for Town newsletter, JHS neighbor with concern about fence, Boonton Day 9/28
6. ESC of Morris County: None
7. MCSBA: Next meeting is here on 10/7
8. NJSBA: None
9. Other: Historical Society to open the Lathrop Mansion (Firemen's Home), Java Smugglers

WORK OF THE BOARD

1. Administration
 - Personnel: Town approved Bill Hopkins as our SLEO III, Question from Loren about cars making illegal left-hand turn out of JHS; candidates for Dir of Curriculum; Preschool Director & Anti-Bullying Coordinator; leaves of absence (Doherty, Bohn/Vnancik, Nash/Carmichael, LaVaglio, Stratton)
 - Programming: Thanks to PTA/HSA for back-to-school breakfast; Back to School Nights; AVID signing; Academy coordinators; BHS open house; fall sports, club fair
 - Professional Development: New staff orientation, full-staff PD, Matt Eicheldinger
 - Technology and Facilities: BHS roof passed inspection, network cabling, security monitors in school main offices

2. Operations
 - Finance: Payroll, audit, ESEA future years, federal shutdown
 - Facilities: IAQ bill, LGEA, JHS media center lighting, CST building sign & natural gas, SSS cafeteria tables
 - Transportation: Shepard route, driver candidate
3. Policy by Loren: Second reads up for approval tonight

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

1. Recognition of New Jersey School Boards Association
2025 Unsung Superhero in Education Award - Ron DiGiacopo
2. 2025 Graduation Report

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

None

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mrs. Darling, the Board approved all resolutions in a consent agenda by roll call. YES: Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Mr. Portas. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Mr. Portas (Admin PK8). ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mr. Joyce, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Piccioni.

MINUTES

Approval of the following Board of Education meeting minutes.

1. Regular session: August 11, 2025 (enclosure)
2. Executive session: August 11, 2025 (enclosure)

ADMINISTRATION

PK-8

1. Paraprofessional Transfer: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a transfer for Catalina Sanchez, School Street School Paraprofessional to John Hill School effective August 27, 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year.
2. Custodian Transfer: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to transfer Juan Isaza, School Street School Custodian to John Hill School, effective September 2, 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year.
3. Job Description: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Job Description for Preschool Director. (enclosure)
4. Appointment of Preschool Director: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Alison Schessler as the Preschool Director at a stipend rate of \$20,000 for the 2025-2026 school year.

5. Bridges to Learning Before/After School Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following for the Bridges to Learning Before/After School Program at School Street School, John Hill School and Boonton High School for the 2025-2026 school year:

Name	Position
Jillian Catlett	Adult Support Staff Substitute
Danielle Alfano	Adult Support Staff Substitute
Melissa Mihalko	Adult Support Staff
Saima Choudhry	Adult Support Staff
Maria Digiacoio	Adult Support Staff, Lead Teacher Substitute
*Emma Cocuzzo	Adult Support Staff Substitute
*Alaina Claridge	College Support Staff Substitute

*Pending clearance of background check

Adult Support Staff/Substitute - \$23 per hour

Lead Teacher Substitute - \$35 per hour

College Staff - \$17 per hour

6. Field Trips: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destinations for the 2025-2026 school year:

Grade/Group	Destination
Grades K-8 (CBI)	Wightmans Farm
Grades 6-8	New Jersey Youth Symphony

7. Student Internship: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a Vectors Pathway student internship for Ani Myers, Morris County Vocational School Student, at John Hill School, for 120 hours during the 2025-2026 school year, under the supervision of Andrea Villegas.
8. Staff for Summer Academic Program: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Lynn Bariso, inadvertently left off the May 12 approval list, for the Summer Academic Support Program for students in Grades K-8 during the summer of 2025 at a stipend rate of \$1,600 to be paid with Title I funds.
9. Amend Unpaid Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to amend the unpaid leave of absence previously approved on May 12, 2025 for Caroline Dougherty through November 23, 2025, to extend through June 30, 2026.
10. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 9092613712-B for up to 15 hours per week, beginning September 2, 2025 with instruction to be provided by district approved instructors at a rate of \$42 per hour.
11. Stipulation of Settlement Agreement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a Stipulation of Settlement Agreement with H.Z. and B.H. on behalf of A.H. dated August 22, 2025. (enclosure)

12. Out-of-District Placement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the out-of-district placement of Student State ID# 4173593523-B, to attend Celebrate the Children, beginning September 9, 2025 through the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year, at a rate of \$466 per day (177 days) and a 1:1 aide at \$210 per day (177 days).

PK-12

1. Vacation Payout: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a vacation payout for Frank Evans, Boonton High School Custodian, in the amount of \$4,698.75 (21 days at a rate of \$223.75 per day).
2. Vacation Payout: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a vacation payout for Rebecca Kipp-Newbold, Assistant Superintendent, in the amount of \$17,734.98 (28.5 days at \$622.28 per day).
3. Additional Hours for Staff to be Paid for Advanced Placement Courses: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves an additional 13 hours for one Advanced Placement Section and an additional 26 hours for 2 Advanced Placement Sections to each of the following teachers to be used for review during the 2025-2026 school year, at a rate of \$42.00 per hour. AP hours are 10 hours face-to-face and 3 administration hours

Staff Member	Advanced Placement Course	Number of Sections
Jillian Glaser	AP Literature	2 Sections
Michelle McBride	AP Language	2 Sections
Vincent LoGuidice	AP Psychology	2 Sections
Michael LaVaglio	AP Research	1 Section
Michael LaVaglio	AP Seminar	1 Section
Michael LaVaglio	AP US History	1 Section
Alyssa DeOrio	AP Calculus (AB)	1 Section
Alyssa DeOrio	AP Computer Science Principles	1 Section
Roger Shan	AP Statistics	1 Section
Vincent Coiro	AP Macroeconomics	2 Sections
Mia Fondacaro	AP Biology	1 Section
Wayne Barreto	AP Physics	1 Section
Wei Shi	AP Chemistry	1 Section
Emily Bohn	AP Human Geography	2 Sections
Stephen Young	AP Computer Science A	1 Section
Samantha Angelillo	AP Art and Design Portfolio	1 Section
Christina Buck	AP Spanish Language & Culture	1 Section

4. Custodians Transfer: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a transfer for the following custodians effective September 2, 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year:

Staff Member	From	To
Olga Mendoza	Boonton High School	School Street School
Maria Hidalgo	John Hill School	Boonton High School
Gamal Abdelnaby	John Hill School	Boonton High School
Marta Robles	Boonton High School	John Hill School

5. 6th Period Stipend: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a 6th period stipend for Dean Del Guercio in the amount of \$5,775 for the 2025-2026 school year, as per the Agreement Between the BEA and the Board of Education.

6. Field Trips: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destinations for the 2025-2026 school year:

Grade/Group	Destination
Grades 9-12 (CBI)	Kearny Bank (Pine Brook), Parsippany High School, Sun High Orchards (Randolph)
Grades 9-12 (Business Academy)	Sports Illustrated Stadium
Grades 9-12 (Gateway Academy)	College Visit (Yale University)
Grades 9-12 (AVID)	Marist University, East Stroudsburg University

7. Additions to Substitute List: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following additions to the 2025-2026 substitute list:

Substitute Teacher/Paraprofessional	Substitute School Nurse
Stacey Garb*	Arle Berghorn
Caryn Feder*	
Christina Holster*	

*Pending background check

8. Unpaid Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves an unpaid leave of absence for Emily Bohn, Boonton High School Social Studies Teacher, effective August 27, 2025 through an anticipated return date of October 19, 2025.
9. Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a leave of absence for Jamie Nash, Boonton High School Guidance Counselor, effective August 27, 2025 through an anticipated return date of October 5, 2025 utilizing accumulated sick days.
10. Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a leave of absence for Meghan Stratton, Supervisor of Humanities, effective January 12, 2026 utilizing 17 accumulated sick days, 18 vacation days and 3 personal days, followed by an unpaid leave of absence through July 5, 2026.
11. Unpaid Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a leave of absence for Michael LaVaglio, Boonton High School Social Studies Teacher, effective September 29, 2025 through November 23, 2025.
12. Long-Term Leave Social Studies Replacement Teacher: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Daniel Vnencak as a long-term leave Social Studies Replacement Teacher at Boonton High School, at a salary of \$67,405 (Step 1 MA) prorated from September 1, 2025 through October 17, 2025.

13. Long-Term Leave Guidance Counselor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Laura Carmichael as a long-term leave Guidance Counselor at Boonton High School, at a salary of \$67,405 (Step 1 MA) prorated from background check clearance date through an anticipated date of October 3, 2025.
14. AVID Committee Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Michelle McBride as the AVID Committee Member for Professional Development at Boonton High School, at a stipend rate of \$500, to be paid with Title IIA Funds during the 2025-2026 school year.
15. Interim District-Wide Anti Bullying Coordinator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Jason Klebez as the Interim District-Wide Anti Bullying Coordinator, at an annual stipend rate of \$4,400 to be paid on a pro-rated basis effective from September 2, 2025 for the number of months served on an interim basis.
16. Advisors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following advisors and stipends at Boonton High School for the 2025-2026 school year:

Advisor	Position	Stipend
Deanna Wilks	Key Club Advisor	\$ 870
Marie Evans	GSA Advisor	\$3,010
17. Revise Coaching Appointment: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to revise the coaching appointment for John Sisto, previously approved on May 12, 2025 as Boonton High School Boys Assistant Soccer Coach to Boonton High School Boys Head Soccer Coach at a stipend rate of \$8,081 (Step 2) for the 2025-2026 school year.
18. Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Robert Davidson as the Boys Assistant Soccer Coach at Boonton High School at a stipend rate of \$7,586 (Step 4) for the 2025-2026 school year.
19. Detention Monitors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Samantha Angelillo and Barbara Gilbert as Detention Monitors at Boonton High School at a rate of \$26.50 per hour for the 2025-2026 school year.
20. Amend Common Lunch Monitor Assignment: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to amend the Common Lunch Monitor Assignment for Emily Bohn, previously approved on August 11, 2025, to be paid a stipend rate of \$3,000 prorated from October 20, 2025 for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year.
21. Out-of-District Placement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the out-of-district placement for Student State ID# 6962093758-B, to attend The High Point School of Bergen County for the 2025-2026 school year, at a rate of \$364.81 per day (185 days), and that transportation be arranged as needed.
22. Home Instructors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board of Education approves Jesica Harbeson and Vanessa DeJesus to provide home instruction during the 2025/2026 school year, based on their individual certifications, at a rate of \$42 per hour.

23. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 4885742630-B and Student State ID# 1098355112-B, beginning September 2, 2025 for up to 10 hours per week each, to be provided by district approved instructors at a rate of \$42 per hour.
24. Unsung Hero: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the nomination to NJ School Boards Association of Ron DiGiacopo as an Unsung Hero.

HIB REPORT

None

POLICY

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

Final Reading

Policy #0143	Board Member Election and Appointment (Revised) (attachment)
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Reg #6220	Budget Preparation (Revised) (attachment)
Policy 9163	Spectator Code of Conduct for Interscholastic Events (New) (attachment)

OPERATIONS

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

\$4,107.12	9/8/2025	Cafeteria ACH (attachment)
\$118,751.22	9/8/2025	General ACH (attachment)
\$25,838.79	9/2/2025	General checks (attachment)
\$31,604.21	9/3/2025	General checks (attachment)
\$624,754.79	9/8/2025	General checks (attachment)
\$877,652.88	July 2025	Electronic checks (attachment , incl. payroll)
2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending July 31, 2025. ([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 July 31, 2025; major funds have not been over-expended; and sufficient funds are available for the remainder of the year.
4. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer: The Board approves revised Fund 10 reports of the Board Secretary (attachment) and Treasurer (attachment) for the month ending June 30, 2025; major funds have not been over-expended; and sufficient funds are available for the remainder of the year.
5. Payroll Expenses: The Board approves the following payroll expenses.

\$274,902.08 8/15/2025
\$198,237.03 8/30/2025
6. 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
Meghan Stratton	10/20/25	NJ Social Studies Conference, Rutgers, NJ	\$90
Christina Pesci	9/4/25	Caregiver's Course-Atlantic Health Morristown, NJ	\$9.12
Maria Beaton	9/4/25	Caregiver's Course-Atlantic Health Morristown, NJ	\$9.12
Luisa Iuliano-Cabrera	Ongoing	NJPSA Anti-Bullying/Online	\$500
Elisabeth Cunningham	10/13/25	Rob Amchin & The Community Church of Mountain Lakes Mountain Lakes, NJ	\$60
Alyssa Blauvelt	9/25,10/28, 11/20, 12/19,1/20, 2/27	Conquer Mathematics Pompton Plains, NJ	\$59.78
Rachel Wolk	10/1,11/12, 1/23	Conquer Mathematics Pompton Plains, NJ	\$30.74
Diana Melione	10/1, 10/28, 1/12	Conquer Mathematics Pompton Plains, NJ	\$30.74
Alyssa Blauvelt	12/12/25	Morris Knolls High School Rockaway, NJ	\$7.33

7. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 9/8/2025 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 # 2508-0001	Requested by / Facility / Dates Town of Boonton – Fire Department Anniversary Celebration Boonton High School – Practice Football Fields to Tennis Ct, including Parking lots Thursday 8/21 - Thursday 9/4/2025 Set up- Clean up
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- 2508-0002 Boonton Football Parents: Night before game dinners
BHS Cafeteria
Thursdays 8/27 - 10/30/2025 (5:00-8:00 PM)
- 2508-0003 Boonton Hills & Valley LAX: Clinic
BHS Turf
Saturday & Sunday 11/8 & 11/9/2025 (12:00 -1:30 PM)
- 2509-0000 Junior Bombers Wrestling; Practice
BHS Aux Gym
Mondays-Thursdays 11/3/2025 - 3/21/2026 (5:00 - 9:00 PM)
- 2509-0001 Boonton PTA: SSS Book Fair
SSS Multipurpose Room
Friday 10/24/2025 (8:00 AM - 3:00 PM)
- 2509-0004 Boonton PTA Welcome Back Breakfast
BHS Cafeteria
Tuesday 8/27/2025 (6:00 - 9:00 AM)
- 2509-0005 Boonton PTA: SSS Book Fair
SSS Multipurpose Room
Friday 10/17/2025 (8:00 AM - 3:00 PM)

8. Submission of ESEA FY26 Grant: The Board approves the submission of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA aka ESSA) Grant Fiscal Year 2026, in the following amounts.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Award</u>
I-A	\$221,807
II-A	35,661
III	20,702
III Immigrant	4,789
<u>IV-A</u>	<u>15,051</u>
Total	\$298,010

9. Parental Transportation Agreement: The Board approves the transportation reimbursement for Student State ID# 6871142752-B for transportation to and from Pillar High School in Livingston for the 2025-2026 school year, to be paid based on student attendance, not to exceed \$4,500.00.
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OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

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ACTION TO BE TAKEN

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On a motion at 8:07 pm by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Mondino, all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 8:08 pm by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL:



**BOONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Meeting Minutes

6:30 pm on September 8, 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 Building at 434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ.

ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members present at roll call were Mrs. Jennifer Darling, Mrs. Elaine Doherty (arrived 6:47), Mrs. Loren Katsakos, Mrs. Irene LeFebvre, Mr. Matthew Mondino, Mr. Andrew Portas. Absent were Mr. Christopher Cartelli, Mr. Patrick Joyce, Ms. Brianna O'Halloran, Mr. Daniel Piccioni.

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.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

LIAISON REPORTS

1. John Hill School student representative Nick Fava: Fall sports, Back to School night
2. Boonton High School student representative Ivanna Robello: Fall sports, new phone policy
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) by Gabriela: Newsletter and calendar, Class Ambassadors, Staff welcome back breakfast, Meeting on 9/9, spirit wear, Box Tops
4. Home School Association (HSA) by Courtney Mondino: Back to School breakfast, Dues, Back to School Night, Calendar raffle, prom dresses
5. Town Council by Marie: Appointed the SLEO III, provided info to Mr. Henry for Town newsletter, JHS neighbor with concern about fence, Boonton Day 9/28
6. ESC of Morris County: None
7. MCSBA: Next meeting is here on 10/7
8. NJSBA: None
9. Other: Historical Society to open the Lathrop Mansion (Firemen's Home), Java Smugglers

WORK OF THE BOARD

1. Administration
 - Personnel: Town approved Bill Hopkins as our SLEO III, Question from Loren about cars making illegal left-hand turn out of JHS; candidates for Dir of Curriculum; Preschool Director & Anti-Bullying Coordinator; leaves of absence (Doherty, Bohn/Vnancik, Nash/Carmichael, LaVaglio, Stratton)
 - Programming: Thanks to PTA/HSA for back-to-school breakfast; Back to School Nights; AVID signing; Academy coordinators; BHS open house; fall sports, club fair
 - Professional Development: New staff orientation, full-staff PD, Matt Eicheldinger
 - Technology and Facilities: BHS roof passed inspection, network cabling, security monitors in school main offices

2. Operations
 - Finance: Payroll, audit, ESEA future years, federal shutdown
 - Facilities: IAQ bill, LGEA, JHS media center lighting, CST building sign & natural gas, SSS cafeteria tables
 - Transportation: Shepard route, driver candidate
3. Policy by Loren: Second reads up for approval tonight

SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS

1. Recognition of New Jersey School Boards Association
2025 Unsung Superhero in Education Award - Ron DiGiacopo
2. 2025 Graduation Report

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

None

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mrs. Darling, the Board approved all resolutions in a consent agenda by roll call. YES: Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Mr. Portas. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Mr. Portas (Admin PK8). ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mr. Joyce, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Piccioni.

MINUTES

Approval of the following Board of Education meeting minutes.

1. Regular session: August 11, 2025 (enclosure)
2. Executive session: August 11, 2025 (enclosure)

ADMINISTRATION

PK-8

1. Paraprofessional Transfer: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a transfer for Catalina Sanchez, School Street School Paraprofessional to John Hill School effective August 27, 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year.
2. Custodian Transfer: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to transfer Juan Isaza, School Street School Custodian to John Hill School, effective September 2, 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year.
3. Job Description: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Job Description for Preschool Director. (enclosure)
4. Appointment of Preschool Director: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Alison Schessler as the Preschool Director at a stipend rate of \$20,000 for the 2025-2026 school year.

5. Bridges to Learning Before/After School Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following for the Bridges to Learning Before/After School Program at School Street School, John Hill School and Boonton High School for the 2025-2026 school year:

Name	Position
Jillian Catlett	Adult Support Staff Substitute
Danielle Alfano	Adult Support Staff Substitute
Melissa Mihalko	Adult Support Staff
Saima Choudhry	Adult Support Staff
Maria Digiaco	Adult Support Staff, Lead Teacher Substitute
*Emma Cocuzzo	Adult Support Staff Substitute
*Alaina Claridge	College Support Staff Substitute

*Pending clearance of background check

Adult Support Staff/Substitute - \$23 per hour

Lead Teacher Substitute - \$35 per hour

College Staff - \$17 per hour

6. Field Trips: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destinations for the 2025-2026 school year:

Grade/Group	Destination
Grades K-8 (CBI)	Wightmans Farm
Grades 6-8	New Jersey Youth Symphony

7. Student Internship: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a Vectors Pathway student internship for Ani Myers, Morris County Vocational School Student, at John Hill School, for 120 hours during the 2025-2026 school year, under the supervision of Andrea Villegas.
8. Staff for Summer Academic Program: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Lynn Bariso, inadvertently left off the May 12 approval list, for the Summer Academic Support Program for students in Grades K-8 during the summer of 2025 at a stipend rate of \$1,600 to be paid with Title I funds.
9. Amend Unpaid Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to amend the unpaid leave of absence previously approved on May 12, 2025 for Caroline Dougherty through November 23, 2025, to extend through June 30, 2026.
10. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 9092613712-B for up to 15 hours per week, beginning September 2, 2025 with instruction to be provided by district approved instructors at a rate of \$42 per hour.
11. Stipulation of Settlement Agreement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a Stipulation of Settlement Agreement with H.Z. and B.H. on behalf of A.H. dated August 22, 2025. (enclosure)

12. Out-of-District Placement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the out-of-district placement of Student State ID# 4173593523-B, to attend Celebrate the Children, beginning September 9, 2025 through the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year, at a rate of \$466 per day (177 days) and a 1:1 aide at \$210 per day (177 days).

PK-12

1. Vacation Payout: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a vacation payout for Frank Evans, Boonton High School Custodian, in the amount of \$4,698.75 (21 days at a rate of \$223.75 per day).
2. Vacation Payout: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a vacation payout for Rebecca Kipp-Newbold, Assistant Superintendent, in the amount of \$17,734.98 (28.5 days at \$622.28 per day).
3. Additional Hours for Staff to be Paid for Advanced Placement Courses: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves an additional 13 hours for one Advanced Placement Section and an additional 26 hours for 2 Advanced Placement Sections to each of the following teachers to be used for review during the 2025-2026 school year, at a rate of \$42.00 per hour. AP hours are 10 hours face-to-face and 3 administration hours

Staff Member	Advanced Placement Course	Number of Sections
Jillian Glaser	AP Literature	2 Sections
Michelle McBride	AP Language	2 Sections
Vincent LoGuidice	AP Psychology	2 Sections
Michael LaVaglio	AP Research	1 Section
Michael LaVaglio	AP Seminar	1 Section
Michael LaVaglio	AP US History	1 Section
Alyssa DeOrio	AP Calculus (AB)	1 Section
Alyssa DeOrio	AP Computer Science Principles	1 Section
Roger Shan	AP Statistics	1 Section
Vincent Coiro	AP Macroeconomics	2 Sections
Mia Fondacaro	AP Biology	1 Section
Wayne Barreto	AP Physics	1 Section
Wei Shi	AP Chemistry	1 Section
Emily Bohn	AP Human Geography	2 Sections
Stephen Young	AP Computer Science A	1 Section
Samantha Angelillo	AP Art and Design Portfolio	1 Section
Christina Buck	AP Spanish Language & Culture	1 Section

4. Custodians Transfer: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a transfer for the following custodians effective September 2, 2025 for the 2025-2026 school year:

Staff Member	From	To
Olga Mendoza	Boonton High School	School Street School
Maria Hidalgo	John Hill School	Boonton High School
Gamal Abdelnaby	John Hill School	Boonton High School
Marta Robles	Boonton High School	John Hill School

5. 6th Period Stipend: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a 6th period stipend for Dean Del Guercio in the amount of \$5,775 for the 2025-2026 school year, as per the Agreement Between the BEA and the Board of Education.

6. Field Trips: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destinations for the 2025-2026 school year:

Grade/Group	Destination
Grades 9-12 (CBI)	Kearny Bank (Pine Brook), Parsippany High School, Sun High Orchards (Randolph)
Grades 9-12 (Business Academy)	Sports Illustrated Stadium
Grades 9-12 (Gateway Academy)	College Visit (Yale University)
Grades 9-12 (AVID)	Marist University, East Stroudsburg University

7. Additions to Substitute List: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following additions to the 2025-2026 substitute list:

Substitute Teacher/Paraprofessional	Substitute School Nurse
Stacey Garb*	Arle Berghorn
Caryn Feder*	
Christina Holster*	

*Pending background check

8. Unpaid Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves an unpaid leave of absence for Emily Bohn, Boonton High School Social Studies Teacher, effective August 27, 2025 through an anticipated return date of October 19, 2025.
9. Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a leave of absence for Jamie Nash, Boonton High School Guidance Counselor, effective August 27, 2025 through an anticipated return date of October 5, 2025 utilizing accumulated sick days.
10. Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a leave of absence for Meghan Stratton, Supervisor of Humanities, effective January 12, 2026 utilizing 17 accumulated sick days, 18 vacation days and 3 personal days, followed by an unpaid leave of absence through July 5, 2026.
11. Unpaid Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a leave of absence for Michael LaVaglio, Boonton High School Social Studies Teacher, effective September 29, 2025 through November 23, 2025.
12. Long-Term Leave Social Studies Replacement Teacher: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Daniel Vnencak as a long-term leave Social Studies Replacement Teacher at Boonton High School, at a salary of \$67,405 (Step 1 MA) prorated from September 1, 2025 through October 17, 2025.

13. Long-Term Leave Guidance Counselor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Laura Carmichael as a long-term leave Guidance Counselor at Boonton High School, at a salary of \$67,405 (Step 1 MA) prorated from background check clearance date through an anticipated date of October 3, 2025.
14. AVID Committee Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Michelle McBride as the AVID Committee Member for Professional Development at Boonton High School, at a stipend rate of \$500, to be paid with Title IIA Funds during the 2025-2026 school year.
15. Interim District-Wide Anti Bullying Coordinator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Jason Klebez as the Interim District-Wide Anti Bullying Coordinator, at an annual stipend rate of \$4,400 to be paid on a pro-rated basis effective from September 2, 2025 for the number of months served on an interim basis.
16. Advisors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following advisors and stipends at Boonton High School for the 2025-2026 school year:

Advisor	Position	Stipend
Deanna Wilks	Key Club Advisor	\$ 870
Marie Evans	GSA Advisor	\$3,010
17. Revise Coaching Appointment: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to revise the coaching appointment for John Sisto, previously approved on May 12, 2025 as Boonton High School Boys Assistant Soccer Coach to Boonton High School Boys Head Soccer Coach at a stipend rate of \$8,081 (Step 2) for the 2025-2026 school year.
18. Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Robert Davidson as the Boys Assistant Soccer Coach at Boonton High School at a stipend rate of \$7,586 (Step 4) for the 2025-2026 school year.
19. Detention Monitors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Samantha Angelillo and Barbara Gilbert as Detention Monitors at Boonton High School at a rate of \$26.50 per hour for the 2025-2026 school year.
20. Amend Common Lunch Monitor Assignment: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to amend the Common Lunch Monitor Assignment for Emily Bohn, previously approved on August 11, 2025, to be paid a stipend rate of \$3,000 prorated from October 20, 2025 for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year.
21. Out-of-District Placement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the out-of-district placement for Student State ID# 6962093758-B, to attend The High Point School of Bergen County for the 2025-2026 school year, at a rate of \$364.81 per day (185 days), and that transportation be arranged as needed.
22. Home Instructors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board of Education approves Jesica Harbeson and Vanessa DeJesus to provide home instruction during the 2025/2026 school year, based on their individual certifications, at a rate of \$42 per hour.

23. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 4885742630-B and Student State ID# 1098355112-B, beginning September 2, 2025 for up to 10 hours per week each, to be provided by district approved instructors at a rate of \$42 per hour.
24. Unsung Hero: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the nomination to NJ School Boards Association of Ron DiGiacopo as an Unsung Hero.

HIB REPORT

None

POLICY

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

Final Reading

Policy #0143	Board Member Election and Appointment (Revised) (attachment)
Policy #0173	Duties of Public School Accountant (Revised) (attachment)
Policy #0174	Legal Services (M) (Revised) (attachment)
Policy #0177	Professional Services (M) (Revised) (attachment)
Policy & Reg #1570	Internal Controls (M) (Revised) (attachment) (attachment)
Policy #1620	Administrative Employment Contracts (M) (Revised) (attachment)
Policy #1636.01	Notification of Promotion, New Job, and Transfer Opportunities (New) (attachment)
Policy #2422	Statutory Curricular Requirements (M) (Revised) (attachment)
Policy #5111	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (Revised) (attachment)
Policy & Reg #5117	Interdistrict Public School Choice (Revised) (attachment) (attachment)
Policy #5339.01	Student Sun Protection (M) (New) (attachment)
Policy & Reg #6111	Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program (M) (Revised) (attachment) (attachment)
Policy #6220	Budget Preparation (M) (Revised) (attachment)
Reg #6220	Budget Preparation (Revised) (attachment)
Policy 9163	Spectator Code of Conduct for Interscholastic Events (New) (attachment)

OPERATIONS

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

\$4,107.12	9/8/2025	Cafeteria ACH (attachment)
\$118,751.22	9/8/2025	General ACH (attachment)
\$25,838.79	9/2/2025	General checks (attachment)
\$31,604.21	9/3/2025	General checks (attachment)
\$624,754.79	9/8/2025	General checks (attachment)
\$877,652.88	July 2025	Electronic checks (attachment , incl. payroll)
2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending July 31, 2025. ([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 July 31, 2025; major funds have not been over-expended; and sufficient funds are available for the remainder of the year.
4. Reports of the Board Secretary and Treasurer: The Board approves revised Fund 10 reports of the Board Secretary (attachment) and Treasurer (attachment) for the month ending June 30, 2025; major funds have not been over-expended; and sufficient funds are available for the remainder of the year.
5. Payroll Expenses: The Board approves the following payroll expenses.
 \$274,902.08 8/15/2025
 \$198,237.03 8/30/2025
6. 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
Meghan Stratton	10/20/25	NJ Social Studies Conference, Rutgers, NJ	\$90
Christina Pesci	9/4/25	Caregiver's Course-Atlantic Health Morristown, NJ	\$9.12
Maria Beaton	9/4/25	Caregiver's Course-Atlantic Health Morristown, NJ	\$9.12
Luisa Iuliano-Cabrera	Ongoing	NJPSA Anti-Bullying/Online	\$500
Elisabeth Cunningham	10/13/25	Rob Amchin & The Community Church of Mountain Lakes Mountain Lakes, NJ	\$60
Alyssa Blauvelt	9/25,10/28, 11/20, 12/19,1/20, 2/27	Conquer Mathematics Pompton Plains, NJ	\$59.78
Rachel Wolk	10/1,11/12, 1/23	Conquer Mathematics Pompton Plains, NJ	\$30.74
Diana Melione	10/1, 10/28, 1/12	Conquer Mathematics Pompton Plains, NJ	\$30.74
Alyssa Blauvelt	12/12/25	Morris Knolls High School Rockaway, NJ	\$7.33

7. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 9/8/2025 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 # 2508-0001	Requested by / Facility / Dates Town of Boonton – Fire Department Anniversary Celebration Boonton High School – Practice Football Fields to Tennis Ct, including Parking lots Thursday 8/21 - Thursday 9/4/2025 Set up- Clean up
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- 2508-0002 Boonton Football Parents: Night before game dinners
BHS Cafeteria
Thursdays 8/27 - 10/30/2025 (5:00-8:00 PM)
- 2508-0003 Boonton Hills & Valley LAX: Clinic
BHS Turf
Saturday & Sunday 11/8 & 11/9/2025 (12:00 -1:30 PM)
- 2509-0000 Junior Bombers Wrestling; Practice
BHS Aux Gym
Mondays-Thursdays 11/3/2025 - 3/21/2026 (5:00 - 9:00 PM)
- 2509-0001 Boonton PTA: SSS Book Fair
SSS Multipurpose Room
Friday 10/24/2025 (8:00 AM - 3:00 PM)
- 2509-0004 Boonton PTA Welcome Back Breakfast
BHS Cafeteria
Tuesday 8/27/2025 (6:00 - 9:00 AM)
- 2509-0005 Boonton PTA: SSS Book Fair
SSS Multipurpose Room
Friday 10/17/2025 (8:00 AM - 3:00 PM)

8. Submission of ESEA FY26 Grant: The Board approves the submission of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA aka ESSA) Grant Fiscal Year 2026, in the following amounts.

<u>Title</u>	<u>Award</u>
I-A	\$221,807
II-A	35,661
III	20,702
III Immigrant	4,789
<u>IV-A</u>	<u>15,051</u>
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Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

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ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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Also present were Mr. Thomas Valle, Superintendent, Mr. Steven Gardberg, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and approximately three members of the public. The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

LIAISON REPORTS

1. John Hill School student representative: Fall sports, Week of Respect, Halloween dance
2. MCSBA: County meeting at BHS on 10/7
3. NJSBA: Workshop 2025 on 10/20 - 10/22
4. Other: Historical Society hosting Night of Local History at Java Smugglers, open house at Lathrop Manor (Firemen's Home), Christmas parade

SUPERINTENDENT

1. Personnel: Appointment of Sara Brogan to Dir. of Curriculum, Instruction & HR; new leadership model at John Hill School for a building principal (Peter Nosal) and assistant principal; discussion of assistant principal and vice principal; leave of absence for Meghan Stratton; Bill Hopkins started as our security officer
2. Programming: Corrective action plans for chronic absenteeism; discussion about Boonton and Statewide absenteeism
3. Policy & Practices: Cellphones in school
4. Facilities & Technology: Realtime communication among security officer and administration
5. Student Achievement Presentation: BHS student to compete internationally with US Soccer Federation; standardized test results and strategies for success

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

None

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

1. Steve Bossen: Policy for training expenditures, cell phone reimbursement

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mrs. Darling, the Board approved all resolutions in a consent agenda by roll call. YES: Mrs. Darling, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Portas. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Mr. Portas (Admin PK8). ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Doherty.

MINUTES

Approval of the following Board of Education meeting minutes.

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ADMINISTRATION

PK-8

1. Field Trips: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destinations for the 2025-2026 school year:

Grade/Group	Destination
Grades K-2 (CBI)	Roma Pizzeria/Boonton Lanes
Grade 3	Bronx Zoo
Grades 3-8 (CBI)	Roma Pizzeria
Grade 5	NJ Marine Science Consortium
Grade 6	Tourne
Grades 6-8 (Music)	Radio City Music Hall
Grades 6-8 (Field Hockey)	East Stroudsburg University
Grades 7 & 8 (AVID)	Sussex Community College

2. Bridges to Learning Before/After School Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following for the Bridges to Learning Before/After School Program at School Street School, John Hill School and Boonton High School for the 2025-2026 school year:

Name	Position
Louisa Sinatra	Lead Teacher Sub
Paige Donnelly	Adult Support Staff Sub
Tina Cosentino	Adult Support Staff Sub

Lead Teacher Substitute - \$35 per hour
Adult Support Substitute - \$23 per hour

3. Revise Employment Contract for Long-Term Leave Preschool Teacher: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to revise the employment contract for Ryleigh Marcus, Long-Term Leave Preschool Teacher, previously approved on July 14, 2025, effective from August 27, 2025 through November 23, 2025 to extend through June 30, 2026.
4. Unpaid Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves an unpaid leave of absence for Charles Henschel, John Hill School Paraprofessional, effective September 29, 2025 through December 19, 2025.

5. Advisor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Katelyn Barth as Broadcasting Club Advisor at John Hill School at a stipend rate of \$720 for the 2025-2026 school year.
6. Title I Coordinators for Parent and Child Nights: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following as Coordinators for Parent and Child Title I Nights for PreK-5 families during the 2025-2026 school year, at a rate of \$42 per hour, for up to 6 hours per night for planning and presentation of program:

Jesica Harbeson

Marianne Sayle

Dina Davis

7. Title I - Teachers for Parent and Child Nights: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members for Parent and Child Title I Nights for PreK-5 families the 2025-2026 school year, at the rate of \$42 per hour, for up to 4 hours per night, for planning and presentation of program:

Jillian Catlett

Nicole Pollina

Ellen Christian

Renee Rivera

Laura Baseil

Stacy Calise

Pavlina Mineva

Tracy Col-Spector

Julie Kelly

Danielle Alfano

Kaitlyn Brown

Karen Kovall

Meagan Arahill

Kristin Groeneveld

Laura Sudak

Rachel Wolk

Kayla Baker

Erika Faruolo

Elisabeth Cunningham

Tracy Paulozzo

Amy Smith

8. Corrective Action Plan for Addressing Chronic Absenteeism: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a Corrective Action Plan for Addressing Chronic Absenteeism at School Street School for the 2025-2026 school year. (enclosure)
9. Extracurricular/Instructional Aide Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves 8.5 hours for Tina Cosentino, to assist and supervise Student State ID# 8359684319-B, during John Hill School Boys Soccer tryouts for the 2025-2026 school year at a rate of \$31.53 per hour.
10. Long-Term Leave Paraprofessional: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Matthew Robinson as a Long-Term Leave Paraprofessional at John Hill School, at a salary of \$39,954 (Step 1), prorated from September 30, 2025 through December 19, 2025.

PK-12

1. Appointment of Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Human Resources: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Sara Brogan to the position of Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Human Resources at a salary of \$165,000, prorated from January 1, 2026 for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year.
2. Field Trips: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destinations for the 2025-2026 school year:

Grade/Group

Destination

Grades K-12 (CBI)

Turtle Back Zoo

Grades 3-12 (CBI)

Boonton Lanes/Rockaway Mall

Grades 9-12 (CBI)

Roma Pizzera

Grades 9-12 (STEM)
Grades 9-12 (Honors/AP Art)
Grades 9-12 (CBI)
Grades 10-12 (AVID)
Grades 9-11 (AVID)

Liberty Science Center
Metropolitan Museum of Art
Sun High Orchards
Pace University
Ramapo College

3. Long-Term Leave Social Studies Replacement Teacher: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Dillon Preston as the Long-Term Leave Social Studies Replacement Teacher at Boonton High School, at a salary of \$62,605 (Step 1 BA), pro-rated from September 30, 2025 through November 21, 2025.
4. Partial 6th Period Stipends for AVID Counselors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves partial 6th period stipends for the following Boonton High School AVID Counselors for the 2025-2026 school year, as per the Agreement Between the BEA and the Board of Education:

Kelly Mabin - \$2887.50 (50% of total \$5775)
James Nash - \$2887.50 (50% of total \$5775), prorated from October 6, 2025
5. Partial 6th Period Stipend: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a partial 6th period stipend for Kathleen Foley for Science Lab in the amount of \$843.15 (14.5% of the total \$5775 stipend), effective from September 1, 2025, for the 2025-2026 school year, as per the Agreement Between the BEA and the Board of Education.
6. Addition to Substitute List: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Ilysa Berkowitz to the 2025-2026 substitute list as a substitute teacher/paraprofessional.
7. Volunteers: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following volunteers at Boonton High School during the 2025-2026 school year:

Steven Delaporte as a Winter Track Coach Volunteer and
Samantha Angelillo and Jillian Glaser as Spring Musical Volunteers
8. Staff for Crowd Control: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Elias Rosazza for crowd control at events as required for the 2025-2026 school year.
9. Corrective Action Plan for Addressing Chronic Absenteeism: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a Corrective Action Plan for Addressing Chronic Absenteeism at Boonton High School for the 2025-2026 school year. (enclosure)
10. Clinical Hours for 50-Hour Pre-Service Course: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Ian Leith, Alternate Route Candidate at Brookdale Community College, to complete 50 hours of clinical teaching at Boonton High School, under the supervision of Daniel Matarazzo, pending clearance of background check.
11. Supervisor for Open Gym/Open Field Activities: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Matthew Brandt as a supervisor for open gym/open field activities at Boonton High School during the 2025-2026 school year, at a rate of \$42 per hour.

12. Job Description: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Job Description for Coordinator of English Language Arts and Arts Departments. (enclosure)
13. Job Description: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Job Description for Coordinator of Social Studies and World Language Departments. (enclosure)
14. Home Instructors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Dean Del Guercio and Dina Davis to provide home instruction during the 2025-2026 school year, based on their individual certifications, at a rate of \$42 per hour.
15. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 1098355112-B for up to 10 hours per week beginning September 2, 2025, with instruction to be provided by district approved instructors at a rate of \$42 per hour.
16. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 9759813295-B for up to 5 hours per week, beginning September 9, 2025, with instruction to be provided by Prime Health Services – St Clare’s, LLC at a rate of \$57 per hour.
17. Outside Evaluation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Dr. Sostre-Oquendo, MD, to conduct a Psychiatric Evaluation for Student State ID# 4885742630-B, at a cost of \$1,000.

HIB REPORT

None

POLICY

None

OPERATIONS

Mr. Gardberg: School Street cafeteria tables

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

\$90,308.39	09/18/2025	Cafeteria ACH (attachment)
\$1,158.00	09/18/2025	Cafeteria checks (attachment)
\$126.00	09/29/2025	Cafeteria check (attachment)
\$7,893.33	09/11/2025	General ACH (attachment)
\$155,683.91	09/18/2025	General ACH (attachment)
\$595,907.93	09/18/2025	General checks (attachment)
\$38,436.31	09/29/2025	General checks (attachment)
\$250.00	09/18/2025	Student Activity BHS checks (attachment)
\$875.00	09/18/2025	Student Activity JHS ACH (attachment)
\$103.72	09/29/2025	Student Activity JHS check (attachment)
\$72.99	09/18/2025	Student Activity SSS ACH (attachment)
\$719,336.45	August 2025	Electronic checks, incl. payroll (attachment)
2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending August 31, 2025. ([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 August 31, 2025; 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. (attachment)
5. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 9/29/2025 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
2509-0002	Boonton PTA: Meetings JHS Media Center Tuesdays 9/9/2025 - 6/9/2026 (6:30 - 9:00 PM)
2509-0003	Boonton PTA: JHS Book Fair
2509-0004	JHS Art Room
2509-0005	10/2, 10/7, 10/9/2025 (8:00 AM - 5:00 PM)
2509-0006	10/8/2025 (8:00 AM - 8:00 PM) 10/3/2025 (3:00 - 5:00 PM) 10/10/2025 (8:00 AM - 3:00 PM)
2509-0007	Boonton PTA Tricky Tray Set up
2509-0008	JHS Cafeteria, Gym 11/14/2025 (4:00 - 9:00 PM) 11/15/2025 (3:00 - 10:00 PM)
2509-0009	Boonton PTA Family Game Night SSS Multipurpose Room 11/13/2025 (6:30 - 8:30 PM)
2509-0010	Boonton Hills & Valley LAX: Indoor Practice SSS Multipurpose Room Mondays - Fridays, 2/16 - 3/31/2026 (6:30 - 9:00 PM)
2509-0011	Boonton PTA: SSS Book Fair
2509-0012	SSS Multipurpose Room 10/20 - 10/23/2025 (8:00 AM - 5:00 PM)
2509-0013	NW1 Field Hockey: Officials Meeting BHS Cafeteria 9/17/2025 (7:30 - 9:00 PM)
2509-0014	Boonton High School Field Hockey: Alumni Day BHS Cafeteria (rain location) 9/20/2025 (10:00 AM - 3:00 PM)

2509-0015 BHS Basketball Parents: Season Opening Dinner
BHS Cafeteria
12/12/2025 (5:00 - 9:00 PM)

2509-0016 Tri-Town Little League: Winter Clinics
SSS Multipurpose Room
Mondays - Fridays, 1/5 - 2/13/2026 (6:15 - 8:30 PM)

6. Enrollment as Member of the NJSIAA: The Board of Education, in the County of Morris, New Jersey, as provided for in Chapter 172 Laws 1979 (N.J.S.A. 18A:11-3 et seq. and Policy 2431), herewith enrolls Boonton High School as a member of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) to participate in the approved interschool athletic program sponsored by the NJSIAA; and be it further resolved that this resolution will continue to be in effect until or unless rescinded by the Board of Education and shall be included among those policies adopted by the Board. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-3, in adopting this resolution the Board of Education adopts as its own policy and agrees to be governed by the constitution, By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of the NJSIAA.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Clothing bins are full
2. Steve Bossen: Public relations to highlight getting schools ready in the summer; thank you for banning cellphones; Back to School Night at BHS; Atlas for aviation courses; staff training
3. Matt Mondino: Classroom heat; radio station in band room; classrooms that need AC

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Next meeting is October 13, 2025
2. Filling Board vacancy

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 7:57 pm by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Ms. 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.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

Adjourn executive session and return to open session.

On a motion at 8:20 pm by Ms. O'Halloran and seconded by Mrs. Darling, all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 8:22 pm by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mr. Portas, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL:



**BOONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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Meeting Agenda

6:30 pm on October 13, 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 Building at 434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ.

ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Also present were Mr. Thomas Valle, Superintendent, Mr. Steven Gardberg, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and approximately 3 members of the public. The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

LIAISON REPORTS

1. John Hill School student representative: Fall sports, book fair
2. Home School Association (HSA): Calendar raffle
3. Town Council by Marie: Agreement for SRO, congrats to Janet on retirement as crossing guard, Town Hall seminar on e-bike safety, hydrant cleaning, ballot box, trick-or-treat trail
4. MCSBA by Mrs. Darling: Successful hosting of the meeting here last week
5. NJSBA by Mrs. Darling: Workshop is next week

WORK OF THE BOARD

1. Administration
 - State reporting & State testing
 - Personnel: Leave replacements, Asst. Principal candidates, Coordinator candidates, resignation, job descriptions
 - Programming: Elementary parent-teacher conferences, eighth-grade trip, framework for teacher evaluations; winter track team
 - Professional Development: Full-day PD today, Drew Writing Project added Gr 3-5 this year, data analysis
 - Technology and Facilities: Verizon cellular boosters, district phone system, security services, heating for CST, BHS roof
 - Week of Respect / School Violence Awareness Week report

2. Operations

- Finance: FY25 audit, phone system, federal grant final expenditure reports, fundraising collections, approval workflows, workshop with NJDOE staff, FY27 budget
- Facilities: Field lights, heating season
- Transportation

SUPERINTENDENT

1. Week of Respect / School Violence Awareness Week

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

None

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Mondino, the Board approved all resolutions in a consent agenda by roll call. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Portas. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Mr. Portas (Admin PK8). ABSENT: Mr. Joyce.

MINUTES

Approval of the following Board of Education meeting minutes.

1. Regular session: September 29, 2025 (enclosure)
2. Executive session: September 29, 2025 (enclosure)

ADMINISTRATION

PK-8

1. Movement on Salary Guide: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves the following staff members' movement on guide, in accordance with the Bargaining Agreement between the Board of Education and the Boonton Education Association, retroactive to September 1, 2025:

Employee	Placement on Guide
Katelyn Barth	4 BA+15 to 4 MA
Maria Beaton	14 MA+15 to 14 MA+30
Kaitlyn Brown	3 BA to 3 BA/15

2. 8th Grade Overnight Field Trip: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the 8th grade overnight field trip to Washington, DC for June 2, 2026 – June 4, 2026.
3. Field Trips: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destinations for the 2025-2026 school year:

Grade/Group	Destination
Grades 3-8	Morristown Unitarian Fellowship
Grade 6	Liberty Island & Ellis Island
Grades 6-8	WSUS Radio Station

4. Acceptance of Resignation Letter: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Joseph Rivera, School Street School Paraprofessional, effective November 7, 2025.
5. Vacation and Sick Day Payout: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a vacation and sick day payout to Allison Carey, School Street School Head Secretary, as follows:

 Vacation day payout: \$1,256.05 (5 days at \$251.21 per day)
 Sick day payout: \$6,468.00 (154 days at \$42.00 per day)
6. Bridges to Learning Before/After School Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Reina Garcia as Adult Support Staff for the Bridges to Learning Before/After School Program at School Street School, John Hill School and Boonton High School at a rate of \$23.00 per hour for the 2025-2026 school year.
7. Bridges to Learning After School Enrichment Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following for up to one hour for the Bridges to Learning After School Enrichment activities during the 2025-2026 school year at a rate of \$40.00-\$70.00 per class, based upon enrollment:

Jennifer Davis	Jessica Giordano	Kristin Groeneveld
Dina Davis	Amanda Bulkeley	Beth Cunningham
Melinda Miksad	Laura Sudak	Nicole Pollina
Lynn Bariso	Melyssa Stella	
8. Translators for Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following as translators for elementary parent/teacher conferences at School Street School and John Hill School on November 12, 13, 17 and 18, 2025 for up to 2 hours each night at a rate of \$22.05 per hour:

Maria Beaton	Marcia Cifelli	Anthony Guevera	Olga Morales
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9. Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Michael Smulewicz as the John Hill School Boys Soccer Coach at the prorated stipend rate of \$2,231.00, for the second half of the 2025-2026 season.
10. Extracurricular/Instructional Aide Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves up to 35 hours for Tina Cosentino to assist and supervise Student State ID# 8359684319-B during Broadcasting Club at John Hill School for the 2025-2026 school year at a rate of \$31.53 (Step 3) per hour.
11. Extracurricular/Instructional Aide Services (TAG): Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following instructional aides to assist/supervise the following students, as needed, at John Hill School (dates to be determined) for the Special Education Teen Advocacy Group (Jr. TAG) evening events, for up to 9 events and 3 hours per event (based on student attendance to events) during the 2025-2026 school year:

 Laura Affinito at an hourly rate of \$31.65 (Step 4) and
 Tina Cosentino at an hourly rate of \$31.53 (Step 3)

Student State ID# 7295364313-B
Student State ID# 4634876141-B
Student State ID# 8359684319-B

PK-12

1. Movement on Salary Guide: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves the following staff members' movement on guide, in accordance with the Bargaining Agreement between the Board of Education and the Boonton Education Association, retroactive to September 1, 2025:

Employee	Placement on Guide
Janet Chauhan	11 MA+15 to 11 MA+30
Devon Engelberger	15 BA+15 to 15 MA+30
Gabrielle Filippini	7 MA to 7 MA+15

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 September 2025. (enclosure)
3. Field Trips: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destinations for the 2025-2026 school year:

Grade/Group	Destination
Transition (CBI)	Kinnelon High School , Morris Knolls High School The Hollow, Jefferson High School, The Growing Stage, Old Towne Deli
Grades 9-12	Mountain Creek
Grades 9-12 (FBLA)	Roma Pizza
Grades 9-12 (Business Academy and FBLA)	Prudential Center

4. Abolish Job Description: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to abolish the Job Description for Assistant Principal (enclosure).
5. Revise Job Description: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to revise the Job Description for Vice Principal (enclosure).
6. Report of Activities for Week of Respect and School Violence Prevention Week: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator the Board approves the activities for each of the schools for the Week of Respect and School Violence Prevention Week, for the 2025-2026 school year. (enclosure)
7. Biliteracy Support: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves up to 15 hours for Christina Buck for Biliteracy Support to support multilingual learners achieve academic access on standardized tests and promote the Seal of Biliteracy at Boonton High School during the 2025-2026 school year, at a rate of \$42.00 per hour.
8. Advisor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Dilek Demirors as the TSA (Tech Student Association) Advisor at Boonton High School at a stipend rate of \$1,300.00 for the 2025-2026 school year.

9. Extracurricular/Instructional Aide Services (TAG): Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following instructional aides to assist/ supervise the following students, as needed, at Boonton High School (dates to be determined) for the Special Education Teen Advocacy Group (TAG) evening events for up to 10 events and 3 hours per event (based on student attendance to events) during the 2025-2026 school year:

Laura Affinito at an hourly rate of \$31.65 (Step 4)
Tina Cosentino at an hourly rate of \$31.53 (Step 3)
Marie Evans at an hourly rate of \$31.65 (Step 4)
Robin Zancat an hourly rate of \$31.65 (Step 4)

Student State ID# 9460157166-B
Student State ID# 6655209681-B
Student State ID# 4363741727-B
Student State ID#3078967486-B
Student State ID#5903634416-LP
Student State ID#1104912701-B

HIB REPORT

None

POLICY

None

OPERATIONS

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

\$72,382.85	10/13/2025	Cafeteria ACH (attachment)
\$125.00	10/13/2025	Cafeteria checks (attachment)
\$70,378.80	10/13/2025	General ACH (attachment)
\$1,341,746.18	10/13/2025	General checks (attachment)
\$291.50	10/8/2025	General checks (attachment)
\$5,704.64	10/13/2025	Student Activity BHS checks (attachment)
2. Payroll Expenses: The Board approves the following payroll expenses.

\$1,135,266.83	9/15/2025
\$1,184,235.98	9/30/2025
3. Professional Development: The Board approves these professional development expenses, in accordance with OMB Guidelines, State travel regulations and/or employee contracts. ([attachment](#))
4. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 10/13/2025 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. ([attachment](#))

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Steve Bossen: Thank you for updating the Atlas web page, question about aviation curriculum; including open board position on weekly email

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Next meeting is October 27, 2025
2. Election in November for three seats (two on the ballot) and an open seat
3. NJSBA president

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 7:29 pm by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mrs. Darling, 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 8:01 pm by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mr. Mondino, all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session.

ADMIN PK-12

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

10. Resignation of Long-Term Leave Replacement Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from long-term leave replacement staff member #1391 effective October 10, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 8:03 pm by Mr. Portas and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL:



**BOONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Meeting Minutes

6:30 pm on October 27, 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 & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Also present were Mr. Thomas Valle, Superintendent, Mr. Steven Gardberg, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and approximately three members of the public. The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

LIAISON REPORTS

1. John Hill School student representative: Fall sports, Spirit week, Halloween parade
2. Home School Association (HSA) by Mrs. Darling: Calendar raffle to start soon
3. Town Council by Marie: E-bike meeting, Election day, Board vacancy
4. MCSBA: Next meeting on 12/2
5. NJSBA: Workshop was last week, applications for President and VP-Legislation

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 6:41 pm by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Ms. 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.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

Adjourn executive session and return to open session.

On a motion at 7:01 pm by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Mondino, all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session.

DISTRICT UPDATES

1. Superintendent: District News and Updates: Halloween parades, elementary conferences, 2026-2027 calendar, staffing appointments (JHS asst. principal, Gr 6-12 coordinators), standardized testing (NJSLA, PSAT/SAT, NJGPA), district phone system, CST building heating, BHS roof
2. Business Administrator: FY25 audit, FY26 budget, SSS copier, JHS elevator

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

None

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Ms. O'Halloran and seconded by Mr. Mondino, the Board approved all resolutions in a consent agenda by roll call. YES: Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Portas. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Mr. Portas (Admin PK8 & HIB), Mr. Joyce (PK8 #8). ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Katsakos.

MINUTES

Approval of the following Board of Education meeting minutes.

1. Regular session: October 13, 2025 (enclosure)
2. Executive session: October 13, 2025 (enclosure)

ADMINISTRATION

PK-8

1. Request for Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a leave of absence request from Halli Trinker, Elementary Teacher John Hill School, from February 2, 2026 through June 30, 2026, utilizing 32 days of accumulated sick days and two personal days, followed by an unpaid leave of absence.
2. Request for Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a leave of absence request from Amanda Bulkeley, Kindergarten Teacher School Street School, from January 20, 2026 through February 6, 2026, utilizing 14 days of accumulated sick days.
3. Bridges to Learning Before/After School Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following for the Bridges to Learning Before/After School Program at School Street School, John Hill School and Boonton High School for the 2025-2026 school year:

Alicia Rodriguez, College Support Staff - \$17 per hour
Laura Tinoco, high school volunteer staff
Olivia Tanis, high school volunteer staff

4. Bridges to Learning After School Enrichment Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Lindsay Halliwell for up to one hour per class for the Bridges to Learning After School Enrichment activities during the 2025-2026 school year at a rate of \$40.00-\$70.00 per class, based upon enrollment.
5. Field Trip: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destination for the 2025-2026 school year:

Grade/Group	Destination
Grades 6-8	Patriots Park

6. Title I Teacher for Parent and Child Nights: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Danielle Sudak for Title I Parent and Child Nights for PreK-5 families for the 2025-2026 school year, at the rate of \$42 per hour, for up to 4 hours per night, for planning and presentation of program.
7. Revise Employment Agreement for Administrator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to revise the employment agreement for Peter Nosal, Principal John Hill School. (enclosure)
8. Appointment of Assistant Principal: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Louis Castano to the position of Assistant Principal, John Hill School, at a salary of \$124,440.00, prorated from January 1, 2026 for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year.

PK-12

1. Field Trips: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destinations for the 2025-2026 school year:

Grade/Group	Destination
Transition (CBI)	Mayo Performing Arts Center
Grades 9-12 (Teaching and Learning Academy)	Fairleigh Dickinson University

2. Additions to Substitute List: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following additions to the 2025-2026 substitute list:

Substitute Teacher/Paraprofessional
 Jake Blumenthal*
 Samuel Gundlach
 Daisy Lazo**

*Pending receipt of Substitute Certificate

**Pending background clearance

3. Coordinator of English Language Arts and Arts Departments: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Jordan Goldson as the Coordinator of the English Language Arts and Arts Departments for Grades 6-12 effective from January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026, at a stipend rate of \$10,000.

4. Coordinator of Social Studies and World Language Departments: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Marissa LaPlaca as the Coordinator of the Social Studies and World Language Departments for Grades 6-12, effective from January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026, at a stipend rate of \$10,000.
5. Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a leave of absence request from Jamie Westergaard, Paraprofessional Boonton High School, effective January 5, 2026 through June 30, 2026, utilizing 30 days of accumulated sick days followed by an unpaid leave of absence.
6. LDTC Internship: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves an LDTC Internship for Jason Kaulfers attending Kean University, for 90 hours from January 12, 2026 through May 7, 2026 under the supervision of Julie Rienzi.

HIB REPORT

Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board affirms the findings and recommendations on the following Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying complaint: JHS #1.

POLICY

None

OPERATIONS

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

\$9,494.15	10/27/2025	Cafeteria ACH (attachment)
\$18,020.15	10/27/2025	General ACH (attachment)
\$150,146.53	10/27/2025	General checks (attachment)
\$1,595.00	10/27/2025	Student Activity BHS checks (attachment)
\$500.00	10/27/2025	Student Activity JHS ACH (attachment)
\$525.00	10/27/2025	Student Activity JHS checks (attachment)
\$3,541,861.85	September 2025	Electronic checks (incl. payroll, attachment)
2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending September 30, 2025. ([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 September 30, 2025; 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. ([attachment](#))
5. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 10/27/2025 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. (attachment)

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Steve Bossen: Advertisement of board vacancy, Budget document

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Next meeting is November 10, 2025
2. Applications for board vacancy, Write-in candidates

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 7:39 pm by Mr. Mondino and seconded by Mrs. Darling, 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 8:12 pm by Ms. O'Halloran and seconded by Mr. Portas, all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 8:13 pm by Mr. Mondino and seconded by Ms. O'Halloran, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL:



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Meeting Agenda

6:36 pm on November 10, 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 & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members present at roll call were Jennifer Darling, Loren Katsakos, Irene LeFebvre, Andrew Portas. Brianna O'Halloran arrived at 6:48 pm. Absent were Christopher Cartelli, Elaine Doherty, Patrick Joyce, Matthew Mondino.

Also present were Mr. Thomas Valle, Superintendent, Mr. Steven Gardberg, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and approximately two members of the public. The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

LIAISON REPORTS

1. John Hill School student representative by Nick Fava: Second marking period, SFC volleyball fundraiser & Applebee's breakfast fundraiser for DC trip; Helping Hands food drive;
2. Boonton High School student representative Ivanna Robello: Fall sports, standardized testing, trip to LPMS
3. Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) by Gabriella Lanzo: Holiday fair; Dine to Donate; Tricky tray; Junior Bomber pride; flocking; Box Tops
4. Home School Association (HSA) by Jen Darling: Calendars on sale
5. Town Council by Marie DeVenezia: Promoted Chris Petonak to Police Chief; Jacob Hettrich resigned as council member; leaf pick-up; speeding on Oak Street;
6. ESC of Morris County: Too few students in the OOD program
7. MCSBA by Jen: 12/2 meeting in Montville
8. NJSBA by Irene: Delegate Assembly
9. Historical Society: Program at fireman's home

WORK OF THE BOARD

1. Administration
 - Personnel: Seeking STEM Supervisor due to appointing Mr. Castano as JHS Asst. Principal; sports-related appointments;
 - Programming: Preschool Three-year Plan; Field testing for standardized testing
 - Professional Development: Completed first month of new PD model
 - Policies: NJSBA offering free basic system for policy manual
 - Technology & Facilities: Phone System & Security by John Gaertner, IT Director

2. Operations

- Finance: FY26 budget is on track; FY27 has many uncertainties, we will not plan for a major project, but we are starting to plan for small upgrades, such as classroom flooring; DOE survey about school aid
- Facilities: Only minor roof leaks; Town rec camp summer 2026; air duct cleaning
- Transportation: Appointment of sub driver; non-CDL drivers & vehicles for FY27 (up to 8 passengers plus driver)

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

None

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Portas, the Board approved all resolutions in a consent agenda by roll call. YES: Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Portas. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Mr. Portas (Admin PK8). ABSENT: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Mondino.

MINUTES

Approval of the following Board of Education meeting minutes.

1. Regular session: October 27, 2025 (enclosure)
2. Executive session #1: October 27, 2025 (enclosure)
3. Executive session #2: October 27, 2025 (enclosure)

ADMINISTRATION

PK-8

1. Amend Bridges to Learning Hourly Rates of Pay: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to amend the hourly rates of pay for Bridges to Learning staff members effective January 1, 2026 as per the following:

Support High School Staff: \$15.92
Support College School Staff: \$17.50
Support Adult Staff: \$23.50
Lead Teacher: \$35.50
2. Bridges to Learning Before/After School Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Paige Donnelly as a lead teacher substitute for the Bridges to Learning Before/After School Program at School Street School, John Hill School and Boonton High School for the 2025-2026 school year at a rate of \$35 per hour.
3. 2026-2027 Three-Year Preschool Program Plan and Annual Update: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the 2026-2027 Three-Year Preschool Program Plan and Annual Update. (enclosure)

4. 2026-2027 Three-Year Preschool Program Plan District Contact Chart: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the 2026-2027 Three-Year Preschool Program Plan District Contact Chart. (enclosure)
5. 2026-2027 Three-Year Preschool Program Projected Enrollment: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the 2026-2027 Projected Enrollment. (enclosure)
6. Resignation of Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Jamie Nash, John Hill School Boys Basketball Coach.
7. Appointment of Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Christopher Hurd as the John Hill School Boys Basketball Coach at a stipend rate of \$5,311 for the 2025-2026 school year.
8. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 3572739269-B for up to 10 hours per week beginning October 22, 2025 with instruction to be provided by district approved instructors at a rate of \$42 per hour.
9. 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, John Hill School, John Hill School PreK and Boonton High School PreK for the month of October 2025. (enclosure) (enclosure) (enclosure)

PK-12

1. Uniform Memorandum of Agreement Between Board of Education and Law Enforcement Officials: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Uniform Memorandum of Agreement Between Board of Education and Law Enforcement Officials for the 2025-2026 school year. (enclosure)
2. Field Trips: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destinations for the 2025-2026 school year:

Grade/Group	Destination
Grades 9-12 (Teaching & Learning Academy)	Drew University
Grades 9-12 (CBI)	Jefferson High School
3. Advisor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Catherine O'Shea as GSA Advisor at Boonton High School at a stipend rate of \$3,010 for the 2025-2026 school year.
4. Resignation of Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Matthew Testa, Boonton High School Boys Assistant Lacrosse Coach.

5. Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Emily Bohn as Track and Field Assistant Coach at Boonton High School at a stipend rate of \$7,586 (Step 4) for the 2025-2026 school year.
6. Volunteer Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Batisse Manhardt as a volunteer wrestling coach at Boonton High School for the 2025-2026 school year.
7. Substitute Bus Driver: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves John Trahan as substitute bus driver at a rate of \$36.92 (Step 5) per hour, pending clearance of background check for the 2025-2026 school year.
8. 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 2025. (enclosure)
9. 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 October 2025. (enclosure)
10. Vacation Payout: The Board approves a vacation payout for Thomas Valle, Superintendent of Schools, in the amount of \$11,740.26 (21 days at \$559.06 per day).
11. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for the following students to be provided by district approved instructors at a rate of \$42 per hour:

Student State ID# 7074459611-B for up to 10 hours per week beginning October 9, 2025, and

Student State ID# 8320374669-B for up to 10 hours per week beginning October 31, 2025 10/31/25.
12. Home Instructors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Robin Schwalb and Samantha Angelillo to provide home instruction during the 2025-2026 school year based on individual certifications at a rate of \$42 per hour.

HIB REPORT

Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board affirms the findings and recommendations on the following Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying complaint: JHS #2.

POLICY

None

OPERATIONS

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

\$29,631.04	11/10/2025	Cafeteria ACH (attachment)
\$21,055.34	11/10/2025	General ACH (attachment)
\$257,644.04	11/10/2025	General checks (attachment)
\$164.03	11/10/2025	Student Activity BHS ACH (attachment)
\$1,180.26	11/10/2025	Student Activity BHS checks (attachment)
\$590.00	11/10/2025	Student Activity JHS ACH (attachment)
\$8,932.00	11/10/2025	Student Activity JHS checks (attachment)
2. Payroll Expenses: The Board approves the following payroll expenses.

\$ 1,105,512.39	10/15/2025
\$ 1,120,765.75	10/30/2025
3. Professional Development: The Board approves these professional development expenses, in accordance with OMB Guidelines, State travel regulations and/or employee contracts. ([attachment](#))
4. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 11/10/2025 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. ([attachment](#))
5. Contract: The Board approves awarding a five-year contract to Hunter Technologies (Tru Stor LLC) for phone upgrades & carrier services for \$185,148.49 and security upgrades for \$73,955.00, per NJ State Contractor: Contract # T-1316 Schedule B – 11-X-2141 (Avaya, Inc. 80802), to be paid over the five years, effective 12/1/2025 - 11/30/2030.
6. M-1 and Comprehensive Maintenance Plan: The Board approves submission of the M-1 and Comprehensive Maintenance Plan for the 2025-2026 school year to the Department of Education.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Next meeting is November 24, 2025
2. Open board seat
3. MCSBA legislative committee
4. Results of 2025 election for seats on the Board

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 7:31 pm by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Portas, 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 7:38 pm by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Portas, all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 7:39 pm by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Portas, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL:



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Meeting Agenda

6:30 pm on November 24, 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 Building at 434 Lathrop Avenue, Boonton, NJ.

ROLL CALL & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members present at roll call were Christopher Cartelli, Jennifer Darling, Elaine Doherty, Patrick Joyce, Loren Katsakos, Irene LeFebvre, Matthew Mondino, Brianna O'Halloran, Andrew Portas. No members were absent.

Also present were Mr. Thomas Valle, Superintendent, Mr. Steven Gardberg, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and approximately five members of the public. The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

LIAISON REPORTS

1. John Hill School student representative Nick Fava: Winter sports, winter dance, toy drive, food drive
2. Boonton High School student representative Kira Shiels: Spirit Week, winter sports, Turkey Bowling, Thanksgiving, winter pep rally:
3. Home School Association (HSA) by Courteny Mondino: Calendar raffle, food drive, Cinderella closet
4. Town Council by Marie DeVenezia: Food pantries, promotion of Chris Petonak to Chief, appointment of new officer, appointed new council member to a vacant seat, spring leaf pick-up
5. ESC of Morris County: Placements for current students at other programs
6. MCSBA: Meeting next week
7. NJSBA: Delegate Assembly; Governor-elect included NJSBA's Jonathan Pushman to the transition team
8. Historical Society: Christmas parade, Annual meeting (Jan 25)

SUPERINTENDENT

1. District News and Updates: Appointment of new STEM supervisor; resignation of network technician; winter concerts;
2. FY25 financial audit presentation by Rob Haag of Lerch Vinci & Bliss: Delay due to federal government shut-down, but no impact expected; unmodified opinions; regenerated about \$400k in fund balance; excess surplus; unassigned fund balance; consistent year-over-year; four recommendations for corrective action; no material weaknesses; financials are accurate and timely

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

None

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Ms. O'Halloran, the Board approved all resolutions in a consent agenda by roll call. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Portas. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Mrs. Doherty (Minutes), Mr. Portas (Admin PK8). ABSENT: None.

MINUTES

Approval of the following Board of Education meeting minutes.

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

ADMINISTRATION

PK-8

1. Extend Unpaid Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to extend the unpaid leave of absence for Taylor Burke, Preschool Teacher, previously revised on May 12, 2025, through November 23, 2025, to extend through June 30, 2026.
2. Extend Assignment for Long-Term Leave Replacement Preschool Teacher: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to extend the employment agreement for Deblina Mukherjee, Long-Term Leave Replacement Preschool Teacher, through June 30, 2026.
3. Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a leave of absence for Julie Rogers, from November 14, 2025 through December 14, 2025, utilizing accumulated sick days.
4. Field Trips: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destinations for the 2025-2026 school year:

Grade/Group	Destination
Grades 5-8 (STEM Club)	Liberty Science Center
Grades 6-8 (JHS Choir)	Victoria Mews

5. Bridges to Learning Before/After School Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Jennifer Oleksak and Cynthia Mascia as Adult Support Staff for the Bridges to Learning Before/After School Program at School Street School, John Hill School and Boonton High School for the 2025-2026 school year at a rate of \$23 per hour.

6. Acceptance of Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Laura Baseil, Elementary Teacher, School Street School, effective June 30, 2026, for the purpose of retirement.
7. Extracurricular/Instructional Aide Services for Jr. TAG: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Madison Affinito to assist and supervise students for up to 9 events at John Hill School (dates to be determined) at the Special Education Teen Advocacy Group (Jr. TAG) evening events for up to 3 hours per event at a rate of \$31.65 per hour, based on student attendance to events, during the 2025-2026 school year for the following students:

Student State ID# 7295364313-B

Student State ID# 4634876141-B

Student State ID# 8359684319-B

PK-12

1. Acceptance of Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Anthony Perez, Network Technician, effective December 12, 2025.
2. Resignation of Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Matthew Emering, Girls Assistant Lacrosse Coach, Boonton High School.
3. Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Matthew Emering as the Boys Assistant Lacrosse Coach, Boonton High School, at a stipend rate of \$6,306 (Step 3) for the 2025-2026 school year.
4. Volunteer Coaches: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following volunteer coaches at Boonton High School for the 2025-2026 school year:

Jason Kaulfers - Volunteer Winter Track Coach

Mazzy Cirinelli - Volunteer Winter & Spring Track Coach (pending background check)

5. Field Trips: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destinations for the 2025-2026 school year:

Grade/Group	Destination
Grades 9-10 (Aviation Academy)	Teterboro Airport
Grades 9-12 (Business Academy)	ArizonaLand
Grades 9-12 (Gateway Academy)	Lincoln Park Middle School
Grades 9-12 (CBI)	TD Bank Ballpark/Patriots Park
	Marshalls & Home Goods
Grades 11-12 (Honors/AP Art class)	Roma Pizza
Grades 11-12 (All-County Soccer Banquet)	Randolph Diner

6. Substitute: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Mazzy Cirinelli as a substitute teacher/ paraprofessional for the 2025-2026 school year, pending background check.
7. 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. (enclosure)
8. 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 10 hours each per week, to be provided by district approved instructors at a rate of \$42 per hour:

Student State ID# 9759813295-B beginning October 15, 2025 and

Student State ID# 6743726160-B beginning November 12, 2025

9. Extracurricular/Instructional Aide Services for TAG: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Madison Affinito to assist and supervise students for up to 10 events at Boonton High School (dates to be determined) at the Special Education Teen Advocacy Group (TAG) evening events for up to 3 hours per event at a rate of \$31.65 per hour, based on student attendance to events, during the 2025-2026 school year for the following students:

Student State ID# 9460157166-B

Student State ID# 6655209681-B

Student State ID# 4363741727-B

Student State ID# 3078967486-B

Student State ID# 5903634416-LP

Student State ID# 1104912701-B

10. Extracurricular/Instructional Aide Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves up to 100 total hours for Kathleen Post, Clare Zarzecki and Matthew Voswinkel, to assist and supervise Student State ID# 1104912701-B, during Boonton High School Boys Basketball Season, for the 2025-2026 school year at a rate of \$31.65 per hour each.
11. Appointment of Supervisor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Sabrina Vargas to the position of Supervisor of STEM, Grades 6-12, at a salary of \$120,000, prorated from an approximate start date of January 26, 2026 for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year.

HIB REPORT

None

POLICY

None

OPERATIONS

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

\$25,759.96	11/24/2025	Cafeteria ACH (attachment)
\$62,592.30	11/14/2025	General ACH (attachment)
\$28,272.77	11/24/2025	General ACH (attachment)
\$1,796,460.26	11/14/2025	General checks (attachment)
\$458,993.11	11/24/2025	General checks (attachment)
\$266.00	11/24/2025	Student Activity BHS ACH (attachment)
\$718.49	11/24/2025	Student Activity BHS checks (attachment)
\$7,290.00	11/14/2025	Student Activity BHS checks (attachment)
\$1,439.00	11/24/2025	Student Activity JHS checks (attachment)
\$3,436,019.10	October 2025	Electronic checks, incl. payroll (attachment)
2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending October 31, 2025. ([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 October 31, 2025; 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. ([attachment](#))
5. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 11/24/2025 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. ([attachment](#))
6. Contract: The Board approves the contract for network equipment to CDW for \$28,280, per Educational Services Commission of New Jersey (ESCNJ/AEPA-22G).
7. Disposal of Records: The Board approves the disposal of public records per New Jersey Division of Archives and Records Management Guidelines. Authorization for disposal was approved by the Department of Treasury on 11/12/2025, Authorization #616550. Authorization for disposal was approved by the Department of Treasury on 11/19/2025, Authorization #616689 and #616690.
8. Purchasing Manual: The Board approves the Purchasing Manual for 2025-2026.
9. SOP Manual: The Board approves the Business Office Standard Operating Procedures Manual for 2025-2026.
10. Donation: The Board accepts the \$300 donation from Veronica Gartno for the Boonton High School Drama Club.

11. Grant: The Board approves submission of the New Jersey Legislature's State House Express Civics Education Transportation Grant for \$450.00 by Boonton High School.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Bossen: Background checks before appointments of administrators; financial audit

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

- Next meeting is December 8, 2025
- Meeting calendar for 2026

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 7:06 pm by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Ms. 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, 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 8:04 pm by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Doherty, all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session.

APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBER

Mary McMahon was nominated to fill an open seat on the Board by Mrs. Doherty, and the nomination was seconded by Ms. O'Halloran. On roll call, the nomination was approved and Mrs. McMahon took the Oath of Office. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Mondino, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Portas. NO: Mr. Joyce. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: None

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 8:09 pm by Mrs. Doherty and seconded by Ms. O'Halloran, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL:



**BOONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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Meeting Minutes

6:30 pm on December 8, 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 & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Also present were Mr. Thomas Valle, Superintendent, Mr. Steven Gardberg, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and approximately 3 members of the public. The Board led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

LIAISON REPORTS

1. Boonton High School student representative Kira Shiels: Spirit week, senior-faculty basketball game, winter sports, pep rally
2. Town Council by Marie DeVenezia: Holiday activities, resident spoke at meeting about traffic safety at John Hill pick-up, leaf pick-up
3. MCSBA by Mrs. Darling: Meeting last week
4. NJSBA by Mrs. LeFebvre: Planning for next Workshop, new officers
5. Other: Historical Society holiday programs, new website; Native seeds library

WORK OF THE BOARD

1. Administration by Mr. Valle
 - Personnel: Computer Technician, temp help for IT, job description
 - Programming: Biomedical science club, concerts
 - Technology & Facilities: Phone system, interactive displays in classrooms, WiFi upgrades, cellphone repeaters, JHS elevator, heating
2. Operations by Mr. Gardberg: ASSA report, Ch 44 report, DOE budget report, FY27 state aid, health insurance, roof change order, inspection reports, water heater, DCA Local Recreation Improvement Grant, LGEA grant
3. Policy by Mrs. Katsakos: NJSBA policies/regulations

Mr. Mondino left the meeting at 7:08 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

1. Marie DeVenezia: Hot water heater

ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Katsakos, the Board approved all resolutions in a consent agenda by roll call. YES: Mr. Cartelli, Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. McMahon, Ms. O'Halloran, Mr. Portas. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Mr. Portas (Admin PK8). ABSENT: Mr. Joyce, Mr. Mondino.

MINUTES

Approval of the following Board of Education meeting minutes.

1. Regular session: November 24, 2025 (enclosure)
2. Executive session: November 24, 2025 (enclosure)

ADMINISTRATION

PK-8

1. Field Trip: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destination for the 2025-2026 school year:

Grade/Group	Destination
Grade 4	Liberty Science Center

2. Detention Monitor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Jennifer Bridi as a Detention Monitor at John Hill School at a rate of \$26.50 per hour for the 2025-2026 school year.
3. Bridges to Learning Before/After School Staff: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Kelli Briggs as Adult Support Staff for the Bridges to Learning Before/After School Program at School Street School, John Hill School and Boonton High School for the 2025-2026 school year at a rate of \$23 per hour.
4. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 7968816201-B for up to 10 hours per week from November 24, 2025 through December 1, 2025, with instruction to be provided by district approved instructors at a rate of \$42 per hour.
5. Extracurricular/Instructional Aide Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members for up to 3 hours per event to assist and supervise Student State ID# 5315840638-B, Student State ID# 6465764251-B, Student State ID# 5871915728-B, Student State ID# 4738918218-B, and Student State ID# 8876906617-B during John Hill School Junior Choir evening concerts for winter and spring seasons, for the 2025-2026 school year:

Tina Cosentino at a rate of \$31.53 (Step 3)
Laura Affinito at a rate of \$31.65 (Step 4)
Brianna Affinito at a rate of \$31.65 (Step 4)
Melinda Miksad at a rate of \$31.53 (Step 3)
Jennifer Coleman at a rate of \$31.65 (Step 4)
Matthew Robinson at a rate of \$31.02 (Step 1)

6. Out-of-District Placement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the out-of-district placement for Student State ID# 7968816201-B, to attend Windsor Learning Center, beginning December 1, 2025 through the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year, at a rate of \$367 per day (123 days), and that transportation be arranged as needed.

PK-12

1. Substitutes: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following substitutes for the 2025-2026 school year:

Teachers/Paraprofessionals
Abby Crane
Kennedy Kwinta*

*Pending background clearance

2. Field Trip: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destination for the 2025-2026 school year:

Grade/Group	Destination
Grades 12+ Transition	Jefferson High School

3. Revise Job Description: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the revisions to the Computer Technician Job Description. (enclosure)
4. Revise Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to revise the leave of absence request for Meghan Stratton, previously approved on September 8, 2025 to begin on January 12, 2026, to now begin on January 5, 2026, utilizing 5 additional accumulated sick days, through July 5, 2026.
5. 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 November 2025. (enclosure)
6. Computer/Technology Support: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Kaylee Hughen to provide computer/technology support, for up to 120 hours from December 15, 2025 through January 25, 2026, at a rate of \$16 per hour.
7. Computer Technician: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Tessa Heidt to the position of Computer Technician, at a salary of \$54,000 prorated from January 1, 2026 for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year.
8. Outside Evaluation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Dr. Sostre-Oquendo, MD, to conduct a follow up clearance from initial Psychiatric Evaluation for Student State ID# 4885742630-B at a cost of \$500.

HIB REPORT

None

POLICY

None

OPERATIONS

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

\$45,666.97	12/8/2025	Cafeteria ACH (attachment)
\$1,720.00	12/8/2025	Cafeteria checks (attachment)
\$51,523.33	12/8/2025	General ACH (attachment)
\$1,248.00	12/1/2025	General checks (attachment)
\$758,236.24	12/8/2025	General checks (attachment)
\$468.00	12/1/2025	Student Activity BHS checks (attachment)
\$1,586.19	12/8/2025	Student Activity BHS checks (attachment)
\$288.47	12/8/2025	Student Activity JHS ACH (attachment)
\$2,952.01	12/8/2025	Student Activity JHS checks (attachment)
2. Payroll Expenses: The Board approves the following payroll expenses.

\$1,112,488.95	11/15/2025
\$1,187,529.14	11/30/2025
3. Professional Development: The Board approves these professional development expenses, in accordance with OMB Guidelines, State travel regulations and/or employee contracts. ([attachment](#))
4. Change Order: The Board approves change order #1 in the amount of -\$88,025.11 to the roofing replacement project awarded on April 28, 2025, to Weatherproofing Technologies Inc., reducing the total contract to \$884,751.64.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Steve Bossen: Cooperation with Lincoln Park board, thank you to new board member for joining

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Next meeting is January 5, 2026
2. Mr. Cartelli: 15 years on the board, academic hall of fame, top 100 high school, phones, fiscal responsibility

Mr. Mondino returned to the meeting at 7:35 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 7:41 pm by Mrs. Katsakos and seconded by Mrs. Doherty, all present voted to approve the following resolution to enter Executive Session.

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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 Mr. Mondino and seconded by Mr. Portas, all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 8:07 pm by Mr. Portas and seconded by Ms. O'Halloran, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: