



**BOONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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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: