



**BOONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

434 LATHROP AVENUE · BOONTON · NEW JERSEY · 07005

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
--------------	----------------	-----------------	--------------
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: