



**BOONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

434 LATHROP AVENUE · BOONTON · NEW JERSEY · 07005

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

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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.

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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: