



**BOONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

434 LATHROP AVENUE · BOONTON · NEW JERSEY · 07005

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: