



**BOONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

434 LATHROP AVENUE · BOONTON · NEW JERSEY · 07005

Meeting Minutes

6:30 pm on July 13, 2026, 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, Justin Nguyen, Brianna O'Halloran. Absent were Jenna Aiello, Mary McMahon, 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

1. Lincoln Park parent about scheduling conflicts

LIAISON REPORTS

1. MCSBA: Planning meeting last week, five meetings planned
2. NJSBA: Board member of the year
3. Other: Historical Society holiday sale July 17-19, Colonial Boonton & American Revolution presentation; Boy Scouts thank-you for Mrs. LeFebvre's presentation

WORK OF THE BOARD

1. Administration
 - Emergency Virtual/Remote Plan
 - Personnel: Dr. Lopez at JHS, preschool teachers, JHS secretary, BHS gym teacher, coordinator positions, BHS special education teacher
 - Professional Development: Calendar by the leadership team
 - Student use of internet-enabled devices: Situations when students may be able to contact families; Questions/Concerns: Smart watches; provide lunchtime activities to spend time; dumb phones; non-internet devices other than phones; how to enforce, report, give consequences; exception process; how to inform parents about infractions; classroom cell phone holders; midyear updates to the Board; substitute teachers
2. Operations
 - Start of 10th year
 - Town: New administrator, Patrick Laverty
 - Finance: Closing 25-26 financials, planning to roll over this week, news of financial cliff are real, state budget includes \$250k appropriation for Jefferson, IDEA and ESEA/ESSA FY27 applications, tuition for students experiencing homelessness

- Local Recreation Improvement Grant updates: POs for backboards & wall mats, but a delay with the bleacher repairs
- JHS flooring upgrades: Abatement is complete, new flooring should be complete by 8/1
- Food Service: Congratulations to Jenna on her new baby; along with moving from Realtime to Genesis, we have a transition to a new system for POS, but meal applications are staying in the SIS to make this easier for parents, allowing credit/debit cards

3. Policy

- 15 new policies, 2 new regulations, 3 regulations abolished

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS FOR BOARD ACTION

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: Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Nguyen, Ms. O'Halloran. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Aiello, Mrs. McMahon, Mr. Mondino.

MINUTES

Approval of the following Board of Education meeting minutes.

1. Regular session: June 8, 2026 (enclosure)
2. Executive session: June 8, 2026 (enclosure)

ADMINISTRATION

PK-8

1. Appointment of Administrator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Yoniel Lopez to the position of Assistant Principal, John Hill School, at a salary of \$140,000, prorated from July 20, 2026, for the 2026-2027 school year.
2. Transfer Paraprofessional: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a transfer for Michelle Becker, Paraprofessional, John Hill School, to Boonton High School for the 2026-2027 school year.
3. Transfer Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a transfer for Melanie Chin, Elementary Teacher John Hill School, to School Street School for the 2026-2027 school year.
4. Appointment of Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Meagan Daly to the position of Preschool Teacher, School Street School, at a salary of \$81,910 (Step 12 MA) for the 2026-2027 school year.
5. Appointment of Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Nicole Mendell to the position of

Preschool Teacher, Boonton High School, at a salary of \$76,465 (Step 11 BA+15) for the 2026-2027 school year.

6. Long-Term Leave Replacement Preschool Teacher: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Madison Geiger as the Long-Term Leave Replacement Preschool Teacher, John Hill School, at a salary of \$64,200 (Step 1 BA) for the 2026-2027 school year.
7. Long-Term Leave Replacement Preschool Teacher: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Jillian Sarria, Long-Term Leave Replacement Preschool Teacher, Boonton High School, at a salary of \$74,065 (Step 10 BA+15) for the 2026-2027 school year.
8. Appointment of Non-Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Rosanna Guido, Part-Time Secretary, John Hill School, at a salary of \$47,168 (75% Step 12), prorated from August 10, 2026 for the 2026-2027 school year.
9. Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Rachael Zeug, Elementary Special Education Teacher, School Street School, effective June 30, 2026.
10. Bridges to Learning Tuition Rates: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Bridges to Learning Tuition Rates for the 2026-2027 school year. ([attachment](#))
11. Bridges to Learning 2026-2027 Calendar: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Bridges to Learning 2026-2027 calendar. ([attachment](#))
12. Sick Day Payouts for Retired Certified Staff Members: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves sick day payouts for the following retired certified staff members:

Laura Baseil in the amount of \$10,332 for 164 unused sick days x \$63 per day, and
Carol Haight in the amount of \$5,796 for 92 unused sick days x \$63 per day
13. Sick Day Payouts for Retired Non-Certified Staff Members: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves sick day payouts for the following retired non-certified staff members:

Ann Tvedt in the amount of \$1,985 for 47.27 unused sick days x \$42 per day, and
Debbie Muhlberger in the amount of \$2,478 for 59 unused sick days x \$42 per day
14. Vacation and Sick Day Payout for Retired Secretary: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a vacation and sick day payout to Janine LaPointe, retired secretary, as follows:

Vacation day payout \$4,678.80 (20 days @ \$233.94 per day)

Sick day payout \$6,720 (160 unused sick days x \$42 per day)

15. Bridges to Learning Summer Student Volunteers: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following Bridges to Learning Summer Student Volunteers:

Mia Barboza, John Hill School student, for the Bridges to Learning Summer Enrichment Program in August 2026 and

Olivia Tanis, Boonton High School student, for the After Camp Bridges and August Summer Enrichment Program in August 2026

16. Coach: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Daniel Montgomery as the Boys Soccer Coach at John Hill School at a stipend rate of \$4,687 for the 2026-2027 school year.

17. Itinerant Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Lake Drive School to provide the following services for Student State ID #6590698493-B during the 2026-2027 school year (dates to be determined):

Itinerant Services (TOD) – 5 sessions, 50-min sessions, at \$200 per session

Audiological Services – up to 2 hours at \$270 per hour

18. Additional Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Student State ID# 5759515210-B to receive additional related services at Lake Drive School for 2026-2027 school year as follows:

Physical Therapy 1x per week, at a fee not to exceed \$1,325.00

Occupational Therapy 2x per week, at a fee not to exceed \$2,650.00

PK-12

1. Revise Employment Agreement for Administrator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to revise the employment agreement for Sabrina Vargas, Supervisor of Instruction and Programs, Boonton High School. (enclosure)
2. Transfer Paraprofessionals: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a transfer for the following paraprofessionals for the 2026-2027 school year:

Daniel Montgomery, Boonton High School to John Hill School and

Sandy Seegers, Boonton High School to John Hill School

3. Letter of Resignation: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board accepts a letter of resignation from Jason Kaulfers, Special Education Teacher, Boonton High School, effective June 30, 2026.
4. Appointment of Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Ryan Harman to the position of Physical Education Teacher, Boonton High School at a salary of \$71,105 (Step 7 BA+15) for the 2026-2027 school year.
5. Appointment of Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the appointment of Tristan Goodrich to the position of

Music Teacher, Boonton High School, at a salary of \$64,700 (Step 2 BA) for the 2026-2027 school year.

6. Emergency Virtual/Remote Instruction Plan: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Emergency Virtual/Remote Instruction Plan for the 2026-2027 school year. (enclosure)
7. 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)
8. Job Description: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Job Description for Coordinator of Humanities (enclosure)
9. Job Description: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the Job Description for Coordinator of STEM (enclosure)
10. Coordinator of Humanities: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Jordan Goldson as the Coordinator of Humanities at Boonton High School at a stipend rate of \$20,000 for the 2026-2027 school year.
11. Coordinator of STEM: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Marissa LaPlaca as the Coordinator of STEM at Boonton High School at a stipend rate of \$20,000 for the 2026-2027 school year.
12. Summer Substitute Secretary: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Tammi Green-Strelkoff as a summer substitute secretary at a rate of \$125 per day during the summer of 2026.
13. 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 2026. (enclosure)
14. Vacation Day Payouts for Administrators: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves vacation day payouts to the following administrators:

Louis Castano in the amount of \$11,486.88 (24 days @ \$478.62 per day) and
Meghan Stratton in the amount of \$6,593.55 (15 days @ \$439.57 per day)
15. Transportation Bus Aide: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Karen Maggio as a transportation bus aide to ride the bus with School Street School, John Hill School and Boonton High School students before and after school for up to 1.75 hours per shift, depending on enrollment, at an hourly rate of \$32.82 (Step 4) for the 2026-2027 school year.
16. Genesis 101 Training: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members for Genesis 101 Training for up to 8 hours each at a rate of \$36.75:

Christina Buck
Olivia DiTrollo

Marianne Sayle
Marissa LaPlaca

Sameera Hanafi
Scott Allen

Zachary Sabatino
Christopher Hurd
Tracy Paulozzo

Kristin Kubinsky
Gabiella Filippini

Nupur Bahl
Dean Del Guercio

17. Field Trips: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following field trip destinations for the 2026-2027 school year:

Grade/Group	Destination
Grades 9-12+ CBI	Tourne Park, Gracelord Park, Holmes Library, Great Falls (Paterson)
Grades 9-12 Business Academy	Boston Consulting Group

18. Athletic Field Trips: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following athletic field trip destinations during the 2026-2027 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

19. Coaches: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following coaches and stipends at Boonton High School for the 2026-2027 school year:

Coach	Position	Step / Stipend
Michael Smulewicz	Assistant Boys Soccer	4 / \$ 7,662
Ryan Harman	Assistant Girls Soccer	1 / \$ 4,894
Ryan Harman	Assistant Girls Basketball	1 / \$ 5,010
Christopher Becker	Head Baseball	4 / \$11,344
Brian Kerian	Assistant Baseball	1 / \$ 4,894
William Hopkins	Head Softball	3 / \$ 8,939
Michelle Becker	Assistant Softball	3 / \$ 6,370
Mickey Norton	Head Boys Lacrosse	4 / \$11,457
Matthew Emering	Assistant Boys Lacrosse	4 / \$ 7,662
Vincent Coiro	Assistant Boys Lacrosse	1 / \$ 4,894

Kristy Shovlowsky	Head Girls Lacrosse	4 / \$11,457
Leah Durkin	Assistant Girls Lacrosse	4 / \$ 7,662
Steven Delaporte	Head Track & Field	4 / \$11,457
Devon Engelberger	Assistant Track & Field	4 / \$ 7,662
Jabez Thomas*	Assistant Track & Field	4 / \$ 7,662
Emily Bohn	Assistant Track & Field	4 / \$ 7,662
Gregory LaPointe	Head Boys Tennis	4 / \$ 7,146

*Pending background clearance

20. Volunteer Coaches: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following volunteer coaches at Boonton High School for the 2026-2027 school year:

Bethany Glaser - Volunteer Girls Lacrosse*
Alyssa Blauvelt - Volunteer Girls Tennis
Gregory LaPointe - Volunteer Girls Tennis
Kathie Foley - Volunteer Boys Tennis
Marc Stanic - Volunteer Track & Field
Bill Stahl - Volunteer Boys Basketball

*Pending background clearance and receipt of certification

23. Advisors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following advisors and stipends at Boonton High School for the 2026-2027 school year:

Advisor	Position	Stipend
Tristan Goodrich	Band Director	\$4,500
Tristan Goodrich	Jazz Band	\$1,875
Tristan Goodrich	Drama Music Director	\$2,000
Brian Kerian	Fall Weightroom Supervisor	\$ 990
Melinda Miksad	Cheerleading Varsity Football	\$4,000
Melina Miksad	Cheerleading Varsity Basketball	\$4,000

24. Staff for Ticket Sales/Crowd Control/Clock Operator: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following staff members and for ticket sales/crowd control/clock operator, at events as required for the 2026-2027 school year:

Michael Aquino and Ryan Harman

25. Athletic Events: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following Athletic Events at Boonton High School during the 2026-2027 school year, subject to change due to weather, scheduling conflicts and postponements of seasons:

Morris County Field Hockey Seeding Meeting, September/October
Morris County Field Hockey Semi-Final and Championship Games/October
NJAC Field Hockey NJAC 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

26. Extracurricular/Instructional Aide Services: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Kathleen Post and Clare Zarzecki to assist and supervise Student State ID# 1104912701-B for up to 100 total hours during boys soccer season, for the 2026-2027 school year at a rate of \$32.82 each per hour.
27. Supplemental Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of supplemental instruction for Student State ID# 7781957550-B for up to 10 hours per week, from July 6, 2026 through July 31, 2026, to satisfy and fulfill graduation requirements for academic instruction, with instruction to be provided by district approved instructors at a rate of \$42 per hour.
28. Home Instructor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Elias Rosazza to provide home instruction during the 2026-2027 school year at a rate of \$42 per hour.
29. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for Student State ID# 6093252807-B for up to 10 hours per week, from July 6, 2026 through July 31, 2026, 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 instructors at a rate of \$42 per hour.

HIB REPORT

None

POLICY

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

First Reading:

Policy 0162	Notice of Board Meetings (attachment)
Policy 0162.01	Legal Notices (attachment)
Policy 1230	Superintendent's Duties (attachment)
Policy 1643	Family Leave (attachment)
Policy 2200	Curriculum (attachment)
Policy 2260	Equity in School and Classroom Practices (attachment)
Policy 2411	Career Education and Academic Counseling (attachment)
Policy 5111.13	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students Choice School District (attachment)
Regulation 5111.13	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students Choice School District (attachment)
Policy 5460	High School Graduation (attachment)
Policy 5461	High School Diplomas (attachment)
Policy 5561	Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion Techniques for Students with Disabilities (attachment)
Policy 6112	Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures (attachment)
Regulation 6115.01	Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls - Allowability of Costs (attachment)
Policy 6115.02	Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls-Mandatory Disclosures (attachment)

Policy 6311	Contracts for Goods or Services Funded by Federal Grants (attachment)
Policy 8561	Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs (attachment)
Abolished:	
Regulation 2200	Curriculum Content (attachment)
Regulation 2411	Guidance Counseling (attachment)
Regulation 2460.30	Additional/Compensatory Special Education and Related Services (attachment)

OPERATIONS

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

\$23,284.59	06/12/2026	Cafeteria ACH (attachment)
\$19,245.30	06/30/2026	Cafeteria ACH (attachment)
\$1,220.00	06/12/2026	Cafeteria checks (attachment)
\$7,676.55	06/12/2026	General ACH (attachment)
\$113,968.75	06/26/2026	General ACH (attachment)
430,828.81	06/30/2026	General ACH (attachment)
\$230,008.93	06/12/2026	General checks (attachment)
\$275,095.79	06/26/2026	General checks (attachment)
\$140,093.15	06/30/2026	General checks (attachment)
95,916.41	07/13/2026	General checks (attachment)
\$60.00	06/26/2026	Student Activity BHS ACH (attachment)
\$738.42	06/30/2026	Student Activity BHS ACH (attachment)
\$3,150.00	06/10/2026	Student Activity BHS checks (attachment)
\$9,309.16	06/26/2026	Student Activity BHS checks (attachment)
\$1,523.98	06/30/2026	Student Activity BHS checks (attachment)
\$475.66	06/26/2026	Student Activity JHS ACH (attachment)
\$50.00	06/22/2026	Student Activity JHS checks (attachment)
\$11,078.50	06/26/2026	Student Activity JHS checks (attachment)
\$1,946.00	06/30/2026	Student Activity JHS checks (attachment)
\$3,880.00	06/12/2026	Student Activity SSS checks (attachment)
\$3,388,426.54	May 2026	Electronic checks, incl. payroll (attachment)
2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending May 31, 2026. ([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, 2026; 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.

\$1,246,428.25	6/15/2026
\$1,092,739.66	6/23/2026
\$48,997.24	6/30/2026

5. Professional Development: The Board approves these professional development expenses, in accordance with OMB Guidelines, State travel regulations and/or employee contracts. ([attachment](#))
6. Contract: The Board approves contracts for 2025-2026 to Amazon that total \$61,035.95.
7. Indemnity and Trust Agreement: The Board approves renewal of the Indemnity and Trust Agreement with New Jersey Insurance Group (NJSIG) for a period of three years, effective 7/1/2026 - 6/30/2029 ([attachment](#)).
8. Use of Facilities: The Board approves the District Facilities Use List of 7/13/2026 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 to the administration; instruction for 180 days; student data after graduation; open-ended questions on school climate survey; availability of report cards; distribute information often about cell phone ban and consequences

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Next meeting is August 10, 2026
2. Superintendent's evaluation
3. Board retreat: perhaps in lieu of the second August meeting

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion at 7:46 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

On a motion at 8:06 pm by Ms. O'Halloran 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. Darling and seconded by Mrs. Doherty, the Board approved resolution #30 by roll call. YES: Mrs. Darling, Mrs. Doherty, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. Katsakos, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mr. Nguyen, Ms. O'Halloran. NO: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Mrs. Aiello, Mrs. McMahon, Mr. Mondino.

30. Terminate Non-Certified Staff Member: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves to terminate the employment of Staff Member #1401 with 30 calendar days' notice, effective at the end of the business day, August 12, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 8:08 pm by Mrs. O'Halloran and seconded by Mrs. Doherty, all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: