BOONTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
July 29, 2026, 6:45 PM
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Time: 6:45 PM

2. STATEMENT OF NOTICE

"This is a special meeting of the Boonton Township Board of Education held for the purpose of approving a resolution authorizing the submission of a bond proposal question to the voters of Boonton Township and any other business that may come before the Board. In compliance with Chapter 231, Laws of 1975, the notice of this meeting was advertised in the Morris County Daily Record. Copies of the agenda of this meeting were appropriately posted and made available to the public."

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Lauren Bardach, Barry Brantner, Christine Cabana, Francis Hittinger, Christopher Johnson (6:50pm), Grace McBride, Benjamin Mills (6:48pm), Paul Rozenberg

Absent: Jeffrey Chen

Also Present:

Superintendent/Principal	Mr. Kenneth Frattini
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary	John T. Murray II, RSBA

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Mills arrived at 6:48pm and Mr. Johnson arrived at 6:50pm.

COR-01 Preliminary Eligible Costs (PEC) Letters for the proposed referendum project dated July 15, 2026 from Susan Kutner, Director, Office of School Facilities, New Jersey Department of Education to Mr. Frattini.*(5-1)*

COR-02 Letter dated July 28, 2026, from Tammy Mongon to Superintendent

Kenneth Frattini, resigning her position as Language Arts Teacher. *(5-1)*

6. BOARD BUSINESS

BB-01 **MOTION** to Approve:

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BOONTON IN THE COUNTY OF MORRIS, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A BOND PROPOSAL QUESTION TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTERS AT THE ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026

BE IT RESOLVED BY The Board of Education of the Township of Boonton in the County of Morris, New Jersey (the "Board") (not less than a majority of the full membership of the Board concurring) as follows:

1. The following bond proposal (the "Proposal"), shall be submitted to the legal voters of the School District at the annual School District election (the "Election") to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 for the purposes hereinafter provided. The polls shall remain open until 8:00 p.m. and as much longer as may be necessary to permit all the legal voters then present to vote and cast their ballot. The form of the Proposal will read substantially as follows except as otherwise may be set forth herein:

BOND PROPOSAL QUESTION

The Board of Education of the Township of Boonton in the County of Morris, New Jersey (the "Board") is authorized to (a) undertake various improvements, alterations, renovations, and upgrades at Rockaway Valley School, including but not limited to the construction of an addition and corridor expansion and renovations, reconfiguration and renovations of various existing classrooms, renovation and expansion of the science lab, renovations and ADA improvements to the art room and to the school nurse's facilities, upgrades and improvements to the HVAC system, replacement of the existing security system and fire alarm system, various electrical upgrades, replacement of windows in the Lower Gym, replacement of various portions of roofing, abatement of hazardous materials and related renovations, and lighting upgrades and new ceilings, including acquisition and installation of fixtures, furniture, equipment, and any site work; (b) appropriate $28,458,812 for such improvements; and (c) issue bonds in an amount not to exceed $28,458,812, and such bonds may only be utilized to fund the projects described in this Bond Proposal Question.

The final eligible costs for the projects approved by the New Jersey Commissioner of Education are $21,185,538. The projects include $0 for school facility construction elements in addition to the facilities efficiency standards developed by the Commissioner of Education or not otherwise eligible for State support pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-5(g). The State debt service aid percentage will equal 40% of the annual debt service due with respect to the final eligible costs of the projects. The Board of Education is authorized to transfer funds among the projects approved at this election.

Do you approve this Bond Proposal Question?

2. The Board hereby approves and adopts the Proposal set forth above and, subject to the approval of the legal voters of the School District, hereby determines to carry out the same as described therein (the "Project"). The Board authorizes the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, consistent with any advice received from bond counsel, to revise the proposal, if necessary, prior to the Election to conform to any applicable legal requirements.

3. The Board hereby acknowledges and confirms that, in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:24-16 and N.J.S.A. 18A:24-17, a Supplemental Debt Statement has been prepared as of the date of this resolution by the Chief Financial Officer of the Township of Boonton, giving effect to the proposed total authorization of School Bonds of the School District in the maximum amount provided for in the Proposal, and that such respective Supplemental Debt Statement has been filed in the office of each respective Township Clerk, in the office of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary prior to the adoption of this resolution, and will be filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, State of New Jersey, Department of Community Affairs prior to the date of the Election.

4. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed, in conjunction with Bond Counsel, to deliver a certified copy of this resolution and such other information as shall be necessary to the County Clerk as required by N.J.S.A. 19:60-2, to request the County Clerk to submit the Proposal to the voters at the Election and to seek the assistance of the county officials and the municipal clerk in conducting the Election.

5. The Board hereby: (i) accepts the determination of Preliminary Eligible Costs as set forth in the letter from the New Jersey Department of Education and not to appeal such determinations made therein; (ii) determines to construct the Project itself; (iii) agrees to locally fund any excess costs, if any; and (iv) delegates the supervision of the Project to the Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

6. Parette Somjen Architects, the School District's appointed architect for the Project (the "Project Architect"), has heretofore been authorized and delegated the responsibility to prepare the plans and specifications for the Project in consultation with and under the supervision of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, who has been delegated the responsibility to work with the Project Architect for this purposes on behalf of the Board, in accordance with the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-16, and such authorizations and delegations are hereof reconfirmed.

7. The School Administration and such other officers, professionals and agents of the Board as are necessary, including Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Bond Counsel, and the Project Architect, are each hereby authorized and directed to perform such acts, execute such documents and do such things as are necessary and proper for the submission of the Proposal to the voters of the School District at the Election.

8. This Board hereby makes the following covenants and declarations with respect to obligations determined to be issued by the Business Administrator/Board Secretary through a public offering of private placement or through a conduit borrower on a tax exempt basis. The Board hereby covenants that it will comply with any conditions subsequent imposed

by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), in order to preserve the exemption from taxation of interest on its bonds or notes if issued as tax exempt, including, if necessary, the requirement to rebate all net investment earnings on the gross proceeds above the yield on its bonds or notes. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized to act on behalf of the Board to deem the obligations authorized herein as bank qualified for the purposes of Section 265 of the Code, when appropriate. The Board hereby declares its intent to issue bonds or notes in the amount set forth in the Proposal approved by the voters as set forth in Section 1 and to use the proceeds to pay or to reimburse expenditures for the costs of the Projects authorized herein. This resolution is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for the purposes of Treasury Regulations 1.150-2 or any successor provisions of federal income tax law,

9. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Prior to voting, a discussion took place regarding the pros and cons of selecting one referendum proposal question to present to the voters versus two questions. The discussion also included a consensus among board members of the universal support for all of the infrastructure and educational components of the project and the benefits to the students.

Moved by Mrs. McBride, seconded by Mr. Rozenberg to approve BB-01 and duly approved by an 8-0-0 roll call vote as follows:

AYE: Lauren Bardach, Barry Brantner, Christine Cabana, Francis Hittinger, Christopher Johnson, Grace McBride, Benjamin Mills, Paul Rozenberg

Absent: Jeffrey Chen

7. PERSONNEL

PER-01 **MOTION** to accept the resignation, of Tammy Mongon from her position as Language Arts Teacher, effective September 28, 2026.

Moved by Mrs. McBride, seconded by Mrs. Cabana to approve PER-01 and duly approved by an 8-0-0 roll call vote as follows:

AYE: Lauren Bardach, Barry Brantner, Christine Cabana, Francis Hittinger, Christopher Johnson, Grace McBride, Benjamin Mills, Paul Rozenberg

Absent: Jeffrey Chen

8. OPEN SESSION

Several members of the public asked questions and made comments that included the selection of a referendum public relations firm, fiscal responsibility, wording of the ballot question, information needs to go to all voters of the school community, Boonton Township Liaison, contingency plans if there was a failed referendum, request for Boonton Township to display information on their front sign and a thank you to the board for their hard work.

9. ADJOURN

MOTION to adjourn the meeting.

Moved by Mr. Brantner, seconded by Mrs. McBride and duly approved by an 8-0-0 vote at 7:52pm with Mr. Chen absent.

Respectfully submitted,

John T. Murray II, RSBA
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary