BOONTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
434 LATHROP AVENUE · BOONTON · NEW JERSEY · 07005

Meeting Minutes
6:30 pm on September 28, 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, Patrick Joyce, Irene LeFebvre, Mary McMahon, Matthew Mondino, Justin Nguyen, Brianna O'Halloran. Jenna Aiello arrived at 6:43 pm. Absent were Elaine Doherty, Loren Katsakos.

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 - Milania Adamo: Week of Respect, Halloween dance, fall sports, extracurricular fair
2. Boonton High School student representative - Hania Salman: No-phone policy, fall sports, tailgate, Homecoming, Boonton's Got Talent
3. Home School Association (HSA): Calendar raffle
4. Town Council: Brianna question about revenues from dispensary
5. MCSBA: Meeting last week about the legislative process
6. NJSBA: Workshop next month

SUPERINTENDENT
1. District News and Updates: Back to School nights, BHS open house for 8th graders, JHS welcoming Girls on the Run, SSS pizza with the police, coaches for winter track
2. Graduation Report for 2026: 176 seniors met requirements and awarded diplomas, 0 students for state-endorsed diploma, 1 student who did not meet requirements, 0 who were denied a diploma due to not passing standardized tests

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR
LGEA, Healthcare premiums, basketball backboards, wall mats, DOE school funding initiative, eg. regional forums, BHS turf, FY26 audit, FY27 budget, FY28 budget

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. Aiello, Mrs. Darling, Mr. Joyce, Mrs. LeFebvre, Mrs. McMahon, Mr. Mondino, Mr. Nguyen, Ms. O'Halloran. NO: None. ABSTAIN: Mrs. Aiello (Admin PK8). ABSENT: Mrs. Doherty, Mrs. Katsakos.

MINUTES

Approval of the following Board of Education meeting minutes.

1. Regular session: September 14, 2026 (enclosure)
2. Executive session: September 14, 2026 (enclosure)

ADMINISTRATION

PK-8

1. 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 K-8 (CBI)	Wightmans Farm
Grade 5	NJ Sea Grant Consortium
Grade 6	Tourne County Park
Grade 6	Liberty Island & State Park
Grades 6-8 (Music)	Radio City Music Hall
Grades 6-8 (Field Hockey)	East Stroudsburg University

PK-12

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Grade/Group	Destination
Grades 9-12 (AVID)	Muhlenberg College
Grades 9-12 (STEM)	TCNJ
Grades 11-12 (Gateway)	Lincoln Park Middle School
Grade 12 (AVID)	East Stroudsburg University
Grades 9-12 (CBI)	Meli's Sweet House
Grades 9-12 (Transition)	Ort Farms, Catfight Coffee Mount Olive High School, Kinnelon High School

2. Advisor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Kate Brennan as the Mock Trial Club Advisor at Boonton High School at a stipend rate of $760 for the 2026-2027 school year.

3. Substitutes: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the following substitutes for the 2026-2027 school year:

Substitute Custodian:	Substitute Teacher/Paraprofessional
Dwayne Brooks*	Steven Kurland*

Substitute Secretary
Deirdre Feeney

*Pending background check

4. Leave of Absence: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a leave of absence for Steven Delaporte, Boonton High School Health & Physical Education Teacher, beginning October 7, 2026, through November 23, 2026, utilizing three sick days followed by an unpaid leave and leave of absence from February 15, 2027 through February 28, 2027, utilizing nine sick days.

5. Common Lunch Monitor: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Colleen Faessinger as a Common Lunch Monitor at Boonton High School at a stipend rate of $3,000, prorated from October 7, 2026, through November 23, 2026, and from February 15, 2027, through February 28, 2027.

6. Sidebar Agreement: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves a Sidebar to the Agreement between the Board of Education and the Boonton Education Association to establish the positions of Winter Track Head Coach and Winter Track Assistant Coach at Boonton High School beginning with the 2026-2027 school year as per the enclosed Sidebar. (enclosure)

7. Home Instructors: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Sandra Seegers and Ken Ren to provide home instruction during the 2026-2027 school year, at a rate of $42 per hour.

8. Special Education Teen Advocacy Group: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves Kelsey Corsaro and Deana Weiss to conduct the Boonton School District Special Education Teen Advocacy Group (TAG) during the 2026-2027 school year. The groups will conduct up to 9 events for Boonton High School for up to 3.5 hours per event plus a one-time, 1-hour mentor training session, at a rate of $42 per hour.

9. Home Instruction: Upon the recommendation of the Chief School Administrator, the Board approves the provision of home instruction for the following students with instruction to be provided by district approved instructors at a rate of $42 per hour

   Student State ID# 1098355112-B for up to 10 hours per week, beginning September 17, 2026, and

   Student State ID# 9962264151-LP for up to 10 hours per week, beginning September 16, 2026.

HIB REPORT
None

POLICY
None

OPERATIONS

1. Payments: The Board approves these Check Journals.

$46,282.36	09/28/2026	Cafeteria ACH (attachment)
$541.80	09/28/2026	Cafeteria checks (attachment)
$59,464.79	09/28/2026	General ACH (attachment)
$1,871,047.76	09/28/2026	General checks (attachment)
$6,349.80	09/28/2026	Student Activity BHS checks (attachment)
$2,237.76	09/28/2026	Student Activity JHS checks (attachment)
$613,008.38	August 2026	Electronic checks, incl. payroll (attachment)

2. Transfer Reports: The Board approves Transfer Reports for the month ending August 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 August 31, 2026; 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 9/28/2026 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)

6. Health Service Insurance Provider Agreement: The Board approves the renewal of health service insurance agreement with Horizon Blue Cross/Blue Shield of New Jersey, with a 15.5% increase from current rates, effective 7/1/2026 - 6/30/2027.

7. Dental Insurance Provider Agreement: The Board approves the renewal of dental insurance agreement with Delta Dental, with a 0% increase from current rates, effective 7/1/2026 - 6/30/2027.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT
Mr. Bossen: Best Back to School Night; Genesis is not as professional-looking
Mr. Mondino: JV teams on our field should be able to use scoreboards

OTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD
Next meeting is October 12, 2026

EXECUTIVE SESSION
On a motion at 6:59 pm by Ms. O'Halloran 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, 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.

Jenna left the meeting at 7:40 pm.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

On a motion at 8:30 pm by Mrs. Darling and seconded by Mr. Joyce, all present voted to adjourn executive session and return to open session.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion at 8:31 pm by Ms. O'Halloran and seconded by Mr. Nguyen , all present voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven Gardberg
Board Secretary

BOARD APPROVAL: