

BOGOTA BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOGOTA, NEW JERSEY
REGULAR MEETING
April 27, 2021
Virtual Public Meeting
Webinar ID: 848 1012 5904

CALL TO ORDER by Mrs. Kathy VanBuren, Board President at 7:00 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the right of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of public bodies at which any business affecting their interests is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this act, the Bogota Board of Education has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time and place thereof posted in the Bogota Borough Hall, communicated by letter to The Record, filed with the Clerk of the Borough of Bogota and posted on the Bogota Board of Education website.

ROLL CALL by Mrs. VanBuren, Board President.

Members Present: Mrs. Alvarez, Mrs. Kohles (joined at 7:35 p.m.), Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Miranda (joined at 7:18 p.m.), Mr. Ortega, Ms. Ruckett, Mr. Chavez and Mrs. VanBuren.

Members Absent: Ms. Montgomery.

Also Present: Mr. Damian Kennedy Superintendent, Mr. Evcil, SBA/BS, William Soukas, Board Attorney and Elizabeth Ruiz Assistant BS.

Absent: Elsie Luque, Student Representative.

HEARING OF PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Mr. Ortega moved, seconded by Ms. Ruckett a motion to open the meeting for public comments on agenda items only. Motion unanimously approved by voice call vote.

None at this time.

Mrs. Alvarez moved, seconded by Mr. Ortega a motion to close the meeting for public comments on agenda items only. Motion unanimously approved by voice call vote.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET

Mr. Kennedy presented the 2021-2022 Budget which consists of:

- Staffing needs including salary increases, new positions for new building and new building lease.
- Continued implementation of district's Chromebook initiatives.
- District-wide educational software, 1 GB dedicated internet for all buildings, cyber security, computers for additional staff.
- Curriculum writing and development.
- New textbooks and online licensing purchases, smartboards.
- Mental health program.
- Special Education costs, IEPs and legal mandates.
- Security, Class III officers for each building for school days and events.

- Capital Projects: IT infrastructure upgrade for new building, district-wide building envelope and roof improvement.
- New equipment for maintenance and field.
- Taxpayer who owns an average assessed home, defined by the tax assessor as \$263,526 for 2021-2022, will pay \$117 more per year or \$9.75 per month.

Mr. Miranda joined the meeting at 7:18 during Budget presentation.

-Mr. Kennedy opened up for questions on the budget.

-Ms. Ruckett asked how many children are coming from the Atwater Condo's and where are they going Steen/High School?

-Mr. Kennedy responded do not have the exact number but last week I counted 12 and most of the students are going to Steen now if they are that grade. But once we get to a certain number they get pushed to Bixby after we cap out.

-Mr. Miranda asked if we can find out how many kids are coming from the recently sold homes in Bogota.

-Mr. Kennedy responded we can run a report and see who has recently come in and compare the numbers from last year to this year the amount of students. But we don't know who has bought a home and has come in from that.

-Mrs. Alvarez asked about improvement for the fields.

-Mr. Kennedy responded we have discussed this in the past, it is something that the Building and Grounds Committee will get together soon and start discussing what we can and cannot do. Before the pandemic hit, our Building and Grounds Committee met with the town Counsel and start discussions to see what we could do working together. My number one priority is making sure we have space in the buildings. As long as we have space in the buildings then we can see how we can add to the fields and things of that nature. If we raise taxes, we can do whatever we want.

-Mr. Miranda expressed his passion and commitment to the field projects and his dedication to making this happen for the children of Bogota.

-Mr. Mike Connors expressed his enthusiasm over the field project and is confident that the Council and Board of Education can work together to make this happen.

Superintendent's Report

-Boiler - We have some concerns and we are trying to get them replaced next year. We had the County come out this week for an emergency replacement of the boilers, but we were denied. They said that they believe that they have enough time until October for a regular purchasing process. We are working on a backup plan.

Biology Update - We had hired a biology teacher but they said that they could not take the job now due to personal issues. So we are looking for a Biology teacher to fill that position.

RFPs - we are preparing some RFP's for May, the different services; Auditor, Brokerage Insurance Bond Counsel and Special Ed Services. We are committed with the Architect right now, we went out two years ago for food service and only one applied which happened to be them, so we want to go one more year with them.

US NEWS High School Rankings, Bogota High School was ranked 165 in NJ out of 400 HS in Rankings, so kudos to the administration, the staff and the students.

Mrs. Kohles joined at 7:35 p.m. during Superintendent's Report.

MINUTES

Approval of the following minutes as submitted by the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary:

March 9, 2021 Work Session/Action Meeting – Open

March 16, 2021 Regular Meeting – Open

March 16, 2021 Regular Meeting – Closed

Mr. Miranda moved, seconded by Mrs. Alvarez a motion for the approval of the Minutes for the **March 9, 2021 Work Session/Action Meeting – Open, March 16, 2021 Regular meeting – Open and March 16, 2021 Regular Meeting – Closed.** On a roll call vote, Mrs. Alvarez, Mrs. Kohles, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Miranda, Mr. Ortega, Ms. Ruckett, Mr. Chavez and Mrs. VanBuren voted yes. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda Resolutions

Policy 4-27-21-01, 4-27-21-02, 4-27-21-03, 4-27-21-04, 4-27-21-05, 4-27-21-06, 4-27-21-07, 4-27-21-08, 4-27-21-09, 4-27-21-10, 4-27-21-11, 4-27-21-12, 4-27-21-13, 4-27-21-14
Education 4-27-21-15, 4-27-21-16, 4-27-21-17, 4-27-21-18, 4-27-21-19, 4-27-21-20, 4-27-21-21
Personnel 4-27-21-23, 4-27-21-24, 4-27-21-25, 4-27-21-26, 4-27-21-27, 4-27-21-28, 4-27-21-29, 4-27-21-30

POLICY

Second Reading and Adoption of Policy 0145 Board Member Resignation and Removal (M) (Revised)

4-27-21-01 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the second reading and adoption of Policy 0145 Board Member Resignation and Removal (M) (Revised).

Second Reading and Adoption of Regulation 1642 Earned Sick Leave Law (M) (Revised)

4-27-21-02 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the second reading and adoption of Regulation 1642 Earned Sick Leave Law (M) (Revised).

Second Reading and Adoption of Policy 1643 Family Leave (M) (New)

4-27-21-03 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the second reading and adoption of Policy 1643 Family Leave (M) (New).

Second Reading and Adoption of Policy & Regulation 5330.01 Administration of Medical Cannabis (M) (Revised)

4-27-21-04 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the second reading and adoption of Policy & Regulation 5330.01 Administration of Medical Cannabis (M) (Revised).

Second Reading and Adoption of Policy 7425 Lead Testing of Water in Schools (M) (Revised)

4-27-21-05 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the second reading and adoption of Policy 7425 Lead Testing of Water in Schools (M) (Revised).

Second Reading and Adoption of Regulation 7425 Lead Testing of Water in Schools (M) (New)

4-27-21-06 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the second reading and adoption of Regulation 7425

Lead Testing of Water in Schools (M) (New).

Second Reading and Adoption of Policy 2415 Every Student Succeeds Act (M) (Revised)

4-27-21-07 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the second reading and adoption of Policy 2415 Every Student Succeeds Act (M) (Revised).

Second Reading and Adoption of Policy 2415.02 Title I – Fiscal Responsibilities (M) (Revised)

4-27-21-08 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the second reading and adoption of Policy 2415.02 Title I –Fiscal Responsibilities (M) (Revised).

Second Reading and Adoption of Policy 2415.05 Student Surveys, Analysis, and/or Evaluations (M) (Revised)

4-27-21-09 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the second reading and adoption of Policy 2415.05 Student Surveys, Analysis, and/or Evaluations (M) (Revised).

Second Reading and Adoption of Policy & Regulation 2415.20 Every Student Succeeds Act Complaints (M) (Revised)

4-27-21-10 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the second reading and adoption of Policy and Regulation 2415.20 Every Student Succeeds Act Complaints (M) (Revised).

Second Reading and Adoption of Policy 4125 Employment of Support Staff Members (M) (Revised)

4-27-21-11 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the second reading and adoption of Policy 4125 Employment of Support Staff Members (M) (Revised).

Second Reading and Adoption of Policy 6360 Political Contributions (M) (Revised)

4-27-21-12 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the second reading and adoption of Policy 6360 Political Contributions (M) (Revised).

Second Reading and Adoption of Policy 8330 Student Records (M) (Revised)

4-27-21-13 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the second reading and adoption of Policy 8330 Student Records (M) (Revised).

Second Reading and Adoption of Policy 9713 Recruitment by Special Interest Groups (M) (Revised)

4-27-21-14 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the second reading and adoption of Policy 9713 Recruitment by Special Interest Groups (M) (Revised).

Mr. Ortega moved, seconded by Mr. Chavez a motion for the approval of consent agenda items **4-27-21-01 through 4-27-21-14**. On a roll call vote Mrs. Alvarez, Mrs. Kohles, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Miranda, Mr. Ortega, Ms. Ruckett, Mr. Chavez and Mrs. VanBuren voted yes. Motion carried.

EDUCATION

Approval of Professional Conferences

4-27-21-15 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves/ratifies the following professional conferences (pending fund availability).

Name	Description	Location	Date	Amount
Alexis Gadd	Designing for a Flexible Future	Virtual	3/5/21, 3/12/21 & 3/19/21 Afternoons	\$199
Wendy Hughes	Designing for a Flexible Future	Virtual	3/5/21, 3/12/21 & 3/19/21 Afternoons	\$199
Irfan Evcil	NJASBO Annual Conference	Virtual	6/9/21 – 6/11/21	\$150
Dayle Collins	Title IX Coordinator Training	Virtual	4/22/21	\$300

Approval of Henry and Marilyn Taub Grant Submission

4-27-21-16 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the Bogota School District and Montclair State University joint submission of an application for \$65,000 funded by the Taub foundation. This application's purpose is to provide training, coaching, and feedback to promote Social-Emotional Competency in preschool students using the NJDOE approved Pyramid Model. This grant is for the 2021-2022 school year. If approved, the board will support its budget and its operational plan.

Approval of 2021/2022 School Calendar

4-27-21-17 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the 2021/2022 School Calendar as attached.

Approval of BCSS Educational Enterprises

4-27-21-18 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves/ratifies BCSS Educational Enterprises, Sound Solutions, to provide Teacher of the Deaf consultation services for Student #27783 at a contractual rate of \$495 for the initial consultation/report and \$165 per session

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves/ratifies BCSS Educational Enterprises, Sound Solutions to provide an Educational Audiologist for Student #27783 at a contractual rate of \$188 per hour, not to exceed \$1,316 for the 2020/2021 school year.

Rescind Out of District Placement

4-27-21-19 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board rescinds the placement of Student #25891 at Ridgfield Park Public Schools effective 4/9/21.

Approval of Out of District Placement

4-27-21-20 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves/ratifies the placement of Student #25891 at SBJC Lodi at a contractual rate of \$69,100, prorated, not to exceed \$17,820 for the remainder of the 2020/2021 school year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves/ratifies a 1:1 aide for Student #25891 at SBJC Lodi at a rate not to exceed \$15,000 for the remainder of the 2020/2021 school year.

Approval of Hospital Instruction

4-27-21-21 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves/ratifies LearnWell to provide hospital based instruction to Student #27507 at a contractual rate of \$50 per hour, not to exceed \$500.

Mrs. Alvarez moved, seconded by Mr. Miranda a motion for the approval of consent agenda items **4-27-21-15 through 4-27-21-21**. On a roll call vote Mrs. Alvarez, Mrs. Kohles, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Miranda, Mr. Ortega, Ms. Ruckett, Mr. Chavez and Mrs. VanBuren voted yes. Motion carried.

Approval of Hospital Instruction

4-27-21-22 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves/ratifies LearnWell to provide hospital based instruction to Student #10567 at a contractual rate of \$50 per hour, not to exceed \$2,500.

Mr. Miranda moved, seconded by Mr. Ortega a motion for the approval of agenda item **4-27-21-22**. On a roll call vote Mrs. Alvarez, Mrs. Kohles, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Miranda, Mr. Ortega, Ms. Ruckett, Mr. Chavez and Mrs. VanBuren voted yes. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

All personnel appointments are contingent upon receipt of an affirmative criminal history record check and the holding of proper certification.

This following appointments or contracts are contingent upon and could be modified based on student participation and the district's receipt of sufficient State School Aide and other revenue funding. Payment shall be made only if the services are provided and performed in full.

Approval of Maternity Leave

4-27-21-23 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the maternity leave of **Dana Zebrowski**, Elementary Special Education Teacher, as follows:

May 24, 2021 through September 24, 2021 using 3 personal days and 36 sick days
September 25, 2021 through December 20, 2021 FMLA and NJFLA running concurrently. Returning to work December 21, 2021

*above dates subject to change pending used sick days prior to the start of maternity leave and actual date of leave.

Approval of Co-Curricular Positions

4-27-21-24 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the appointment of Co-Curricular Positions for the 2020/2021 school year, as follows:

Barry McCann	Stage Crew Advisor	\$2,708
Wendy Hughes	Make-Up Advisor	\$1,348
Kristy Duchensky	Box Office Director	\$1,869
Louis Severino	School Play Scenery	\$1,000
Kristen Severino	Director of Drama	\$3,189

Approval of SAT Preparation Classes

4-27-21-25 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following appointments for SAT Preparation Classes in Math and English at the High School for the 2020/2021 School Year, at the BEA Contracted rate of \$40 per hour.

Ryan Yaiser – Math
Glynis Corso – English

Approval of Volunteer Coaching Position

4-27-21-26 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the appointment of **Joey Mitchell** as a volunteer baseball coach for the 2021 season.

Approval of Memorandum of Agreement

4-27-21-27 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves/ratifies the Memorandum of Agreement between the Bogota Board of Education and the Bogota Administrators Council for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023, as attached.

Approval of Administrators Council Agreement

4-27-21-28 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves/ratifies the Agreement between the Bogota Board of Education and the Bogota Administrators Council for the period July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2023, as attached.

Approval of Maternity Leave Replacement Teacher

4-27-21-29 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the appointment of **Stelios Giannoulis** as an Elementary Maternity Leave Replacement Teacher at Bixby School at a salary of BA Step 1 \$50,100 (Prorated) for a period of May 1, 2021 through January 3, 2022.

Approval of CARES After School Reading Program Teacher

4-27-21-30 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the appointment of CARES After School Reading Program teacher at a salary of \$40 per hour for 25 total hours for a total of \$1,000 per teacher. To be paid through CARES relief funding. Teachers are as follows:

Veronica Sivori
Kristen King

Mr. Miranda moved, seconded by Mr. Lewis a motion for the approval of consent agenda items 4-27-21-23 through 4-27-21-30. On a roll call vote Mrs. Alvarez, Mrs. Kohles, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Miranda, Mr. Ortega, Ms. Ruckett, Mr. Chavez and Mrs. VanBuren voted yes. Motion carried.

Approval of Principal

4-27-21-31 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the appointment of Erick Alfonso as Principal of the New Building yet to be named, at a salary of \$105,611 for the 2021/2022 school year.

Mrs. Alvarez moved, seconded by Mr. Chavez a motion for the approval of agenda item 4-27-21-31. On a roll call vote Mrs. Alvarez, Mrs. Kohles, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Miranda, Mr. Ortega, Ms. Ruckett, Mr. Chavez and Mrs. VanBuren voted yes. Motion carried.

FINANCE

This following appointments or contracts are contingent upon and could be modified based on student participation and the district's receipt of sufficient State School Aide and other revenue funding. Payment shall be made only if the services are provided and performed in full.

Approval of Bill List

4-27-21-32 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the payment of bills in the amount of \$1,178,046.16 dated April 27, 2021 as per the attached, which will become part of this resolution.

Approval of Budgetary Line Item Expenditure

4-27-21-33 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(C1), that, as of March 31, 2021 no budgetary line item account has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(C3), no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(B), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's fiscal obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Approval of Payroll Transfer

4-27-21-34 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves/ratifies the payroll and fund transfer for the month of March 2021 in the amount of \$1,149,950.73 dated March 15, 2021 and March 30, 2021 as attached, which shall be made a part of this resolution.

Approval of Report of the Secretary

4-27-21-35 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board approves the Report of the Secretary for the month of March 2021 as attached, which shall be made a part of this resolution.

Approval of Report of the Treasurer

4-27-21-36 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board approves the Report of the Treasurer for the month of March 2021 as attached, which shall be made a part of this resolution.

Approval of Budget Transfers

4-27-21-37 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves/ratifies budget transfers for the month of March 2021 as attached, which shall be made a part of this resolution.

Approval of SEMI Corrective Action Plan

4-27-21-38 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the SEMI Corrective Action Plan for 2021as attached, which shall be made a part of this resolution.

Mr. Miranda moved, seconded by Ms. Ruckett a motion for the approval of agenda items **4-27-21-32 through 4-27-21-38**. On a roll call vote Mrs. Alvarez, Mrs. Kohles, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Miranda, Mr. Ortega, Ms. Ruckett, Mr. Chavez and Mrs. VanBuren voted yes. Motion carried.

Approval of Safety Grant submission

4-27-21-39 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of Superintendent of Schools, the Bogota Board of Education approves submission of the 2021 Safety Grant Program through New Jersey School Insurance Group's NJEIF Subfund in the amount of \$5,467 for the period July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022.

Mr. Miranda moved, seconded by Mr. Chavez a motion for the approval of agenda item **4-27-21-39**. On a roll call vote Mrs. Alvarez, Mrs. Kohles, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Miranda, Mr. Ortega, Ms. Ruckett, Mr. Chavez and Mrs. VanBuren voted yes. Motion carried.

Approval of Proposed Budget

4-27-21-40 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and the School Business Administrator, the Board approves the Final School District Budget for the 2021-2022 School Year for submission to the Bergen County Superintendent of Schools for approval as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
General Fund	\$25,804,768	\$15,632,286
Special Revenue Fund	\$3,961,125	N/A
Debt Service	\$551,400	\$551,400
Total Budget	\$30,317,293	\$16,183,686

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Bogota Board of Education requests the approval a capital reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$890,193. The District intends to utilize these funds for the upgrade IT infrastructure for new building (\$70,000), district-wide building envelope and roof improvement projects for all schools (\$30,000), instructional equipment (\$126,000), non-instructional equipment (\$128,600), and debt assessment (\$35,593), and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the School Business Administrator, the Board approves the tax levy for the General Fund \$15,632,286 for the 2021-2022 school year.

Approval of Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement

4-27-21-41 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the School Business Administrator, the Board approves travel and related expense reimbursement:

WHEREAS, the Bogota Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and N.J.A.C. 6A:23b-1.29(b)

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. requires Board members to receive prior approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only as described in NJOMB Circular Letter 06-02, including amendments or revisions thereto, a threshold amount below which Board approval is not required; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education establishes, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$2,500.00 per staff/Board member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff/Board member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

WHEREAS, travel and expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable are excluded from the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A: 23B-1.1 et seq;

WHEREAS, the Board had previously established maximum amount for the pre-budget year 2020-2021 as \$35,000; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has expended \$2,399 of the maximum amount for the pre-budget year to date; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board establishes a travel expenditure maximum for 2021-2022 not to exceed \$35,000, excluding federal sources. Be it further resolved that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded. Be it further resolved, included in this amount is a maximum of \$2,500 per employee or officer.

Ms. Ruckett moved, seconded by Mr. Ortega a motion for the approval of agenda items **4-27-21-40 through 4-27-21-41**. On a roll call vote Mrs. Alvarez, Mrs. Kohles, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Miranda, Mr. Ortega, Ms. Ruckett, Mr. Chavez and Mrs. VanBuren voted yes. Motion carried.

Approval of Medical Insurance Renewals for 2021-2022

4-27-21-42 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Bogota Board of Education approve the Horizon Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Jersey (HBCBS-NJ) Direct Access 15, Direct Access Zero, Direct Access 2035, Educators Health Plan and High Deductible Health Plan medical plans for the 2021-2022 school year. Rates are effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Program: Direct Access 15	Horizon Monthly Renewal Rates
Single	\$1,414.57

Couple (2 Adults)	\$2,829.18
Family	\$3,748.59
Parent/Child(ren) (P&C)	\$2,334.05

Program: Direct Access Zero	Horizon Monthly Renewal Rates
Single	\$1,347.66
Couple (2 Adults)	\$2,695.37
Family	\$3,571.29
Parent/Child(ren) (P&C)	\$2,223.65

Program: Direct Access 2035	Horizon Monthly Renewal Rates
Single	\$1,123.61
Couple (2 Adults)	\$2,247.18
Family	\$2,977.52
Parent/Child(ren) (P&C)	\$1,853.92

Program: Direct Access EHP	Horizon Monthly Renewal Rates
Single	\$1,272.21
Couple (2 Adults)	\$2,544.46
Family	\$3,371.34
Parent/Child(ren) (P&C)	\$2,099.17

Program: High Deductible Plan	Horizon Monthly Renewal Rates
Single	\$990.19
Couple (2 Adults)	\$1,980.44
Family	\$2,624.03
Parent/Child(ren) (P&C)	\$1,633.87

Approval of Delta Dental Insurance Renewal for 2021-2022

4-27-21-43 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Bogota Board of Education approve the Delta Dental Insurance Renewal for the 2021-2022 school year. Rates are effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Program: Delta Dental	Delta Dental Monthly Renewal Rates
1 Party	\$38.68
2 Party	\$68.38
3 Party	\$110.31

Approval of Vision Insurance Renewal for 2021-2022

4-27-21-44 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Bogota Board of Education approve the VSP vision plan for

the 2021-2022 school year. Rates are effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Program: Vision Care (VSP)	Vision Monthly Renewal Rates
Super/Composite	\$27.28

Approval of Pomptonian, Inc. Contract Renewal

4-27-21-45 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education (SFA) approves the renewal of the Food Service Management contract with The Pomptonian, Inc. (FSMC) for the food service operation for 2021-2022.

The FSMC shall receive, in addition to the costs of operation, an administrative/management fee of \$0.1305 per reimbursable meal and meal equivalent to compensate the FSMC for administrative and management costs. This fee shall be billed monthly as a cost of operation. The SFA guarantees the payment of such costs and fee to the FSMC.

Total meals are calculated by adding reimbursable meal pattern meals served and meal equivalents. The number of reimbursable meals served to the children shall be determined by actual count. Cash receipts, other than from sales of reimbursable program meals served to the children, shall be divided by \$3.66 to arrive at an equivalent meal count.

The per meal administrative/management fee of \$0.1305 will be multiplied by total meals.

As a result of the uncertainties during the public health emergency there is no guaranteed operating result for 2021-2022 school year.

Approval of School Meal Prices

4-27-21-46 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and per the Federal Equity in Pricing for School Lunches, the Board approves Lunch and Breakfast Prices for the 2021/2022 school year as follows:

Student Paid Lunch	\$3.25
Student Reduced Lunch	.00
Adult Paid Lunch	\$3.75
Student Breakfast	\$1.50
Student Reduced Breakfast	.00
Adult Paid Breakfast	\$2.00

Mr. Miranda moved, seconded by Mr. Chavez a motion for the approval of agenda items **4-27-21-42 through 4-27-21-46**. On a roll call vote Mrs. Alvarez, Mrs. Kohles, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Miranda, Mr. Ortega, Ms. Ruckett, Mr. Chavez and Mrs. VanBuren voted yes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

-Mrs. Alvarez congratulated Dr. Alfonso for being the new Principal for the 6th & 7th Grade school. Also, asked if there will be a H.S. Vice Principal vacancy.

-Mr. Kennedy responded we are creating a new position, supervisor of students/discipline. We are going to post for that position and have people apply.

-Mr. Miranda also congratulated Dr. Alfonso. Thank you to Mr. Kennedy for keeping the school lunch meal prices to where they are at. Also, expressed concern regarding the fields and having an engineer do an assessment.

-Mr. Kennedy responded yes our Architects of Record started this process and will have an engineer go down and let us know what can be done and rough estimates and what their recommendation is.

HEARING OF PUBLIC

Mr. Miranda moved, seconded by Mr. Chavez, a motion to open the meeting for public comments. Motion unanimously approved by a voice call vote.

-Sherry Solomov 350 Larch Avenue, gave the welcome to Dr. Alfonso.

-Nicole Palagano 210 Maplewood Avenue, will there be an announcement in reference to the middle school.

-Mr. Kennedy responded after this budget hearing, I will send out announcement this week. The plan is to have our 6th and 7th grade, next year, move to the new building. My plan is to have a meeting with those parents and answer any specific questions that they may have.

-Mr. Connors asked if the smaller children will also be going to the new building. Also, asked if there is a name for the middle school yet.

-Mr. Kennedy responded we are just putting the 6th and 7th graders in there. We put a preschool class in Bixby School. The middle school is not a "new" building that we are going to have, it's a lease for five years. We are open for discussion with the Board on the name.

-Antoinette Ramirez, 98 Queen Anne Road, it is great that the fields are being brought up, it was brought up years ago. The budget is a lot to take in and you guys have did a great job. I have been saying this for ten years, please consider air conditioning in the schools. It is not a luxury it is a necessity for the students and the teachers. Congratulations to Dr. Alfonso.

-Carmel Birney 162 E. Ft Lee Road, for the new middle school is the town going to be making any enhancement such as chair lift, etc.

-Mr. Kennedy responded we have been working with the architects and they are making recommendations to see what we have to do, to be in the building. We want this to be better or the same as the other buildings.

-Susan Cruz 193 Walnut Avenue, will the High School be having an awards night, graduation?

-Mr. Kennedy responded the Governor has lifted some restrictions, the guidance just came out last night and we will be looking at it. We will be following the guidance. I think we will be able to something in smaller numbers but we will have some normalcy.

Mr. Miranda moved, seconded by Mrs. Ruckett, a motion to close the meeting for public comments. Motion unanimously approved by a voice call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Miranda moved, seconded by Mrs. Ruckett a motion for adjournment of the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Motion unanimously approved by a voice call vote.

Respectfully submitted,


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Board Secretary