

**BOGOTA BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOGOTA, NEW JERSEY**

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

***Bogota High School Cafeteria and
Zoom Webinar***

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89604416095>

January 18, 2022

7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mrs. Alvarez	_____	_____
Mr. Alvarez	_____	_____
Mr. Chavez	_____	_____
Mrs. Cruz	_____	_____
Mrs. Kohles	_____	_____
Mrs. Olivo	_____	_____
Mr. Ortega	_____	_____
Ms. Ruckett	_____	_____
Mr. Miranda	_____	_____

ALSO PRESENT

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Mr. Kennedy, Superintendent	_____	_____
William Soukas, Esq	_____	_____
Mr. Evcil, SBA/BS	_____	_____
Elizabeth Ruiz, Assistant BS	_____	_____

HEARING OF CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Moved: Seconded: IA, RA, JC, SC, LK, TO, JO, BR, FM

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Superintendent’s Report

District Testing Presentation

MINUTES

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

**December 14, 2021 Regular Meeting – Open
December 14, 2021 Regular Meeting – Closed
January 4, 2022 – Reorganization Meeting**

Moved: Seconded: IA, RA, JC, SC, LK, TO, JO, BR, FM

EDUCATION

Approval of Textbook Purchase

1-18-22-01 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, Board approves the purchase of OpenStax Physics High School textbook for the high school Physics Course, in the total amount of \$1,541, from XanEdu 4750 Venture Drive, Suite 400, Ann Arbor, MI 48108.

Moved: Seconded: IA, RA, JC, SC, LK, TO, JO, BR, FM

Approval of Professional Conferences

1-18-22-02 **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
Jill Connolly	HIB Law Update	Virtual	2/9/22	\$125
Nick Naturile	NJ Assc. Of Designated Persons Meeting	Colts Neck Inn	1/27/22	None

Moved: Seconded: IA, RA, JC, SC, LK, TO, JO, BR, FM

Approval of HIB

1-18-22-03 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following harassment, intimidation, and bullying findings:

School	Incident	Description	Consequences/Intervention
Middle School	21-22 #3	HIB Confirmed	2 days in school suspension Restorative assignments meet with counselor

Moved: Seconded: IA, RA, JC, SC, LK, TO, JO, BR, FM

Approval of College Student

1-18-22-04 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Taylor Cabana, a Saint Peter’s University student to complete her 50 hours of Clinical Experience I at the Jr./Sr. High School.

Moved: Seconded: IA, RA, JC, SC, LK, TO, JO, BR, FM

Approval of College Student

1-18-22-05 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Anne Pachucki, a Molloy College student to complete her 50 hours of internship in the administrative offices at the Jr./Sr. High School.

Moved: Seconded: IA, RA, JC, SC, LK, TO, JO, BR, FM

Rescind Out of District Placement

1-18-22-06 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board rescinds the placement of Student #27651 at Benway School. Student returned to District.

Moved: Seconded: IA, RA, JC, SC, LK, TO, JO, BR, FM

Approval of Home Instruction

1-18-22-07 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves/ratifies home instruction for Student #27507 to be provided by the following staff members at the BEA Contractual rate of \$40 per hour.

- Heidi Zaccone
- Pura Martinez
- Carol Murphy
- Tom Hughes
- Jennifer Grom

Moved: Seconded: IA, RA, JC, SC, LK, TO, JO, BR, FM

Approval of Home Instruction

1-18-22-08 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves/ratifies home instruction for Student #26907 to be provided by Donna Citakian at the BEA Contractual rate of \$40 per hour.

Moved: Seconded: IA, RA, JC, SC, LK, TO, JO, BR, FM

Approval of Out of District Placement

1-18-22-09 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves/ratifies the placement of Student #26907 at Windsor Learning Center at a contractual rate of \$35,964 for the remainder of the 2021/2022 school year.

Moved: Seconded: IA, RA, JC, SC, LK, TO, JO, BR, FM

Approval of Revised Contract Rate

1-18-22-10 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves/ratifies the adjusted contractual rate for the collaborative Service Agreement between the Bogota Board of Education and Bergen County Special Services to provide services for the Bogota Learning Lab for the 2021/2022 school year, (resolution #5-18-21-11). The adjusted contractual rate is \$258,065.

Moved: Seconded: IA, RA, JC, SC, LK, TO, JO, BR, FM

Approval of School Self Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act

1-18-22-11 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the School Self Assessment for Determining Grades under the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act for the 2020/2021 School Year.

Moved: Seconded: IA, RA, JC, SC, LK, TO, JO, BR, FM

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 Family Leave Extension

1-18-22-12 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the extension to the Family Leave of Absence for **Heidi Guembel Longo** the revised anticipated return date is April 4, 2022.

Moved: Seconded: IA, RA, JC, SC, LK, TO, JO, BR, FM

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

1-18-22-13 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the payment of bills in the amount of \$1,462,787.73 dated January 18, 2022 as per the attached, which will become part of this resolution.

Moved: Seconded: IA, RA, JC, SC, LK, TO, JO, BR, FM

Approval of Budgetary Line Item Expenditure

1-18-22-14 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 December 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.

Moved: Seconded: IA, RA, JC, SC, LK, TO, JO, BR, FM

Approval of Payroll Transfer

1-18-22-15 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 December 2021 in the amount of \$1,267,952.08 dated December 15, 2021 and December 23, 2021 as attached, which shall be made a part of this resolution.

Moved: Seconded: IA, RA, JC, SC, LK, TO, JO, BR, FM

Approval of Report of the Secretary

1-18-22-16 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board approves the Report of the Secretary for the month of December 2021 as attached, which shall be made a part of this resolution.

Moved: Seconded: IA, RA, JC, SC, LK, TO, JO, BR, FM

Approval of Report of the Treasurer

1-18-22-17 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board approves the Report of the Treasurer for the month of December 2021 as attached, which shall be made a part of this resolution.

Moved: Seconded: IA, RA, JC, SC, LK, TO, JO, BR, FM

Approval of Budget Transfers

1-18-22-18 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves/ratifies budget transfers for the month of December 2021 as attached, which shall be made a part of this resolution.

Moved: Seconded: IA, RA, JC, SC, LK, TO, JO, BR, FM

Approval of Official Depository Bank

1-18-22-19 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves/ratifies Sterling National Bank as official depository bank for ESIP lease purchase escrow account.

Moved: Seconded: IA, RA, JC, SC, LK, TO, JO, BR, FM

Approval of FY22 Emergent & Capital Maintenance Needs Grant submission

1-18-22-20 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board accept FY22 Emergent & Capital Maintenance Needs grant award and authorize the certification submission of FY22 Emergent & Capital Maintenance Needs grant, in the amount of \$26,610.

Moved: Seconded: IA, RA, JC, SC, LK, TO, JO, BR, FM

Approval of Disbursements from ESIP project Escrow account

1-18-22-21 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves/ratifies the following disbursements from balance held in escrow for the ESIP project in 2021-2022 school year:

Paymen	Amount	Paid to	Description
#5	\$135,383.00	Honeywell Building Solutions	December 2021 progress payment
#6	\$89,262.15	Solutions Architecture Corp.	Architectural services, schematic design & development, construction documents and administration.

Moved: Seconded: IA, RA, JC, SC, LK, TO, JO, BR, FM

Approval of Participation in the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Certification Program

1-18-22-22 Whereas—The Bogota Board of Education seeks to participate in Sustainable Jersey for Schools to focus attention and efforts on matters of sustainability and pursue initiatives that will lead to Sustainable Jersey for Schools Certification.

Whereas—The Bogota Board of Education and District Superintendent seek to support and work with school staff and administrators, students, and parents to ensure a safe and healthy environment for students by encouraging our school community to implement sustainable, energy-smart, eco-friendly, and cost-effective solutions.

Whereas—Extensive opportunities exist to teach students about ecological, economic and social sustainability, environmental health, and nutrition; to integrate sustainability education into classroom learning; and to support students in becoming leaders in making their schools healthier and more sustainable places.

Whereas—Many options and choices exist for schools to use resources more efficiently; to reduce, reuse, and recycle; to follow Green Building Standards for construction and major renovations; to form school partnerships; to eliminate toxic chemicals; to purchase (or produce) clean energy; and to purchase recycled paper, energy-efficient equipment and other green products to protect our global environment.

Whereas—Sustainability means using resources wisely, saving money, and reducing our impact on the environment, all of which will ensure the future health, safety, and prosperity of our children.

Whereas—The Bogota Board of Education commits to the formation of at least one Sustainability Leadership Team (also referred to as “Green Team”), based on the guidance of Sustainable Jersey for Schools.

Whereas—Green Team members help schools adopt policies and practices addressing areas such as sustainability education and professional training, green purchasing, waste reduction, indoor air quality, energy-saving initiatives, and community partnerships.

Whereas—The Bogota Board of Education will encourage Green Teams at all district schools by providing networking and educational opportunities.

Therefore, it is resolved that the Bogota Board of Education agrees to participate in Sustainable Jersey for Schools, and it is the board’s intention to pursue certification for schools in the district.

We hereby appoint Mr. Irfan Evcil, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to be the district’s liaison to Sustainable Jersey for Schools.

We do hereby recognize our Schools as the agents to carry out our commitment to building a sustainable school district through the implementation of Sustainable Jersey for Schools actions.

We agree to complete district actions and to support the district’s schools in completing their actions.

Moved:

Seconded:

IA, RA, JC, SC, LK, TO, JO, BR, FM

COMMITTEE REPORTS

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

HEARING OF PUBLIC

Moved: Seconded: IA, RA, JC, SC, LK, TO, JO, BR, FM

During this portion of the meeting, the residents are invited to address the Board with any questions, comments or concerns there may be with respect to the operation of their school.

Moved: Seconded: IA, RA, JC, SC, LK, TO, JO, BR, FM

EXECUTIVE SESSION

WHEREAS, C.231, P.L. 1975, also known as the Sunshine Law, authorizes a public body to meet in executive or private session under certain limited circumstances; and

WHEREAS, said law requires the Board to adopt a resolution at a public meeting before it can meet in such an executive or private session:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bogota Board of Education, that:

1. It does hereby determine that it is necessary to meet in Executive Session on January 18, 2022 at _____ p.m. to discuss matters involving negotiations, litigation, personnel.
2. That the matter discussed will be made public when confidentiality is no longer required and action pursuant to said discussion shall take place only at a public meeting.

ACTION MAY BE TAKEN UPON RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved: Seconded: IA, RA, JC, SC, LK, TO, JO, BR, FM

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved: Seconded: IA, RA, JC, SC, LK, TO, JO, BR, FM