

BOGOTA BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOGOTA, NEW JERSEY
SPECIAL MEETING
July 29 2021
Bogota High School Cafeteria

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 Mr. Irfan Evcil, Board Secretary.

Members Present: Mrs. Alvarez, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Miranda, Ms. Montgomery, Mr. Ortega (arrived at 7:04 p.m.), Ms. Ruckett, Mr. Chavez and Mrs. VanBuren.

Members Absent: Lisa Kohles.

Also Present: Mr. Damian Kennedy Superintendent, Mr. Irfan Evcil, SBA/BS, Jack Zapotoczny, Board Attorney (in for William Soukas) and Elizabeth Ruiz Assistant BS.

Absent: Elsie Luque, Student Representative.

HEARING OF PUBLIC ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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

None.

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

Superintendent's Report

None.

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 Superintendent of Schools Contract

7-29-21-01 BE IT RESOLVED, that, the Board approves/ratifies the employment contract for Damian Kennedy, Superintendent of Schools as approved by the Executive County Superintendent for a period commencing on July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026.

Mr. Miranda moved, seconded by Mr. Chavez, a motion for the approval of agenda item **7-29-21-01**. On a roll call vote Mrs. Alvarez, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Miranda, Ms. Montgomery, Mr. Ortega, Ms. Ruckett, Mr. Chavez and Mrs. VanBuren voted yes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

HEARING OF PUBLIC

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

None.

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

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 July 29, 2021 at 7:05 p.m. for personal matter.
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 WILL NOT BE TAKEN UPON RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Ruckett motioned, seconded by Mr. Miranda, a motion for closed session. Motion unanimously approved by a voice call vote at 7:05 p.m.

Ms. Montgomery moved, seconded by Mrs. Alvarez, a motion to open the meeting in public session. Motion unanimously approved by a voice call vote at 7:18 p.m.

ADDENDUM

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.

Appointment of Steen School Principal

7-29-21-02 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the appointment of **Christopher Albiez** as Principal of Steen School at a salary of \$115,000 for the 2021/2022 school year.

Ms. Montgomery moved, seconded by Mrs. Alvarez a motion for the approval of agenda item **7-29-21-02**. On a roll call vote Mrs. Alvarez, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Miranda, Ms. Montgomery, Mr. Ortega, Ms. Ruckett, Mr. Chavez and Mrs. VanBuren voted yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Miranda moved, seconded by Ms. Montgomery, a motion for adjournment of the meeting at 7:19 p.m. Motion unanimously approved by a voice call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Irfan Evcil
Board Secretary