

BOGOTA BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOGOTA, NEW JERSEY
SPECIAL VIRTUAL MEETING
June 30, 2021
Zoom Webinar ID: 897 3975 0499

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. Kohles, Mr. Miranda, Ms. Montgomery, Mr. Chavez and Mrs. VanBuren.

Members Absent: Mrs. Alvarez, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Ortega and Ms. Ruckett.

Also Present: Mr. Damian Kennedy Superintendent, Mr. Irfan 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. Miranda moved, seconded by Mrs. Kohles a motion to open the meeting for public comments on agenda items only. Motion unanimously approved by voice call vote.

Mrs. Miller, 139 Beechwood Ave., wishing Mrs. Kohles a happy birthday.

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

Superintendent Report

Mr. Kennedy informed the following:

- Agenda item **6-30-21-10** will be removed and it will be replaced with addendum #12. Addendum #11 for biology teacher which we have been able to secure. We have a couple of positions open.
- Summer school started today in all three buildings. We did purchase some air conditioners for classrooms.
- Surveys went home today to gauge interest for aftercare. Aftercare is affordable at \$150 a month. We will be running it and controlling it which is a good thing. We will be keeping kids in the buildings and we have teachers helping out with tutoring and homework, some other activities and workshops. We are also gauging interest in adult ESL classes that we would like to offer in October.
- The meeting tonight was to approve the asbestos abatement bid and to award the contract and also we will be being going into closed session tonight for the Superintendent Evaluation.

- New Guidelines came out this week and we will be meeting with the Health Department. As of right now if things do not change, masks will be optional in September. Again a lot can change with the next few months, we will keep everyone updated in the process.

Uniform Discussion Ensued

-Mr. Miranda asked Mr. Kennedy the following;

- How far along are we with the middle school?
- What approach are we going to take for uniforms?
- Can we invite the uniform vendors in for next meeting to discuss?

-Mr. Kennedy responded the following:

- Everything has been ordered for middle school, all furniture, smart boards, technology all looks good. We will be sending out an email within the next couple of weeks with information.
- The middle school uniforms will be yellow. The goal for us this year is to put a uniform committee together and explore other options about what we can do moving forward. I did reach out to Cover Stitches that does the high school uniforms and talked to them to provide to the middle school as well. They also do online orders and deliver for free. Our next step is to reach out to the vendor for the elementary school. We did talk about doing logos as well. The shirts are \$ 8.00. We are getting information from all parties involved. We would like to get all the PTO's involved.
- Yes, we can do that. Again we are sending out a survey this summer and getting people involved for next year.
- Mr. Miranda asked if there is a A.M. care program?
- Mr. Kennedy responded, we can add that to the survey (before care).

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 Merit Bonus Payment

6-30-21-01 WHEREAS, the Executive County Superintendent of Schools has reviewed evidentiary documentation and the Board of Education resolution certifying the attainment of the School Business Administrator's Merit Goal for the 2020-2021 school year pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-3.1(10)

WHEREAS, the Executive County Superintendent has authorized payment of the merit bonus as of June 16, 2021 to the School Business Administrator,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorizes payment of the 2020-2021 merit bonus to payment of \$6,829.56 to Mr. Irfan Evcil, School Business Administrator for the completion of the following qualitative merit goals of for 2020-2021 school year.

Qualitative Goals	Merit Bonus amount
Goal#1, Qualitative: Obtain Certificate of Excellence for FY2020 CAFR	2.5% of base salary \$3,414.78
Goal#2, Qualitative: Obtain at least 75 points towards Sustainable Jersey for Schools Bronze certification	2.5% of base salary \$3,414.78

Approval of Co-Curricular

6-30-21-02 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves/ratifies **Cornelia Geraghty** as Garden Club Advisor at Steen School at a Stipend of \$600 for the 2020/2021 school year.

Appointment of Substitute Custodial/Maintenance Worker

6-30-21-03 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the appointment of **Danelly Recio** as a substitute custodial /maintenance worker at a salary of \$17.50 per hour effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

Approval of Resignation

6-30-21-04 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board accepts the resignation of **Adam Ballard**, Physics Teacher effective August 24, 2021.

Appointment of Physics Teacher

6-30-21-05 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the appointment of **Sarah Anne Kokkinakis** as a Physics Teacher at a salary of BA Step 7 \$56,700 for the 2021/2022 school year.

Appointment of Biology Teacher

6-30-21-11 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the appointment of **Surinder Kaur** as a Biology Teacher at a salary of MA+30 Stepp11 \$82,900 for the 2021/2022 school year.

Mrs. Kohles moved, seconded by Mr. Miranda a motion for the approval of agenda items **6-01-21-01 thru 6-30-21-05 and addendum agenda item 6-30-21-11**. On a roll call vote Mrs. Kohles, Mr. Miranda, Ms. Montgomery, 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 Addendum for Interlocal Service Agreement

6-30-21-06 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the Addendum for Interlocal Service Agreement between the Borough of Bogota and the Bogota Board of Education for class three special law enforcement officers to continue and extend agreement for a (3) year term through June 30, 2024, as per the attached.

Approval of FY22 ESEA Grant

6-30-21-07 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board accept 2021/2022 ESEA/ESSA Consolidated grant award and authorize the budget submission of ESEA application for fiscal year 2022, in the amount of \$323,434.

	<u>Title IA</u>	<u>Title IIA</u>	<u>Title III</u>	<u>Title III Imm</u>	<u>Title IVA</u>
Public	\$286,095	\$18,618	\$14,592	\$4,129	\$0
Non-Public	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$286,095	\$18,618	\$14,592	\$4,129	\$0

Approval of American Rescue Plan (ARP) Grant acceptance and submission

6-30-21-08 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board accept American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 - Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Fund (ARP-ESSER) grant award of \$2,178,626 and authorize the budget submission of ARP-ESSER application for March 11, 2021 through December 30, 2022, in the amount of \$1,452,418.

-Mr. Chavez asked about agenda item **6-30-21-06** being four officers instead of three.

-Mrs. VanBuren responded agreement says four officers.

-Mr. Miranda what is the current process to bring in a new officer.

-Mr. Kennedy responded, police department receives applications, Superintendent attends the interviews.

Mr. Miranda moved, seconded by Mrs. Kohles a motion for the approval of agenda item **6-01-21-06 thru 6-30-21-08**. On a roll call vote Mrs. Kohles, Mr. Miranda, Ms. Montgomery, Mr. Chavez and Mrs. VanBuren voted yes. Motion carried.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Approval of Request County Approval for Temporary Instructional Space

6-30-21-09 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the submission of the annual request to the Bergen Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval of a Temporary Instructional Space at the St. Joseph Church school building for the 2021/2022 school year.

Approval of Asbestos Abatement Bid and Award the Contract

6-30-21-12 WHEREAS, on June 29, 2021, the Bogota Board of Education ("Board") held a public bid opening for an award of contract for the Asbestos Abatement at Bogota Jr./Sr. High School project ("Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Board received seven (7) bids at the public bid opening; and

WHEREAS, the lowest numerical bid submitted by Four Strong Builders, Inc, Clifton, NJ, in the amount of \$46,000 as unresponsive based on submitting expired DPMC classification notice,

WHEREAS, the next lowest numerical bid was submitted by Nari Construction LLC Lincoln Park, NJ, with a bid of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00), and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined Nari Construction LLC. to be the lowest responsible bidder,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Bogota Board of Educations that the above recitals are incorporated herein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1, et seq., the Board hereby awards a contract for the Project to Nari Construction LLC, Inc., in the total amount of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Administration is authorized to take all steps necessary to have the contract for the Project prepared and forwarded to Nari Construction LLC, and to obtain all documents required thereby; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon the receipt of the executed contract from Nari Construction LLC, as well as the approval of Nari Construction LLC's bonds and insurance certificate for the Project, the Administration is authorized to return the bid securities to the remaining bidders.

Mr. Miranda moved, seconded by Mrs. Kohles a motion for the approval of agenda item **6-01-21-09 and addendum agenda item 6-30-21-12**. On a roll call vote, Mrs. Kohles, Mr. Miranda, Ms. Montgomery, Mr. Chavez and Mrs. VanBuren voted yes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

HEARING OF PUBLIC

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

None.

Mr. Chavez moved, seconded by Mrs. Kohles, 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 June 30, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss matters involving Superintendent's Evaluation and contract.
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

Mr. Chavez moved seconded by Mr. Miranda a motion for closed session discussion. Motion unanimously approved by a voice call vote at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Miranda moved, seconded by Mr. Chavez, a motion to open the meeting in public session. Motion unanimously approved by a voice call vote at 7:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Miranda moved, seconded by Mr. Chavez a motion for adjournment of the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Motion unanimously approved by a voice call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Irfan Eveil
Board Secretary