

**BOGOTA BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOGOTA, NEW JERSEY
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER by Mr. Severino, Board President at 7:34 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 was taken by Mr. Brown, Interim Board Secretary

Members present: Ms. Granquist, Mrs. Kohles, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. McHale, Ms. Montgomery, Mr. Moore, Mr. Severino and Mrs. VanBuren.

Members absent: Mrs. Carpenter

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Varcadipane, Interim Superintendent, Mr. Brown, Interim Board Secretary and Ms. Elizabeth Ruiz, Assistant Board Secretary.

Mr. McHale moved, seconded by Mrs. VanBuren a motion to dispense with the regular order of business for the Athletic Awards. Motion unanimously approved by a voice call vote.

After a brief recess the meeting resumed at 8:02 p.m.

HEARING OF CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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

None at this time.

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

MINUTES

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

December 13, 2016 Work Session/Action Meeting

Mr. McHale moved, seconded by Ms. Granquist a motion for approval of the minutes as submitted. Mrs. VanBuren made a motion to table due to a missing agenda item. Mrs. VanBuren moved, seconded by Mr. McHale, a motion to table minutes to the February meeting. Motion unanimously approved by a voice call vote.

Consent Agenda Resolutions

Education 1-17-17-01, 1-17-17-02, 1-17-17-03, 1-17-17-04, 1-17-17-05, 1-17-17-06, 1-17-17-07, 1-17-17-08, 1-17-17-09, 1-17-17-10, 1-17-17-11, 1-17-17-12.

EDUCATION

Approval of out of district special education placement

1-17-17-01 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves/ratifies the placement of state dependent student #11080 at YCS-Fort Lee effective November 2, 2016 through November 17, 2016 at daily contractual rate of \$287.36. The state of New Jersey is fiscally responsible for tuition.

Approval of Vision Therapy

1-17-17-02 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves/ratifies student #026974 attending Children’s Therapy Center to receive vision therapy by Progressive Steps one time per week at a contractual rate of \$125 per session not to exceed \$6,000 for the 2016/2017 school year.

Approval of students to participate in Winter Indoor Track

1-17-17-03 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves student #10832 and #10591 to participate and represent BHS in Winter Indoor Track during the 2016/2017 school year. The Parent/Guardian has volunteered to serve as coach and to train, transport, and to cover all expenses involved at no cost to the district.

Approval of HIB

1-17-17-04 **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
Jr./Sr. High School	16-17 #3	Intentional, but not designed to harass, intimidate, or bully	3 days out of school suspension, 5 days no practice, 1 game suspension.

Approval of Conferences

1-17-17-05 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following professional conferences (pending fund availability).

Name	Description	Location	Date	Amount
Whitney Luciano	Anti Bullying Law & lawful management of HIB records	Lodi Boys and Girls Club	2/9/17	\$99
Janine Martin	Anti Bullying Law & lawful management of HIB records	Lodi Boys and Girls Club	2/9/17	\$99
Kristy Duchensky	Social Studies Roundtable (Bergen County)	Various Districts	1/11/17, 3/15/17, 5/17/17	None

Approval of Field Trips

1-17-17-06 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following field trips.

Date	Staff	Students	Location	Expense
2/15/17	Jamie D'Ademo Alyssa Spector	Kindergarten	Bergen PAC	To be paid by PTO
6/14/17	Laura Ketchum Nicole Schiavello	Grade 5	NJ Marine Science Consortium, Fort Hancock, NJ	To be paid by Students and PTO
5/3/17	Cornelia Geraghy Kim Neilsen Patrick Rochford	Grade 2	Meadowlands Environmental Center	To be paid by Students and PTO

Approval of Student Teacher

1-17-17-07 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Brittany Miller, a Caldwell University student, to complete her Student Teaching at the Jr./Sr. High School from January 23, 2017 through May 12, 2017 under the supervision of Sam Chiang and Diane Baranello.

Approval of Fund Raising Activities

1-17-17-08 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following fund-raising activities:

Activity	Group	Date
Paint Night	Steen PTO	January 2017

Approval of Gym Program

1-17-17-09 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Trevor McPherson of the Magnus Project to come to Steen School and work with Mrs. Ciccone and students to promote physical fitness during gym periods at no cost to the district.

Approval of Assembly

1-17-17-10 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves an educational assembly for Steen School provided by Hackensack Hospital on how to stay safe. This assembly is at no cost to the district.

Approval of Wear Red Program

1-17-17-11 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Bixby School to participate in "Wear Red for Women" Program. This will take place during February of 2017.

Approval of Peace Corp Volunteers

1-17-17-12 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Peace Corp Volunteers to speak to the 5th and 6th grade on Steen School.

Mr. McHale moved, seconded by Mr. Moore a motion for the approval of agenda items **1-17-17-01 through 1-17-16-12**. On a roll call vote Ms. Granquist, Mrs. Kohles, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. McHale, Ms. Montgomery, Mr. Moore, Mr. Severino 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.

FINANCE

Approval of Bill List

1-17-17-13 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the payment of bills in the amount of \$1,965,819.76 dated January 17, 2017 as per the attached, which will become part of this resolution.

Approval of budgetary line item expenditure

1-17-17-14 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, 2016 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

1-17-17-15 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 in the amount of \$1,081,220.61 dated December 23, 2016 as attached, which shall be made a part of this resolution.

Approval of Corrective Action Plan

1-17-17-16 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the Corrective Action Plan for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2016.

Approval of 6th grade Bank Account

1-17-17-17 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves a bank account for the 6th grade class at Steen School. The account will be used to deposit money for field trips as well as class dues that go toward the yearbook and other year end events.

Approval of Public Agency Compliance Officer

1-17-17-18 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Robert Brown, Interim Business Administrator as the Public Agency Compliance Officer for the Bogota Board of Education.

Approval of Change Order

1-17-17-19 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves a change order for the Science Lab Project at the High School as follows:

Window Sills to match the lab tables	\$1,503.32
Installation Cost	\$1,700.00

Approval of Construction Coordinator

1-17-17-20 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves an extension to the proposal/retainer agreement from Construction Coordinators, LLC for construction management services in the amount of \$5,000.

Approval of Report of the Secretary

1-17-17-21 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board approves the Report of the Secretary for the month of November 2016 as attached, which shall be made a part of this resolution.

Approval of Budget Transfers

1-17-17-22 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves/ratifies budget transfers for the months of September thru December 2016; as attached, which shall be made a part of this resolution.

Mr. McHale moved, seconded by Mr. Moore a motion for the approval of agenda items **1-17-17-13 through 1-17-16-22**. On a roll call vote Ms. Granquist, Mrs. Kohles, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. McHale, Ms. Montgomery, Mr. Moore, Mr. Severino and Mrs. VanBuren voted yes. Motion carried.

ADDENDUM #1

EDUCATION

Approval of Field Trips

1-17-17-23 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following field trips.

Date	Staff	Students	Location	Expense
2/7/16	Tara Amanna Ryan Yaiser Denise Giaimo	Grade 11	NJCU – College Fair	None

Approval of Clinical Placement

1-17-17-24 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Tatiana Vedra, a Felician University nursing student, to complete her clinical placement at the Bixby from February 1, 2017 through May 5, 2017 under the supervision of Mary Lou Collins.

Approval of Homework Club

1-17-17-25 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves a Homework Club at the Jr./Sr. High School to run Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m.-8:15 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. -4:00 p.m..

Mr. Moore moved, seconded by Mr. Moore a motion for the approval of agenda items **1-17-17-23 through 1-17-16-25**. On a roll call vote Ms. Granquist, Mrs. Kohles, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. McHale, Ms. Montgomery, Mr. Moore, Mr. Severino 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.

Approval of Breakfast Aides

1-17-17-26 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following aides at the high school to do the Breakfast program at Steen for 1 hour daily at their hourly rate of \$18 per hour. Mr. Maldonado and Mr. Capitanello have declined benefits.

**Mike Maldonado
Nick Capitanello**

Approval of Homework Club Aides

1-17-17-27 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following aides at the high school for the Homework Club at their hourly rate of \$18 per hour. Mr. Maldonado, Mr. Capitanello, Mr. Marx and Mr. Varon have declined benefits.

Mike Maldonado
Nick Capitanello
Lewis Marx
Ken Varon

Mr. McHale moved, seconded by Mr. Moore a motion for the approval of agenda items **1-17-17-23 through 1-17-16-27**. On a roll call vote Ms. Granquist, Mrs. Kohles, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. McHale, Ms. Montgomery, Mr. Moore, Mr. Severino and Mrs. VanBuren voted yes. Motion carried.

FINANCE

Accepts the Resignation of the Treasurer of School Monies

1-17-17-28 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board accepts the resignation of Elizabeth Weimer as Treasurer of School Monies for the 2016/2017 school year.

Approval of Treasurer of School Monies

1-17-17-29 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the appointment of Janet Behrmann as Treasurer of School Monies for the 2016/2017 school year at an annual fee of \$6,450 retroactive to July 1, 2016.

Mr. McHale moved, seconded by Mr. Moore a motion for the approval of agenda items **1-17-17-28 through 1-17-16-29**. On a roll call vote Ms. Granquist, Mrs. Kohles, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. McHale, Ms. Montgomery, Mr. Moore, Mr. Severino and Mrs. VanBuren voted yes. Motion carried.

ADDENDUM #2

EDUCATION

Approval of Curriculum

1-17-17-30 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following curriculum that has been updated to meet 2017 New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

- ELA/L Grades K-12
- Mathematics Grades K-8, Pre-Algebra, Algebra, Algebra II, Geometry, Pre-Calculus, and Calculus
- Physical Education Grades K-6
- Health Grades K-6
- Zombie Geography (Grades 9-12)
- Chemistry in the Community
- Environmental Science

Approval of out of district Special Education Placement

1-17-17-31 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the placement of Student #10953 at Benway School at a prorated tuition rate of \$81,246.72 for the remainder of the 2016/2017 school year.

Mr. McHale moved, seconded by Mr. Moore a motion for the approval of agenda items **1-17-17-30 through 1-17-16-31**. On a roll call vote Ms. Granquist, Mrs. Kohles, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. McHale, Ms. Montgomery, Mr. Moore, Mr. Severino 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.

Approval of Music Teacher

1-17-17-32 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the appointment of **Andrea Lynch** as Choral Director/Musical Appreciation Teacher at a salary of BA Step 4 \$51,733 prorated for the remainder of the 2016/2017 school year.

Approval of Instrumental Music Teacher

1-17-17-33 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the appointment of **Michael Webb** as Elementary Instrumental Music Teacher at a salary of MA Step 1 \$57,723 prorated for the remainder of the 2016/2017 school year.

Mr. McHale moved, seconded by Mr. Moore a motion for the approval of agenda items **1-17-17-32 through 1-17-16-33**. On a roll call vote Ms. Granquist, Mrs. Kohles, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. McHale, Ms. Montgomery, Mr. Moore, Mr. Severino and Mrs. VanBuren voted yes. Motion carried.

FINANCE

Approval of Solutions Architecture

1-17-17-34 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Solutions Architecture for the Boiler Project as per the attached.

Approval of Electrical Engineer

1-17-17-35 BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Constantinos Papademas LLC, Electrical Engineer for the Generator Project as per the attached.

Mr. McHale moved, seconded by Mr. Moore a motion for the approval of agenda items **1-17-17-34 through 1-17-16-35**. On a roll call vote Ms. Granquist, Mrs. Kohles, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. McHale, Ms. Montgomery, Mr. Moore, Mr. Severino and Mrs. VanBuren voted yes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Varcadipane discusses budget reports and construction projects.
Facilities update- request for information on boilers is complete.
Discussed generator is ready and waiting for the inspector.
QSAC is coming for an on-site meeting on January 31, 2017.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. VanBuren would like to discuss personnel matter in closed session.

Mr. Severino introduced Mr. David MacFarlane newly elected Council man and liaison to Bogota Board of Education.

HEARING OF PUBLIC

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.

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

Ms. Shepherd made comments that Social Security administration has not posted 2015 employee contributions, she is requesting help from board.

Mr. McHale moved, seconded by Mr. Moore 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 January 17, 2017, at 8:30 p.m. to discuss matters involving negotiations, litigation, personnel.
2. That the matter discussed will be made public if and 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. McHale moved, seconded by Mr. Moore a motion for closed session discussion. Motion unanimously approved by a voice call vote.

Mr. Moore moved, seconded by Mr. McHale a motion to open the meeting in public session. Motion unanimously approved by a voice call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McHale moved, seconded by Mr. Moore a motion for adjournment of the meeting at 9:18 p.m. Motion unanimously approved by a voice call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert R. Brown
Interim Board Secretary