

**BOGOTA BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOGOTA, NEW JERSEY
REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 3rd, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER by Charles Severino, Board President at 6:01 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT was read by Charles Severino, Board President.

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.

Annual School Election November 8, 2016

<i>For Three Year Term</i>	At Polls	Mail In	Provisional	Total
Lisa Kohles	830	72	7	909
Amanda Montgomery	818	74	2	894
Charles J. Severino	633	70	5	708
Ronald Patron	535	38	9	582
Kimberly Virbukas	440	40	1	481
Michael Leong	345	35	2	382
Write In	6			

The number of polling places – Three (3)

District 1 & 6	Bogota Recreation Center 162 West Main Street
District 2 & 3	Bogota High School Gymnasium 2 Henry C. Luthin Place
District 4 & 5	E. Roy Bixby School Maplewood & Fischer Avenues

All polling places were open at 6 a.m. and closed at 8 p.m.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Oath administered by Robert R. Brown, Interim SBA/BS, to newly elected members:
Charles Severino, Amanda Montgomery and Lisa Kohles.

ROLL CALL was taken by Robert R. Brown, Interim SBA/BS.

Members Present: Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Kohles, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. McHale, Ms. Montgomery, Mr. Moore, Mr. Severino and Mrs. VanBuren.

Members Absent: Ms. Granquist.

Board Member Code of Ethics read by Robert Brown, Interim SBA/BS

A school board member shall abide by the following Code of Ethics for School Board Members:

- a. I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
- b. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed sex, or social standing.
- c. I will confine my board action to policy making, planning, appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
- d. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.
- e. I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.
- f. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
- g. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its school.
- h. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
- i. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
- j. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

Mr. Severino moved, seconded by Mrs. VanBuren a motion for the approval of the Code of Ethics. On a roll call vote Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Kohles, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. McHale, Ms. Montgomery, Mr. Moore, Mr. Severino and Mrs. VanBuren voted yes. Motion carried.

Election of Officers

Election of President of Bogota Board of Education.

Mrs. VanBuren moved, seconded by Mrs. Carpenter a motion to nominate Mr. Severino for the Office of President of the Bogota Board of Education.

There being no other nominations, nominations were closed.

On a roll call vote for the Nomination of Mr. Severino for President, Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Kohles, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. McHale, Ms. Montgomery, Mr. Moore, Mr. Severino and Mrs. VanBuren voted yes. Nomination passed.

Mr. Severino newly elected President of the Board took over the conduct of the meeting and asked for nominations of the Office of Vice-President.

Mrs. Carpenter moved, seconded by Mrs. Moore a motion to nominate Mr. McHale for the Office of Vice-President of the Bogota Board of Education.

There being no other nominations, nominations were closed.

Mrs. VanBuren moved, seconded by Mrs. Carpenter a motion to move the nomination of Mr. McHale for the Vice-President, on a roll call vote Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Kohles, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. McHale, Ms. Montgomery, Mr. Moore, Mr. Severino and Mrs. VanBuren voted yes. Nomination passed.

ACTION ITEMS

1-3-17-01 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the Report of the Certified Annual School Election held on November 8, 2016.

1-3-17-02 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the Monthly Work/action Meetings of the Board of Education of the Borough of Bogota, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey to be held in the Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria, at 7:30 pm, per meeting calendar schedule through December 31, 2017.

1-3-17-03 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the designation of The Bergen Record as the official newspaper for advertisement of notices of the Bogota Board of Education and The Herald News as an alternate official newspaper. The Star Ledger will be used for additional personnel advertisements through December 31, 2017.

1-3-17-04 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the calendar for Monthly Public Work/Action Meetings. Action may be taken at any and all Meetings.

Work/Action Meetings

Regular Public Meetings

January 10, 2017
February 7, 2017
March 14, 2017
April 4, 2017
May 9, 2017
June 13, 2017
No Meeting
September 12, 2017
October 10, 2017
November 14, 2017
No Meeting

January 17, 2017
February 28, 2017
March 21, 2017
April 25, 2017
May 16, 2017
June 20, 2017
August 29, 2017
September 19, 2017
October 17, 2017
November 21, 2017
December 19, 2017

Tentative Annual Reorganization Meeting: January 9, 2018

1-3-17-05 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves all adopted By-Laws, Board Policies, Regulations and Procedures through December 31, 2017.

1-3-17-06 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the District Curricula – Grades pre-K-12 through December 31, 2017.

1-3-17-07 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the textbooks and materials for all grades through December 31, 2017.

1-3-17-08 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the Official Bank Depositories through December 31, 2017 as follows:

1. Valley National Bank – Operating Funds, Payroll, Agency

2. Bogota Savings & Loan – Investments

Authorized Signatures: Board President, Interim Board Secretary, Interim Superintendent of Schools

Alternate: Board Vice-President

Mrs. Carpenter moved, seconded by Mr. Moore a motion for the approval of agenda items **1-3-17-01 through 1-3-17-08**. On a roll call vote Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Kohles, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. McHale, Ms. Montgomery, Mr. Moore, Mr. Severino and Mrs. VanBuren voted yes. Motion carried.

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

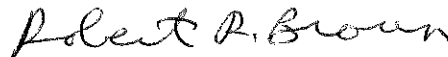
Mrs. Shepherd said a few kind words congratulating the new board members.

Mr. Moore moved, seconded by Ms. Montgomery a motion to close public comments portion of the meeting. Motion unanimously approved by a voice call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Moore moved, seconded by Mrs. Carpenter a motion for adjournment of the meeting at 6:17 pm. Motion unanimously approved by a voice call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Robert R. Brown
Interim Board Secretary