

**BOGOTA BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOGOTA, NEW JERSEY
REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2019
Bogota Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria**

CALL TO ORDER by Irfan Evcil, Board Secretary at 6:00 pm

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.

READ RESULTS OF ELECTION

Annual School Election November 6, 2018

<i>For Three Year Term</i>	At Polls	Mail In	Provisional	Total
Eileen Lewis	841	118	27	986
Robert W. Piterski Jr	551	50	8	609
Michael T. Connors	728	80	19	827
Kathleen J. Pagan	534	77	18	629
Kathryn C. VanBuren	597	95	11	703

Write In 15

The number of polling places – Three (3)

District 1 & 6 Bogota Recreation Center 162 West Main Street

District 2 & 3 Lillian M. Steen School 134 W. Main Street

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 Board Secretary to newly elected or re-elected members:

Mr. Michael Connors, Mrs. Eileen Lewis and Mrs. Kathleen C. VanBuren.

ROLL CALL was taken by Irfan Evcil, Board Secretary.

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

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Damian Kennedy, Superintendent, Nathanya Simon, Esq., Mr. Evcil, SBA/BS and Elizabeth Ruiz Assistant BS.

Board Member Code of Ethics read by Irfan Evcil, 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 my 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 Mr. Connors, Mrs. Kohles, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. McHale, Mrs. Miller, Ms. Montgomery, Mr. Moore, Mr. Severino and Mrs. VanBuren voted yes. Motion Carried.

Election of Officers

Election of President of Bogota Board of Education

Mr. Moore moved and Ms. Montgomery seconded the motion to nominate Mrs. Lisa Kohles for the Office of President of the Bogota Board of Education.

There being no other nominations, the Board Secretary asked for a motion to close the floor for nominations for the Office of the President of the Bogota Board of Education. Mr. Moore moved, seconded by Ms. Montgomery to close the floor for the nominations. Motion unanimously approved by voice call vote.

Mr. Moore moved, seconded by Ms. Montgomery a motion to move the nomination for Mrs. Kohles for President of Bogota Board of Education. On a roll call vote Mr. Connors, Mrs. Kohles, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. McHale, Mrs. Miller, Ms. Montgomery, Mr. Moore, Mr. Severino and Mrs. VanBuren voted yes. Motion passed.

Mrs. Lisa Kohles is elected as the President of Bogota Board of Education and assumes the chair.

Election of Vice President of Bogota Board of Education

Mrs. Kohles newly elected President of the Bogota Board of Education asked for nominations of the Office of the Vice-President.

Mr. Moore moved and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion to nominate Amanda Montgomery for the Office of Vice President of the Bogota Board of Education.

There being no other nominations, Mrs. Kohles asked for a motion to close the floor for nominations for the Office of the Vice President of the Bogota Board of Education. Mr. Moore moved and Ms. Montgomery seconded the motion to close the floor for the nominations. Motion unanimously approved by voice call vote.

Mr. Moore moved, seconded by Mrs. Miller a motion to move the nomination for Ms. Montgomery for Vice President of Bogota Board of Education. On a roll call vote Mr. Connors, Mrs. Kohles, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. McHale, Mrs. Miller, Ms. Montgomery and Mr. Moore voted yes, Mr. Severino and Mrs. VanBuren voted present. Motion passed.

Ms. Amanda Montgomery is elected as the Vice President of Bogota Board of Education

ACTION ITEMS

1-3-19-01 **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 6, 2018.

- 1-3-19-02** **BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the Monthly Work/Action and Regular 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 7:00 pm, per meeting calendar schedule through December 31, 2019.
- 1-3-19-03** **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 Star Ledger as an alternate official newspaper. The Bergen Record and The Star Ledger will be used for additional personnel advertisements through December 31, 2019.
- 1-3-19-04** **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

January 15, 2019
 February 12, 2019
 March 12, 2019
 April 23, 2019
 May 14, 2019
 June 11, 2019
 No Meeting
 September 10, 2019
 October 8, 2019
 November 12, 2019
 No Meeting

Regular Public Meetings

January 22, 2019
 February 26, 2019
 March 19, 2019
 April 30, 2019
 May 21, 2019
 June 18, 2019
 August 27, 2019
 September 17, 2019
 October 15, 2019
 November 19, 2019
 December 17, 2019

Tentative Annual Reorganization Meeting: January 7, 2020

- 1-3-19-05** **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, 2019.
- 1-3-19-06** **BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the adoption of the Board of Education Purchasing Manual through December 31, 2019.
- 1-3-19-07** **BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the adoption of the Board of Education Standard Operating Procedure Manual through December 31, 2019.
- 1-3-19-08** **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, 2019.
- 1-3-19-09** **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, 2019.

1-3-19-10 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Valley National Bank as Official Bank Depository and authorized signatures through December 31, 2019 as follows:

Operating Funds, General, Cafeteria, Summer Recovery
Authorized Signatures: Board President, Board Secretary, Superintendent of Schools
Alternate: Board Vice-President

Payroll, Agency, Unemployment, Petty Cash, Athletics
Authorized Signatures: Board President, Board Secretary
Alternate: Board Vice-President, Superintendent of Schools

School Activities
Authorized Signatures: Principal and Secretary (HS Activity Accountant)
Alternate: Board Secretary, Superintendent of Schools

Mrs. VanBuren said she will vote present resolution 8 and 9 because of her concern about curriculum. She said we need to address and revise the K-12 curriculum for continuity.

Mr. Severino asked about the curriculum. Mr. Kennedy said we are working on five year plan for curriculum update which we are evaluating and implementing then we will re-evaluate curriculum for necessary updates.

Mr. McHale moved, seconded by Mr. Moore a motion for the approval of agenda items **1-3-19-01 through 1-3-19-10**. On a roll call vote Mr. Connors voted present on all agenda items, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. McHale, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Moore, Mr. Severino, Ms. Montgomery, Mrs. Kohles voted yes and Mrs. VanBuren voted yes to all except on **1-3-19-08 and 1-3-19-09** voted present. Motion passed.

Mrs. Kohles asked the Board members to email her their interest in the committees. Mrs. Kohles said she will try to contact Mr. Lee to come to the next Board meeting.

HEARING OF PUBLIC

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

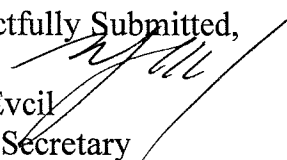
None.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McHale moved, seconded by Mr. Moore motion for adjournment of the meeting at 6:21 pm. Motion unanimously approved by a voice call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,


Irfan Evcil
Board Secretary

