

**BOGOTA BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BOGOTA, NEW JERSEY  
REORGANIZATION MEETING  
JANUARY 9, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER** by Irfan Evcil, Board Secretary at 6:04 p.m.

**FLAG SALUTE**

**OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT** was read by Irfan Evcil, Board Secretary

*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 7, 2017**

| <i>For Three Year Term</i> | <b>At Polls</b> | <b>Mail In</b> | <b>Provisional</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|----------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Patrick H. McHale          | 520             | 39             | 4                  | 563          |
| James A. Moore             | 569             | 58             | 9                  | 636          |
| Maureen Miller             | 553             | 60             | 7                  | 620          |
| Michael Leong              | 396             | 35             | 4                  | 435          |

**Write In** 4

**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 Irfan Evcil, Board Secretary to newly elected or re-elected members:  
Patrick McHale, Maureen Miller, James Moore.

**ROLL CALL** was taken by Irfan Evcil, Board Secretary.

Members Present: Mrs. Granquist, Mrs. Kohles, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. McHale, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Moore, Mr. Severino and Mrs. Van Buren.

Members Absent: Ms. Montgomery.

Also Present: Dr. Varcadipane, Interim Superintendent, Mrs. Nathanya Simon, Board Attorney, Mr. Irfan Evcil, SBA/BS and Elizabeth Ruiz Assistant BS.

**Board Member Code of Ethics read by Irfan Evcil, Board Secretary**

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 Mr. McHale a motion for the approval of the Code of Ethics. On a roll call vote Mrs. Granquist, Mrs. Kohles, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. McHale, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Moore, Mr. Severino and Mrs. Van Buren voted yes. Motion Carried.

## **Election of Officers**

### Election of President of Bogota Board of Education.

The Board Secretary asked for a motion to open the floor for nominations for the Office of the President of the Bogota Board of Education. Mr. Moore moved and Mrs. Granquist seconded to open the floor for nominations. Motion unanimously approved by voice call vote.

Mr. Moore moved and Mrs. Granquist seconded the motion to nominate Mrs. 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. McHale moved, seconded by Mr. Moore to close the floor for the nominations. Motion unanimously approved by voice call vote.

On a roll call vote for the nomination of Mrs. Kohles for President, Ms. Granquist, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. McHale, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Moore and Mr. Severino voted yes. Mrs. Kohles abstained and Mrs. VanBuren voted present. Nomination passed.

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

Mrs. Granquist moved and Mrs. Lewis seconded the motion to nominate Amanda Montgomery for the Office of the Vice President of the Bogota Board of Education.

There being no other nominations. Mr. Moore moved, seconded by Mr. McHale to close the floor for the nominations. Motion unanimously approved by voice call vote.

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

### President Appointment of Committees & Delegates

Finance

1. Amanda Montgomery
2. Maureen Miller
3. Eileen Lewis

Buildings & Grounds

1. Jim Moore
2. Amanda Montgomery
3. Charles Severino

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| Policy       | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maureen Miller</li> <li>2. Jo-Ellen Granquist</li> <li>3.</li> </ol>                |
| Education    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maureen Miller</li> <li>2. Kathy VanBuren</li> <li>3. Jo-Ellen Granquist</li> </ol> |
| Negotiations | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Amanda Montgomery</li> <li>2. Patrick McHale</li> <li>3. Jim Moore</li> </ol>       |
| Ad Hoc.      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Amanda Montgomery</li> <li>2. Eileen Lewis</li> <li>3. Patrick McHale</li> </ol>    |

Delegate to the Bergen County SBA:

Delegate Amanda Montgomery

Delegate to NJSBA:

Delegate Lisa Kohles

**ACTION ITEMS**

- 1-9-18-01** **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 7, 2017.
- 1-9-18-02** **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 7:00 pm, per meeting calendar schedule through December 31, 2018.
- 1-9-18-03** **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, 2018.

**1-9-18-04** **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 9, 2018  
February 6, 2018  
March 13, 2018  
April 10, 2018  
May 8, 2018  
June 12, 2018  
No Meeting  
September 11, 2018  
October 9, 2018  
No Meeting  
No Meeting

**Regular Public Meetings**

January 16, 2018  
February 13, 2018  
March 20, 2018  
April 17, 2018  
May 15, 2018  
June 19, 2018  
August 28, 2018  
September 18, 2018  
October 16, 2018  
November 20, 2018  
December 18, 2018

Tentative Annual Reorganization Meeting: January 3, 2019

**1-9-18-05** **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, 2018.

**1-9-18-06** **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, 2018.

**1-9-18-07** **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, 2018.

**1-9-18-08** **BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the Official Bank Depositories through December 31, 2018 as follows:

1. Valley National Bank – Operating Funds, Payroll, Agency
2. Bogota Savings & Loan – Investments

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

Alternate: Board Vice-President

Mr. McHale moved, seconded by Mrs. Granquist a motion for the approval of agenda items **1-9-18-01 through 1-9-18-08**. On a roll call vote Mrs. Granquist, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. McHale, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Moore, Mr. Severino, Mrs. VanBuren and Mrs. Kohles voted yes. Motion carried.

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

Mrs. Shepherd congratulated the new board members.

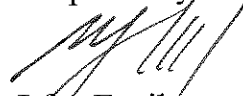
Mrs. Carpenter welcomed Mrs. Miller to the Board and wished the Board good luck.

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. Severino moved, seconded by Mr. McHale a motion for adjournment of the meeting at 6:39 pm.  
Motion unanimously approved by a voice call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Ifan Evcil  
Board Secretary