

**BOGOTA BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BOGOTA, NEW JERSEY  
WORK SESSION/ACTION MEETING  
MARCH 13, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER** by Mrs. Kohles, Board President at 7:01 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. Evcil, Board Secretary

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

Members Absent: None

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

Absent: None.

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

Mr. Moore moved, seconded by Mr. Severino, to open to public comments for any topic. Motion unanimously approved by a voice call vote.

Teachers and parents spoke in support of the candidates for Superintendent. They all supported the candidates from the Bogota public school system and requested from Board members to make a good decision with best judgement which will affect the District and residents.

The residents and staff requested more details on the status to upgrade and to enhance security of our schools.

Mr. McHale moved, seconded by Mr. Moore, to close to public comments. Motion unanimously approved by a voice call vote.

Mrs. DeVore moved, seconded by Mr. Moore, to open to public comments for any topic again. Motion unanimously approved by a voice call vote.

High School teacher expressed his disappointment of teachers for the Superintendent candidates. He also stated that he is upset that some union members support one candidate over to another and staff shouldn't be involved. He said that this is Board decision as elected officials, trusted the interview process, members know better and will make best decision.

Mr. Severino moved, seconded by Mr. Moore, to close to public comments. Motion unanimously approved by a voice call vote.

Mrs. VanBuren moved, seconded by Mr. Severino, a motion for closed session to discuss personnel – Superintendent position.

On a roll call vote Mr. McHale, Mr. Severino and Mrs. VanBuren voted yes, Mrs. DeVore, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Moore, Ms. Montgomery and Mrs. Kohles voted no. Motion failed.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Varcadipane gave update regarding National Walk Out Day for March 14, 2018, the Bogota High School driveway renovation project and search for security system integration with PD.

Dr. Varcadipane informed that preliminary Budget will be proposed next meeting.

### **ACTION ITEM** **EDUCATION**

#### **Approval of Field Trips**

**3-13-18-01 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following field trips.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Staff Members</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Cost of Trip</b>
3/19/18	Cindy Piano Cali Skrnich	Grade 3	Suez Water Treatment Plant	None
3/23/18	Jennifer Cataldi Diana Evans	Grade 3	Suez Water Treatment Plant	None

Mr. McHale moved, seconded by Mr. Moore a motion for the approval of agenda item **23-13-18-01**. On a roll call vote Mrs. DeVore, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. McHale, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Moore, Mr. Severino, Mrs. VanBuren, Ms. Montgomery and Mrs. Kohles voted yes. Motion Carried.

### **WORK SESSION** **MINUTES**

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

**February 6, 2018 Work Session/Action Meeting Open**  
**February 6, 2018 Work Session/Action Meeting Closed**  
**February 13, 2018 Regular Meeting Open**

Moved:

Seconded:

JD, EL, PMH, MM, JM, CS, KVB, AM, LK





**Approval of Custodial/Maintenance Worker**

**3-20-18-09 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the appointment of **Ulysses Torres** as a Full Time Custodial/Maintenance Worker at a salary of \$46,500 prorated for the 2017/2018 school year commencing on April 1, 2018.

Moved:                      Seconded:                      JD, EL, PMH, MM, JM, CS, KVB, AM, LK

**Approval of Substitute Teacher**

**3-20-18-10 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the revision to the appointment of the following Substitute Teachers for the 2017/2018 school year (resolution #2-13-18-13).

**Andrew Ongchin                      \$110 per diem**

Moved:                      Seconded:                      JD, EL, PMH, MM, JM, CS, KVB, AM, LK

**Approval of Bus Aides**

**3-20-18-11 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves/ratifies the appointment of **Lewis Marx** as a bus aide at his regular aide rate of \$19 per hour for the 2017/2018 school year.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves **Brenda Arroyo & Maria Baranello** as substitute bus aides at their regular aide rate of \$15 per hour for the 2017/2018 school year.

Moved:                      Seconded:                      JD, EL, PMH, MM, JM, CS, KVB, AM, LK

**FINANCE**

**Approval of Bill List**

**3-20-18-12 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the payment of bills in the amount of dated        as per the attached, which will become part of this resolution.

Moved:                      Seconded:                      JD, EL, PMH, MM, JM, CS, KVB, AM, LK

**Approval of Budgetary Line Item Expenditure**

**3-20-18-13 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, February 28, 2018 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.

Moved:                      Seconded:                      JD, EL, PMH, MM, JM, CS, KVB, AM, LK

**Approval of Payroll Transfer**

**3-20-18-14 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 February in the amount of \$1,088,847.70 dated February 28, 2018 as attached, which shall be made a part of this resolution.

Moved:                      Seconded:                      JD, EL, PMH, MM, JM, CS, KVB, AM, LK

**Approval of Report of the Secretary**

**3-20-18-15 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board approves the Report of the Secretary for the month of        as attached, which shall be made a part of this resolution.

Moved:                      Seconded:                      JD, EL, PMH, MM, JM, CS, KVB, AM, LK

**Approval of Report of the Treasurer**

**3-20-18-16 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board approves the Report of the Treasurer for the month of        as attached, which shall be made a part of this resolution.

Moved:                      Seconded:                      JD, EL, PMH, MM, JM, CS, KVB, AM, LK

**Approval of Budget Transfers**

**3-20-18-17 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves/ratifies budget transfers for the month of        ; as attached, which shall be made a part of this resolution.

Moved:                      Seconded:                      JD, EL, PMH, MM, JM, CS, KVB, AM, LK

**Approval of South Bergen Jointure**

**3-20-18-18 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board does hereby approve an agreement with the South Bergen Jointure Commission, an approved Coordinated Transportation Services Agency, for the purposes of transporting students in accordance with Chapter 53, P.L. 1997 for the time period 2018/2019 school year. The services to be provided include, but are not limited to, the Coordinated Transportation of nonpublic, out of district special education, vocational and summer programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Bogota Board of Education agrees to abide by the Transportation Services Agreement as published by the South Bergen Jointure Commission and attached to this resolution

Moved:                      Seconded:                      JD, EL, PMH, MM, JM, CS, KVB, AM, LK

**Approval of Aide in Lieu**

**3-20-18-19 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board ratifies/approves Aide in Lieu, for transportation, for the following students attending Unity Charter School in Morris Township in the amount of \$1,000 per student for a total of \$2,000 for the 2017/2018 school year.

Student #26350  
 Student #10301

Moved:                      Seconded:                      JD, EL, PMH, MM, JM, CS, KVB, AM, LK

**Approval of Change orders**

**3-20-18-20** **BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approve change order for Boiler Upgrade Project for all schools as decrease in the amount of \$20,500 as follows:

Credit for recommended changes to the insulation layout specified	-\$13,000
Credit unused contract allowance	- \$7,500
<b>Net Total:</b>	<b>-\$20,500</b>

Moved:                      Seconded:                      JD, EL, PMH, MM, JM, CS, KVB, AM, LK

**Award Contract for Internet and IT Infrastructure**

**3-20-18-21** **WHEREAS**, the Board of Education solicited Request for Proposal for E-rate Category One and Category Two services, at Bogota Jr./Sr. High, Lillian M. Steen Elementary and E. Roy Bixby Elementary Schools, and

**WHEREAS**, the RFPs were reviewed in the office of the School Business Administrator

**Now, therefore, be it RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Bogota Board of Education awards contracts for the following service providers for 2018-2019 school year, pursuant to RFP process as the lowest responsible bidder and approve to apply E-rate grant.

**Category 1:**

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Description of Services</b>	<b>Contract Amount</b>	<b>E-Rate Grant</b>
Verizon	1 Gb Fios Internet circuits, 24 months	\$279/month per building \$3,348/year per building	80% E-Rate eligible (depends on actual Oct. 15 enrollment)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,044.00</b> <b>annually for all buildings</b>	<b>\$8,035.20</b>

**Category 2:**

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Description of Services</b>	<b>Contract Amount</b>	<b>E-Rate Grant</b>
Techno Time Business Solutions, Inc.	IT infrastructure, Category 2 eligible items – Data Network, Wireless, Cabling, Firewall, UPS	Bixby \$38,973.15 Steen \$43,054.95 Jr./Sr. HS \$99,618.63	\$31,178.52 \$34,443.96 \$64,948.50
	<b>Total for all buildings</b>	<b>\$181,646.73</b>	<b>\$130,570.98</b>

Moved:                      Seconded:                      JD, EL, PMH, MM, JM, CS, KVB, AM, LK





Moved:                      Seconded:                      JD, EL, PMH, MM, JM, CS, KVB, AM, LK

**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 March 13, 2018, at 7:46 p.m. to discuss matters involving negotiations, litigation, personnel - Superintendent position.
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 OR MAY NOT 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 at 7:46 p.m.

Mr. Moore moved, seconded by Mrs. Lewis, a motion to open the meeting in public session. Motion unanimously approved by a voice call vote at 8:10 p.m.

Mr. Severino moved, seconded by Mrs. VanBuren to add to the agenda item **03-13-18-02**,  
**03-13-18-02 BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bogota Board of Education does hereby appoint Damon Englese, as Superintendent of Schools, effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021, contract shall be prepared and sent to the Executive County Superintendent for review once approval is received by the county, the contract shall be submitted to the board.

On a roll call vote Mr. McHale, Mr. Severino and Mrs. VanBuren voted yes, Mrs. DeVore, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Moore, Ms. Montgomery and Mrs. Kohles voted no. Motion Failed.

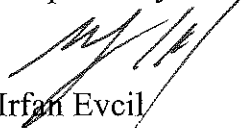
Ms. Montgomery apologized to the public for the board's behavior stating that they had a disagreement in closed session and the mature way to handling it was to walk out. She further stated that she was embarrassed.

Mr. Severino then asked Ms. Montgomery whether she and other board members met to discuss the position of superintendent last week. Ms. Montgomery replied yes. Mr. Severino asked how many members were present, Ms. Montgomery responded four.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. McHale moved, seconded by Mr. Moore a motion for adjournment of the meeting at 8:16 p.m. Motion unanimously approved by a voice call vote except for Mrs. VanBuren opposed.

Respectfully submitted,



Irfan Evcil  
Board Secretary