

**BOGOTA BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BOGOTA, NEW JERSEY**

**MINUTES**

***PUBLIC HEARING***

***May 3, 2016***

***Bogota High School Cafeteria***

**CALL TO ORDER** by Mr. Severino, Board President at 7:00 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.*

**ROLL CALL** was taken by Ms. Kao, Board Secretary

Members Present: Mrs. Carpenter (arrived at 7:02 pm), Ms. Granquist, Mrs. Kohles, Mrs. Lewis, Ms. Montgomery, Mr. Moore, Mrs. VanBuren, Mr. McHale, and Mr. Severino.

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Dr. Pantoliano, Superintendent of Schools and Ms. Kao, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Absent: Mr. Richard Brovarone, Esq. Board Attorney

**BUDGET MODIFICATION**

Board Auditor, Mr. Gary Vinci from Lerch, Vinci & Higgins, discussed the modification to the 2016-2017 budget regarding the possible capital projects for the 2016-2017 school year, the High School Science Lab Upgrades and the High School Parking Lot Upgrades. The money will need to be withdrawn from the Capital Reserve and be transferred to the Capital Project Fund.

Since the advertisement of the original budget approved by the board on March 21, 2016, did not reference to the capital projects, there is a modification on the first agenda resolution. The second resolution is to update the Long Range Facility Plan.

**BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Ms. Kao presented the 2016-2017 school budget.

Mr. McHale asked why the capital projects total amount was reduced. Dr. Pantoliano explained that she was told by the architect the total was close to \$700,000.

Mrs. VanBuren asked about the delay on the budget hearing. Dr. Pantoliano and Ms. Kao explained the budget supporting documents were the reason of the delay.

Mrs. VanBuren asked why the budget approved on March 21, 2016 did not reference the capital projects because the Board decided to move forward with the capital projects in February 2016. Dr. Pantoliano explained the dollar amounts of the capital projects were not available.

Mrs. Kohles asked why not completing both capital projects at the same time. Dr. Pantoliano explained both projects are in the High School. The hold off is not to affect the opening of the school in case one or both projects are delayed.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

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

Mrs. Shepherd asked about the source of the special revenue budget. Ms. Kao answered the sources are the grants and the state aid.

Mrs. Shepherd asked what falls under miscellaneous expenses. Ms. Kao answered miscellaneous expenses are things like professional services, professional development, travel reimbursements, advertisements, legal services, audit fees, phone bills, membership dues, copier rentals, and so on.

Dr. Pantoliano mentioned that two elementary school teachers were added to keep class size small. In addition, the budget includes Kindergarten Aides to keep the teacher and aide/student ratio low.

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

Mr. McHale moved, seconded by Mrs. Carpenter a motion and approval of agenda item 5-3-16-01. On a roll call vote Mrs. Carpenter, Ms. Granquist, Mrs. Kohles, Mrs. Lewis, Ms. Montgomery, Mr. Moore, Mrs. VanBuren, Mr. McHale, and Mr. Severino voted yes. Motion carried.

**5-3-16-01 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the final budget for the 2016-2017 School Year.

<b>General Fund</b>	-	<b>\$ 20,701,896</b>
<b>Special Revenue Fund</b>	-	<b>\$ 764,324</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>	-	<b>\$ 631,250</b>
<b>Total Budget</b>	-	<b>\$ 22,097,470</b>
<b>General Fund Tax Levy</b>	-	<b>\$ 14,180,378</b>
<b>Debt Service Tax Levy</b>	-	<b>\$ 631,250</b>

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the tax levy for the General Fund \$ 14,180,378 for the 2016-2017 school year.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves a budget withdrawal from Capital Reserve – Excess Costs & Other Capital Projects of the 2016-2017 school year budget in the amount of \$700,000 for improvements to the High School parking lot and High School Science labs. The total cost of these projects is \$700,000 which represents expenditures for construction elements or projects that are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the core curriculum content standards.

Mr. McHale moved, seconded by Mr. Moore a motion and approval of agenda item 5-3-16-02. On a roll call vote Mrs. Carpenter, Ms. Granquist, Mrs. Kohles, Mrs. Lewis, Ms. Montgomery, Mr. Moore, Mrs. VanBuren, Mr. McHale, and Mr. Severino voted yes. Motion carried.

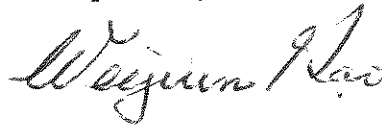
**5-3-16-02 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves to amend the District's Long Range Facility Plan to include the following

High School Science Lab Upgrades	\$350,000
High School Parking Lot Upgrades	\$350,000

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. VanBuren moved, seconded by Mr. McHale, a motion for adjournment of the meeting at 7:41 pm. Motion unanimously approved by a voice call vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Weijun Kao  
Board Secretary