

**BOGOTA BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BOGOTA, NEW JERSEY  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 19, 2019  
Bogota Jr./Sr. High School Cafeteria**

**CALL TO ORDER** by Mrs. Kohles, Board Vice President at 7:00 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. Irfan Evcil, Board Secretary

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

Members Absent: Mr. Severino.

Also Present: Mr. Damian Kennedy Superintendent, Mr. Evcil, SBA/BS, Nathanya Simon, Board Attorney, Elizabeth Ruiz Assistant BS and Angelie Jaipersaud, Student Council Representative.

Absent: None.

**HEARING OF CITIZENS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

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

None.

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

**Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Kennedy informed the following items:

- There will be an Addendum to the Agenda tonight. Maternity leave, Preliminary School Budget and a revision to the bill list, adding check # 023340, changing the total bill list to \$ 1,114,013.90.
- A testing update, the New Jersey Department of Education let us know yesterday that we are no longer testing juniors this year in the NJSLA.

-Project update, we still have some punch list and brick work, due to the weather changing we will see some activity with some of those items getting worked on.

-Tonight we have a special presentation by Mr. Daniel Sinclair President of NJSBA on the non-college bound student.

-Mr. Sinclair presented a video from NJSBA on the Non-college bound student. This video can be found in the NJSBA website. The presentation focused on the NJSBA helping the districts help the Non-college bound students with trade/vocation classes. Trades such as plumbing, electrical and mechanics for example, are in need of workers. NJSBA has 59 recommendations to better serve and address the issues of education opportunities for the Non-college bound learners.

-Board members and Mr. Sinclair discussed presentation.

## **MINUTES**

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

**February 26, 2019 Regular Meeting – Open**

**February 26, 2019 Regular Meeting - Closed**

Mr. McHale moved, seconded by Mr. Connors a motion for the approval of the minutes as submitted for the **February 26, 2019 Regular Meeting-Open, February 26, 2019 Regular Meeting-Closed** on a roll call vote, Mr. Connors, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. McHale, Mrs. Miller, VanBuren, Ms. Montgomery and Mrs. Kohles, voted yes. Mr. Moore recused. Motion Carried.

## **POLICY**

### **First Reading of Policy 2422 Health and Physical Education**

**3-19-19-01 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the first reading of Policy 2422 Health and Physical Education (M) (Revised).

### **First Reading of Policy 2431.3 Practice and Pre-Season Heat Acclimation for School Sponsored Athletics and Extra Curricular Activities**

**3-19-19-02 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the first reading of Policy 2431.3 Practice and Pre-Season Heat Acclimation for School Sponsored Athletics and Extra Curricular Activities (Revised).

### **First Reading of Policy 2610 Educational Program Evaluation**

**3-19-19-03 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the first reading of Policy 2610 Educational Program Evaluation (M) (Revised).

**First Reading of Policy 4219 Commercial Driver's License Controlled Substance and Alcohol Use Testing**

**3-19-19-04 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the first reading of Policy 4219 Commercial Driver's License Controlled Substance and Alcohol Use Testing (M) (Revised).

**First Reading of Policy and Regulation 5111 Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students**

**3-19-19-05 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the first reading of Policy and Regulation 5111 Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (M) (Revised).

**First Reading of Policy 5330.04 Administering an Opioid Antidote**

**3-19-19-06 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the first reading of Policy 5330.04 Administering an Opioid Antidote (M) (Revised).

**First Reading of Regulation 5330.04 Administering an Opioid Antidote**

**3-19-19-07 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the first reading of Regulation 5330.04 Administering an Opioid Antidote (M) (New).

**First Reading of Policy 5337 Service Animals**

**3-19-19-08 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the first reading of Policy 5337 Service Animals (Revised).

**First Reading of Policy 5756 Transgender Students**

**3-19-19-09 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the first reading of Policy 5756 Transgender Students (M) (Revised).

**First Reading of Policy and Regulation 7440 School District Security**

**3-19-19-10 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the first reading of Policy and Regulation 7440 School District Security (M) (Revised).

**First Reading of Policy 8561 Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs**

**3-19-19-11 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the first reading of Policy 8561 Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs (M) (Revised).

**First Reading of Policy 8860 Memorials**

**3-19-19-12 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the first reading of Policy 8860 Memorials (Revised).

**First Reading of Policy 2415.06 Unsafe School Choice Option**

**3-19-19-13 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the first reading of Policy 2415.06 Unsafe School Choice Option (M) (Revised).

**First Reading of Policy 2460.8 Special Education Free and Appropriate Public Education**

**3-19-19-14 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the first reading of Policy 2460.8 Special Education Free and Appropriate Public Education (M) (Revised).

**First Reading of Policy and Regulation 5600 Student Discipline/Code of Conduct**

**3-19-19-15 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the first reading of Policy and Regulation 5600 Student Discipline/Code of Conduct (M) (Revised).

**First Reading of Policy and Regulation 5611 Removal of Students for Firearms Offenses**

**3-19-19-16 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the first reading of Policy and Regulation 5611 Removal of Students for Firearms Offenses (M) (Revised).

**First Reading of Policy and Regulation 5612 Assaults on District Board of Education Members or Employees**

**3-19-19-17 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the first reading of Policy and Regulation 5612 Assaults on District Board of Education Members or Employees (M) (Revised).

**First Reading of Policy and Regulation 5613 Removal of Students for Assaults with Weapons Offenses**

**3-19-19-18 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the first reading of Policy and Regulation 5613 Removal of Students for Assaults with Weapons Offenses (M) (Revised).

**First Reading of Policy and Regulation 8461 Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Alcohol, and Other Drug Offenses**

**3-19-19-19 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the first reading of Policy and Regulation 8461 Reporting Violence, Vandalism, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying, Alcohol, and Other Drug Offenses (M) (Revised).

Mr. McHale moved, seconded by Mr. Connors a motion for the approval of agenda items **3-19-19-01 through 3-19-19-19**. On a roll call vote Mr. Connors, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. McHale, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Moore, Mrs. VanBuren, Ms. Montgomery and Mrs. Kohles voted yes. Motion Carried.

## **EDUCATION**

### **Approval of Professional Conferences**

**3-19-19-20 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves/ratifies the following professional conferences (pending fund availability).

<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Moraima Hamue	Administrative Assistant Program	NJASBO Rockaway, NJ	5/9/19	Mileage only
Irfan Evcil	NJASBO Annual Conference	Atlantic City, NJ	6/4/19 – 6/7/19	\$755
Dana Zebrowski	Increase your success as a special education teacher	West Orange, NJ	4/9/19	\$269
Arlene Crugnola	Structured Learning Experience (SLE) Training	Rutgers University Morris Plains, NJ	5/7/19	\$132 + Mileage
Arlene Crugnola	Structured Learning Experience (SLE) Training	Rutgers University Morris Plains, NJ	5/20/19- 5/22/19	\$396 + Mileage
Arlene Crugnola	Structured Learning Experience (SLE) Training	Online Course	5/24/19	\$132
Sandra Fatovic	Refining ELA practices	Rutgers Graduate School of Education New Brunswick, NJ	3/22/19	None

**Approval of Field Trips**

**3-19-19-21 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following field trips.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Students</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Expense</b>
5/21/19	Debbie Hunter Nicole Stols	Grade 3	Liberty Science Center	To be paid by PTO and students
5/3/19	Barry McCann Andrea Lynch Seth Mandel	Grade 7-12	Dorney Park PA	To be paid by students
6/14/19	Monica Garcia	MultiCultural Club	Paper Mill Playhouse Millburn, NJ	To be paid by students
5/9/19	Margie Maher Jean Hall	Grade 2	Meadowlands Environmental Center	To paid by PTO and students
5/20/19	Karol Misa	Grade 7&8	Hackensack Homeless Center	None
5/22/19	Samantha Smith Kelly Jones Katherine Voellm	Grade 4	Liberty Science Center	To be paid by PTO and students
4/2/19	Monica Garcia	Middle and High School Leadership Conference	Kean University	None
4/26/19	Tara Amanna Denise Giaimo	Grade 11	Bergen Community College	None

**Approval of HIB**

**3-19-19-22 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following harassment, intimidation, and bullying findings:

<b>School</b>	<b>Incident</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Consequences/Intervention</b>
Jr./Sr. High School	18-19 #9	Non-HIB Incident	Make sure students are seated away from each other in class.
Jr./Sr. High School	18-19 #10	Intentional (without hate speech) designed to harass, intimidate, or bully	2 days out of school suspension Check in with counselor as needed

**Rescind Out of District Placement**

**3-19-19-23 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board rescinds the placement of Student #26605 at Ridgefield Park Public Schools effective March 1, 2019. Student has moved out of district.

### **Approval of Home Instruction**

**3-19-19-24 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Donna Citakian to provide home instruction to Student #26729 at a rate of \$40 per hour, not to exceed 10 hours a week.

### **Approval of Home Instruction**

**3-19-19-25 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Kristen King to provide home instruction to Student #26371 at a rate of \$40 per hour, not to exceed 10 hours a week.

### **Approval of Neurological Evaluations**

**3-19-19-26 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the following providers to conduct additional neurological evaluations at the following rates, not to exceed \$3000 for the remainder 2018/2019 school year.

Dr. Michael Kutz - \$500 per evaluation

Dr. Batul Ladak - \$600 per evaluation

### **Approval of Psychiatric Evaluations**

**3-19-19-27 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves Dr. Esther Fridman to conduct an additional 12 psychiatric evaluations at a contractual rate of \$625 per evaluation, not to exceed \$7500 for the remainder of the 2018/2019 school year.

### **Approval of Revision to 2018.2019 School Calendar**

**3-19-19-28 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the revision to the 2018/2019 school calendar as follows:

**May 24, 2019 – Single Session (All Schools)**

**June 4, 2019 – Schools Closed**

### **Approval of Fun Bus**

**3-19-19-29 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the Fun Bus to come to Steen School for the PreK and Kindergarten Students on April 12, 2019. This event will be paid for with the money from the PreK grant.

Mr. Moore moved, seconded by Mrs. Lewis a motion for the approval of agenda items **3-19-19-20 through 3-19-19-29**. On a roll call vote Mr. Connors, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. McHale, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Moore, Mrs. VanBuren, Ms. Montgomery and Mrs. Kohles voted yes. Motion Carried.

## PERSONNEL

**All personnel appointments are contingent upon receipt of an affirmative criminal history record check and the holding of proper certification.**

### **Appointment of Substitute Teacher**

**3-19-19-30 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the appointment of **Jessica Pobutkiewicz** as a substitute teacher at a salary of \$90 per diem for the remainder of the 2018/2019 school year.

### **Appointment of Substitute Nurse**

**3-19-19-31 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the appointment of **Kerri Sanders** as a substitute nurse at a salary of \$150 per diem for the remainder of the 2018/2019 school year.

### **Appointment of Baseball Coach**

**3-19-19-32 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the appointment of **Lou Severino** as 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade Baseball Coach at a salary of Step 1 \$3,108 for the Spring 2019 season.

### **Appointment of Teacher Aide**

**3-19-19-33 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the appointment of **Veronica Trujillo** as a Teacher Aide at a salary of \$19 per hour for the remainder of the 2018/2019 school year.

### **Approval of Family Leave**

**3-19-19-34 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the NJ Family Leave of **Seth Mandel** as follows:

March 25, 2019 through April 12, 2019

### **Accept Resignation**

**3-19-19-35 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board accepts resignation of **Jonathan Riad** as a Teacher Assistant effective March 8, 2019.

### **Approval of Sidebar Agreement**

**3-19-19-36 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the Sidebar to the 2017-2020 Collective Bargaining Agreement between Bogota Board of Education and Bogota Education Association

**WHEREAS**, the Board and the Association are desirous of amending the Agreement to include the following:

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby agreed by and between the Bogota Board of Education and Bogota Education Association to REVISE (p.20): Article VIII – ABSENCES and LEAVES as follows:



### C. SHORT – TERM ABSENCE (EXCLUSIVE OF SICK LEAVE)

3. Personal Business Days – three (3) days per year for urgent personal business that cannot be attended to other than during the work day, subject to the following:

**ADD e. – Unused Personal Business Days in any given year shall be converted to unused accumulated sick leave days.**

Mr. McHale moved, seconded by Mrs. VanBuren a motion for the approval of agenda items **3-19-19-30 through 3-19-19-36**. On a roll call vote Mr. Connors, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. McHale, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Moore, Mrs. VanBuren, Ms. Montgomery and Mrs. Kohles voted yes. Motion Carried.

### FINANCE

#### **Approval of Bill List**

**3-19-19-37 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the payment of bills in the amount of \$1,114,013.90 dated March 19, 2019 as per the attached, which will become part of this resolution.

#### **Approval of Budgetary Line Item Expenditure**

**3-19-19-38 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, 2019 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.

#### **Approval of Payroll Transfer**

**3-19-19-39 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 2019 in the amount of \$1,168,877.85 dated February 28, 2019 as attached, which shall be made a part of this resolution.

#### **Approval of Report of the Secretary**

**3-19-19-40 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board approves the Report of the Secretary for the month of February 2019 as attached, which shall be made a part of this resolution.

#### **Approval of Report of the Treasurer**

**3-19-19-41 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools the Board approves the Report of the Treasurer for the month of February 2019 as attached, which shall be made a part of this resolution.

#### **Approval of Budget Transfers**

**3-19-19-42 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves/ratifies budget transfers for the month of February 2019; as attached, which shall be made a part of this resolution.

### **Approval of Interlocal Service Agreement**

**3-19-19-43 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the Interlocal Service Agreement between the Borough of Bogota and the Bogota Board of Education for class three special law enforcement officers, as per the attached.

Mr. McHale asked about agenda item **3-19-19-37** Bill List, check # 023247 Air Brook Limousine. Mr. Evcil responded this was for transportation for DECA club to go to Atlantic City to participate in state competition.

Mr. McHale moved, seconded by Mr. Moore a motion for the approval of agenda items **3-19-19-37 through 3-19-19-43**. On a roll call vote Mr. Connors, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. McHale, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Moore, Mrs. VanBuren, Ms. Montgomery and Mrs. Kohles voted yes. Motion Carried.

### **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

#### **Approval of Disposal of Assets**

**3-19-19-44 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the disposal of a 1994 dodge ram pick-up truck Asset # 10090, vin# 1B7KF26Z4RS549968. It has been determined there is minimal or no value to this asset.

Mr. McHale moved, seconded by Mr. Moore a motion for the approval of agenda item **3-19-19-44**. On a roll call vote Mr. Connors, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. McHale, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Moore, Mrs. VanBuren, Ms. Montgomery and Mrs. Kohles voted yes. Motion Carried.

### **ADDENDUM**

#### **PERSONNEL**

**All personnel appointments are contingent upon receipt of an affirmative criminal history record check and the holding of proper certification.**

#### **Appointment of Elementary Teacher Maternity Leave**

**3-19-19-45 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the appointment of **Nanette Riabov** as a maternity leave Elementary Teacher at Bixby School from April 22, 2019 for the remainder of the 2018/2019 school year at a salary of BA Step 1 \$49,888 (prorated).

Ms. Montgomery moved, seconded by Mrs. VanBuren a motion for the approval of agenda item **3-19-19-45**. On a roll call vote Mr. Connors, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. McHale, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Moore, Mrs. VanBuren, Ms. Montgomery and Mrs. Kohles voted yes. Motion Carried.

### **FINANCE**

#### **Approval of Proposed Budget**

**3-19-19-46 BE IT RESOLVED** that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, and the School Business Administrator, the Board approves the Preliminary School District Budget for the 2019-2020 School Year for submission to the Bergen County Superintendent of Schools for approval as follows:

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Local Tax Levy</u>
<b>General Fund</b>	\$ 23,913,431	\$ 15,325,771
<b>Special Revenue Fund</b>	\$1,838,236	N/A
<b>Debt Service</b>	\$581,400	\$581,400
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$ 26,333,067</b>	<b>\$ 15,907,171</b>

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Bogota Board of Education requests the approval a capital reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$685,000. The District intends to utilize these funds for the upgrade IT infrastructure for all schools (\$120,000), windows replacement project for E. Roy Bixby Elementary School (\$500,000) and new school bus purchase for in district special education program transportation (\$65,000), and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Bogota Board of Education requests the approval a maintenance reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$1,735. The District intends to utilize funds for maintenance of school buildings and equipment,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the School Business Administrator, the Board approves the tax levy for the General Fund \$15,325,771 for the 2019-2020 school year.

#### **Approval of Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement**

**3-19-19-47 BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools and the School Business Administrator, the Board approves travel and related expense reimbursement:

**WHEREAS**, the Bogota Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and N.J.A.C. 6A:23b-1.29(b)

**WHEREAS**, N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq. requires Board members to receive prior approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, a Board of Education may establish, for regular district business travel only as described in NJOMB Circular Letter 06-02, including amendments or revisions thereto, a threshold amount below which Board approval is not required; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education establishes, for regular district business travel only, an annual school year threshold of \$2,500.00 per staff/Board member where prior Board approval shall not be required unless this annual threshold for a staff/Board member is exceeded in a given school year (July 1 through June 30); and

**WHEREAS**, travel and expenses not in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.1 et seq but deemed by the Board of Education to be necessary and unavoidable are excluded from the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A: 23B-1.1 et seq;

**WHEREAS**, the Board had previously established maximum amount for the pre-budget year 2018-2019 as \$30,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has expended \$15,247 of the maximum amount for the pre-budget year to date; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board establishes a travel expenditure maximum for 2019-2020 not to exceed \$35,000, excluding federal sources. Be it further resolved that the School Business Administrator shall track and record these costs to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded. Be it further resolved, included in this amount is a maximum of \$2,500 per employee or officer.

Mrs. VanBuren expressed her concern on the budget and the raising of the taxes, not to do it, as she is representing citizens that have asked not to raise taxes.

Ms. Montgomery, the chair of the Finance Committee said that Mr. Evcil is the most frugal when it comes to budgeting and has worked very hard on the budget to keep it low. Also that as parents of the community want security officers in schools, Care Plus for mental health services, increasing cost of benefits etc., and in order to keep this we cannot have one without the other.

Mrs. Kohles said that the parents want security officers and mental health.

Mr. Connors said that we can try to save money by start planning to bringing special education back to the district.

Mr. Kennedy commented that he has been working with Mrs. Connolly and Mr. Evcil on planning to look for expansion. Space is an issue, money is an issue and funding the program is an issue. We did start with Care Plus and it has preventing us from sending students out, we are already having savings by this. Also, with the Preschool program we are creating revenue by not sending students out.

Mrs. VanBuren also asked about buying a new bus and do we have a driver.

Mr. Kennedy responded that we are looking to hire a part time driver and that we are trying to save some money by having the driver do morning run, it allows our big bus for field trips and the two buses for afternoon athletic activities.

Mr. Connors moved, seconded by Mr. Moore a motion for the approval of agenda items **3-19-19-46 and 3-19-19-47**. On a roll call vote Mr. Connors, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. McHale, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Moore, Mrs. VanBuren, Ms. Montgomery and Mrs. Kohles voted yes. Motion Carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Connors brought up again to video tape the Board Meetings in order to be transparent with the community and knowing what is going on.

Mrs. Kohles commented to get an iPad and stream it live.

Mr. Kennedy said that the Technology Coordinator just started and this will be a new case for him to work on it.

### NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. VanBuren wanted to thank the Board for having Dan Sinclair come and speak to us about the Non college bound student.

Mr. Kennedy said that in the past couple of years we have had seniors were pushed into plumbers that were apprentices and are doing very well today.

Ms. Montgomery also commented on CDL drivers also to be considered.

Mr. Connors asked if we do career fairs.

Mr. Kennedy responded that we just had one for the juniors.

Mrs. Connolly commented on having a mix of trade schools and trade fairs and that students going to Bergen Academies for example to see what is offered is a good experience.

### HEARING OF PUBLIC

Mr. McHale moved, seconded by Mr. Connors, a motion to open the meeting in public session. Motion unanimously approved by a voice call vote.


None at this time.

Mr. McHale moved, seconded by Mr. Connors, a motion to close the meeting in public session. Motion unanimously approved by a voice call vote.

### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Connors moved, seconded by Mr. Moore a motion for adjournment of the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Motion unanimously approved by a voice call vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Irfan Evcil  
Board Secretary