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WATCHUNG BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board thanks outgoing business administrator

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WATCHUNG – The Board of Education bid farewell to Business Administrator and Board Secretary Irfan Evcil at its Wednesday, June 28, board meeting.

Evcil resigned the post effective Friday, July 1, to take on the same full-time position in the Bogota School District in Ber-

gen County. Evcil said he accepted the Bogota job to work closer to his home.

Robert Finger, a retired business administrator and board secretary, has since begun assisting the Watchung board office on a consulting basis, three days a week.

Superintendent Barbara Resko and Board President Ellyn Margulies took the opportunity at Evcil's last board meeting on

June 28 to thank him for his work in his short time in Watchung.

"Mr. Evcil brought many initiatives to the district over his short tenure of approximately 18 months," said Resko. "Mr. Evcil was awarded the Certified Administrator of School Finance and Operations (SFO) certification by the Association

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for School Business Officials International (ASBO International), and under his leadership the district received a Certificate of Excellence based on audit results. Mr. Evcil will be missed.

"On behalf of the Board of Education, administration and staff we all wish Mr. Evcil much success in his new position. We also thank him for his dedication to the district and outstanding service."

Margulies said the entire board enjoyed working with Evcil as he worked intently on making Watchung the best school district it could

be.

"As business administrator he was very focused and committed to financial responsibility and bringing the highest quality services to the district within fiscal constraints," said Margulies.

In addition to thanking him for his service, Margulies also thanked Evcil for guiding the district to great financial standing as evidenced by the results of the district's most recent audit.

"Since my first day, all of the staff and community have been welcoming and helpful," said Evcil. "I was surrounded by dedicated educators and support staff who were always performing be-

yond expectation, especially my colleagues in the Board Office. We also established really good teamwork which created productivity and a positive working environment... With all of the support and dedication around me it was not hard to achieve.

"I'd like to thank you all for this opportunity. It was an honor and a great pleasure for me to work here."

Resko said she is already in the process of interviewing candidates for the full-time business administrator and board secretary position. Until then, Finger will be assisting the board office as needed.