



BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION - FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Finance Committee Meeting AT Tuesday, March 25, 2014

Bloomfield Board of Education 1133 Blue Hills Avenue Board Room, 1133 Blue Hills Avenue ,
Bloomfield, CT 06002

1. Call to Order
2. Consent Agenda
 - A. Review of Finance Committee Minutes: January 28, 2014 2
3. New Business
 - A. Review Budget Transfers
 - B. Discussion of Year-End Proposals
4. Adjournment

BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS – FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, January 28, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

Bloomfield Board of Education

1133 Blue Hills Avenue

Board Room

ATTENDANCE: M. Williams, Chair Present
L. Mara Present
S. True Absent

ALSO PRESENT: D. Harris M. R. Walters H. Frydman
J. Thompson J. Jacoby E. Stoltz B. Silver E. Pierce
S. Braun S. McCann S. Simpson

1. CALL TO ORDER

D. Harris called the meeting to order at 6:07. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

D. Harris noted the following:

- The Board of Education budget would be presented to the Town Council on Tuesday, March 18th; this is a change from the 13th of March.
- S. Simpson was introduced as a consultant, contracted to communicate information and accomplishments of the district.
- Announced M. Williams as the new chair of the Finance Committee.

M. Williams chaired the remainder of the meeting.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2. 1. Review of Finance Committee Minutes – October 22, 2013

A motion was made by L. Mara and seconded by M. Williams to approve the minutes of October 22, 2013. The motion passed unanimously.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3. A. Budget Planning 2014 - 2015

A draft of the budget was shared with the attendees. J. Jacoby highlighted that this was the 5th year of a zero percent budget increase. The budget will remain at 1.5 million dollars. New contractual obligations needed to be taken into consideration. No services or programs will be cut. Reasonable class sizes will be maintained. Additional dollars will continue to be sought through grant applications. Current positions will also be repurposed. LAB will be moved off site to better leverage the Our Piece of the Pie (OPP) services. All adjustments and repurposing of staff are designed to better support the students needs. Presentations will be made to various groups including the PTO's.

3. B. Early Retirement Incentive

Due to declining enrollment, some staff will be eliminated. This has the support of the principals. Even with the reduction of staff, the class sizes will remain at 15 – 17 pupils. Reduction will occur by attrition and layoffs (including a onetime early retirement incentive offer). Those opting for the early retirement incentive offer need to have their paperwork submitted by the end of the first week of February.

3. C. Board Budget Procedures and Line Item Transfers – Policy 3010

The budget transfers were presented in the current format and in accordance with the policy being presented later this evening at the Policy Sub Committee.

3. D. Budget Transfers 2013 - 2014

The attendees had no questions regarding the proposed transfers. .

4. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:37 p.m., a motion was made by L. Mara and seconded by M. Williams to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

M. Williams, Chair