



BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION - SPECIAL BOARD RETREAT MEETING

Special Board Retreat Meeting AT Thursday, May 8, 2014

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

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consent Agenda
  - A. Review of Finance Committee Minutes: March 25, 2014 2
4. New Business
  - A. Discussion of Year-End Proposals  
W. Joslyn
  - B. Board Theory of Action Follow Up  
P. Proctor
5. Adjournment

BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS – FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Tuesday, March 25, 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  
S. Braun S. McCann S. Simpson E. Pierce

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

M. Williams called the meeting to order at 6:05. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

**2. 1. Review of Finance Committee Minutes – January 28, 2014**

A motion was made by L. Mara and seconded by M. Williams to approve the minutes of January 28, 2014. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**3. A. Review Budget Transfers**

A copy of the budget transfers were distributed to the attendees. J. Jacoby highlighted the requested transfers from the various schools. She mentioned that any salary changes within a program would be done administratively with board approval. The attendees had no questions regarding the proposed transfers. The committee recommended moving the March 2014 transfers, as presented by J. Jacoby, to the full board.

A motion was made by L. Mara and seconded by M. Williams to move the proposed budget March 2014 transfers in the amount of \$8,457.00 to the full Board of Education at the May 2014 Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. B. Discussion of Year-End Proposals**

J. Jacoby shared the year-end proposals and expenditures to be considered. There is currently 1 million dollars for programs. Ideas exchanged included a variety of expenses to support the districts four priority areas (i.e.; Priority 2- \$68K Common Core State Standards textbooks, Priority 3-New Vehicle-Car and Food Service truck, Priority 4-Hartford Foundation for Public Giving-Planning grant Communication Project).

L. Mara inquired about supplies for the Extension program. J. Jacoby indicated that the Extension budget was healthy, and they do have materials to meet the student's needs. L. Mara also asked if these were reliable deficits. M. Williams wanted to know "How do we explain this surplus." Does this create vulnerability? H. Frydman questioned if there was a Capital Improvement plan to renovate Central Office or relocate to Town Hall. He also made a suggestion for an electronic sign in front of the Central Office and Bloomfield High School with a radio frequency communication. J. Thompson indicated that this would be discussed at the next finance meeting in May.

J. Jacoby shared she recently received a written Freedom of Information Request from Steve Goode, for the Hartford Courant asking for information and/or contracts related to the list of all employees in the Bloomfield Public Schools central office, including names, job descriptions and salaries. Information is being provided, and documents are being finalized and prepared at this time. M. Williams asked if there is anything we should know relative to the release of this information. J. Thompson indicated that all standard contracts were all in order.

M. Williams also inquired when to expect the year-end proposal. J. Thompson indicated it will be shared in May, 2014 meeting.

#### 4. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:31 p.m., a motion was made by L. Mara and seconded by M. Williams to adjourn.  
The motion passed unanimously.

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M. Williams, Chair