



BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION - FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Finance Committee Meeting AT Tuesday, March 27, 2018

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

1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order
P. Davis
2. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of Minutes - Finance Committee Meeting - January 23, 2018 2
P. Davis
3. New Business
 - A. Approval of Land Lease Option and Lease Agreement (Solar Farm) and Letter of Intent
Regarding Solar Energy Production and Utility Credits
W. Guzman
4. Adjournment
P. Davis



BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS – FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Bloomfield Board of Education

1133 Blue Hills Avenue

Board Room

ATTENDANCE: P. Davis, Chair Present
Q. Johnson Present
M. Walters Absent
D. Harris *ex-officio* Present

ALSO PRESENT: B. Silver W. Guzman S. McCann
A.M. Cullinan W. Joslyn E. Pierce
S. Simpson W. Casper D. Greco
L. Eells R. Ike W. Shepard-Bannish
D. Bolton

1. CALL TO ORDER

P. Davis called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present. Mr. Harris served as the ex-officio.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2. A. Approval of Minutes –Finance Committee – October 24, 2017

A motion was made by Q. Johnson and seconded by D. Harris for the Finance Committee to approve the meeting minutes from October 24, 2017, as presented.

P. Davis Abstain
Q. Johnson Aye
D. Harris Aye

The motion was passed 2-0-1.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3. A. Status of the Board of Education Solar Field Project

Mr. William Guzman, Chief Operations Officer presented an update on the Board of Education Solar Field project.

The company who was awarded the bid for the Solar Field project was C-TEC Solar from Bloomfield, CT. There have been some contract stipulations that are being negotiated before moving forward on this project. In addition, a power purchase agreement (PPA) and letter of intent will need to be finalized prior to signing the lease agreement.

The District hired an appraisal firm to conduct a Best Use Analysis of the property. The analysis determined there are wetlands and the best use of the land would be solar panels.



4. NEW BUSINESS

4. A. Budget Transfers

Mr. William Guzman, Chief Operations Officer shared a summary of budget transfers requiring board approval. The transfers being reviewed by the Finance Committee are to reconcile deficits and balance the accounts as of January 2018.

Policy 3160 indicates that Board approval is required for all salary transfers and other transfers in excess of \$25,000.

A motion was made by Q. Johnson and seconded by D. Harris for the Finance Committee to recommend to the Board of Education approval of the budget transfers as of January 22, 2018.

The motion was passed unanimously.

4. B. Wintonbury Early Childhood Magnet School – All PreK (2018-2019)

Anne Marie Cullinan, Curriculum Specialist and Lisa Eells, Principal of Wintonbury Early Childhood Magnet School (WECMS) informed the committee the school will be transitioning from a PreK-Kindergarten program to a full preschool program in fall of 2018. The reason for this change is due to the high number of students exiting the Wintonbury program after preschool. It is critical to have the full number of seats occupied at Wintonbury and after discussion it was decided this transition would be most effective in maintaining student numbers.

The Connecticut State Department of Education and the Sheff and Regional School Choice Office have both approved the application for the transition.

WECMS currently has fifteen (15) preschool classrooms and three (3) Kindergarten classrooms. To accommodate Bloomfield residents currently enrolled in the WECMS PreK-4 program, kindergarten classrooms will be added at Laurel Elementary School for the 2018-2019 school year.

Mr. Ike inquired if this change will affect the racial diversity of the school. Ms. Eells stated that due to the popularity of the school, she does not anticipate any impact on meeting racial quotas.

Another Board member inquired what families are saying about the transition. Mrs. Eells stated that the primary concern at this point is sibling preference. The families who currently have children in PreK-4 will be provided a one-year waiver for sibling preference for the 2018-2019 school year.

4. C. Review of Alliance Grant Application for 2017-2018

Elisa Pierce, District Grants Specialist share that the Alliance grant was due on January 19, 2018. The funding was authorized at the same amount as the previous year, \$750,492.



The Alliance Funds primarily support Priority 1, Holistic Accountability and Priority 2, Rigorous Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment. Staffing, literacy and STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) programs are funded by this grant.

In addition to the Alliance Grant, the Board of Education was recently awarded two after-school grants for Carmen Arace Intermediate and Middle schools. These are two competitive grants. Elisa Pierce thanked the community partners for their assistance in the submission of these applications.

5. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:35 p.m., a motion was made by D. Harris and seconded by Q. Johnson to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

P. Davis, Chair