



## BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION - REGULAR MEETING

Regular Meeting AT Tuesday, September 10, 2019

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

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BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION – SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Bloomfield Board of Education

1133 Blue Hills Avenue

Board Room

**Attendance:** D. Harris, Chair Present  
M. R. Walters, Vice Chair Present  
D. Bolton, Secretary Present  
R. Ike Present  
H. Frydman Present  
P. Davis Present  
T. Moore Present

**Also Present:** J. Thompson, Superintendent of Schools  
W. Guzman, Chief Operations Office  
B. Silver, Assistant Superintendent of Accountability and Performance  
S. McCann, Chief Academic Officer  
A.M. Cullinan, Curriculum Specialist  
S. Williams, Principal, Carmen Arace Intermediate School  
T. Ellis, Principal, Carmen Arace Middle School  
N. Poplin, Principal, Global Experience Magnet School  
D. Moleti, Principal, Bloomfield High School

**1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order**

D. Harris determined a quorum was present and the Bloomfield Board of Education Regular meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

All rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Opening Statement**

D. Bolton, Board Secretary, welcomed all attendees. The purpose and process of the Board of Education meeting was stated.

**4. Consent Agenda**

**A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – May 14, 2019**

A motion was made by M. Walters and seconded by R. Ike for the Bloomfield Board of Education to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2019 regular Board Meeting, as presented.

The motion was passed unanimously.

**5. Recognitions**

**A. Students – C. Fennell Spelling Bee Champion**

Ms. Stacey McCann, Chief Academic Officer recognized student Charles Fennell for his accomplishments at the local and state level Spelling Bee competition.



**B. Staff and Board – Staff and Board - F. Quinn and A. Bowman - Award from the NAMM Foundation**

Ms. Anne Marie Cullinan recognized Mr. Quinn and Ms. Bowman for their contributions to the performing arts program in Bloomfield. Bloomfield Public Schools was recently honored with a Best Communities for Music Education designation from the NAMM Foundation – National Association of Music Merchants for its outstanding commitment to music education.

**6. Presentations**

**A. Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents' Awards**

Annually students from Bloomfield High School, Global Magnet Experience School, Carmen Arace Middle School and Carmen Arace Intermediate School are presented with the CAPSS awards on behalf of the Superintendent of Schools. All of the nominated students demonstrate academic prowess, citizenship and leadership qualities. Dr. Thompson stated that these students represent the best of Bloomfield schools and the community. A brief statement about the achievements of each student was read. Carmen Arace Middle School and Carmen Arace Intermediate School recognized four students from each school. Global Experience Magnet School recognized four students in grades 6 through 12 and Bloomfield High School recognized eight students in grade 9 through 12. Each recipient received an award certificate.

**B. Unified Sports Program**

Ms. Anne Marie Cullinan introduced teachers Ashley Angiletta and Lauren Serafino who shared information regarding the Bloomfield Unified Sports program. Unified sports is a registered program of the Special Olympics that combines athletes with and without intellectual disability or other developmental delays on school-aged sports teams. High school sports offered include soccer, basketball, bowling, volleyball, and track and field.

Parent Jennifer Smith shared a personal story of her son, Justin and the benefits of Unified Sports program. The program created an opportunity for sports inclusion at her child’s school and built confidence. Photos and a Power Point presentation were provided.

**7. Public/PTO Comment**

Tymina Follins, 1067 Blue Hills Avenue

Ms. Tymina Follins addressed the Board of Education regarding the need for technology, specifically Chromebooks at the middle school. She stated there are not enough Chromebooks for every student.

**8. Old Business**

**A. Policies for a Second Reading**

**1. Age of Attendance – 5112**

Dr. Bethany Silver, Assistant Superintendent of Accountability and Performance presented policy 5112 - Age of Attendance for a second reading. The policy was presented for a first reading to the Policy



Committee on April 23, 2019, to the full board on May 14, 2019 and a second reading was presented to the Policy Committee on May 28, 2019.

The policy specifies the ages of attendance of children. Children aged five years and older and under eighteen, are required by Connecticut law to attend public school or its equivalent in the district in which the child resides.

A child must attain the age five by the first day in January of any school year to attend Kindergarten.

A motion was made by M. Walters and seconded by R. Ike for the Board of Education to approve the adoption of policy 5112 – Age of Attendance.

The motion passed unanimously.

**2. Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers – 4212.42**

Mr. Guzman, Chief Operation Officer presented a second reading of the Drug and Alcohol policy 4212.42 on behalf of Mr. Guzman. The policy was presented for a first reading to the Policy Committee on April 23, 2019, to the full board on May 14, 2019 and a second reading was presented to the Policy Committee on May 28, 2019.

By June 30, 2019 the policy states that training is required for all bus and van drivers of school transportation in identifying the signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis, administering EpiPen and notifying emergency personnel and reporting an incident involving a student life-threatening allergic reactions.

A motion was made by M. Walters and seconded by R. Ike for the Board of Education to approve the adoption of policy 4212.42 – Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers.

The motion passed unanimously.

**9. New Business**

**A. 2018/2019 Budget Transfers**

Mr. Guzman presented the budget transfers for fiscal year 2018-2019. The transfers are to reconcile deficits and balance the accounts for year-end budget.

These transfers are presented to the committee as per the requirements of Board Policy 3160. Further, the transfers are needed to balance the accounts in preparation for the ED-001 report.

The auditors are expected in June for preliminary testing and will return in September 2019 to complete the audit.



A motion was made by M. Walters and seconded by R. Ike for the Bloomfield Board of Education to approve the 2018/2019 budget transfers, as presented.

The motion was passed unanimously.

#### **10. CABE Updates**

Mr. Donald Harris, Jr. noted the upcoming 2019 Legislative Wrap Up session hosted by CABE on June 11, 2019.

#### **11. Board Comments**

R. Ike stated that June is his favorite time of year as the Board has the opportunity to recognize students. He offered his condolences to the victims of the Virginia Beach shooting.

H. Frydman acknowledged the recipients of the CAPSS Superintendent award. He also recognized the Board and staff of Bloomfield Public Schools for their professionalism.

P. Davis congratulated the graduating students and families. She noted she is a proud parent of the graduating BHS senior on June 11, 2019. She also wished Mr. Harris a happy birthday.

T. Moore stated the students are doing a great job. He thanked Dr. Thompson and all the district staff for their contributions to positive things happening in the district.

D. Bolton recognized the hard work of the Superintendent, his team and the leadership at the schools. She also noted she will be the guest speaker at the Carmen Arace Middle School graduation.

M. Walters acknowledged Dr. Thompson and the members of his cabinet for their hard work and dedication. He also extended his congratulations to the students on this celebratory evening, to the upcoming graduates and their parents. He wished the families a happy and safe summer.

D. Harris congratulated the girls and boys track teams for their accomplishments at the State Open. He also noted his attendance at the Bloomfield Memorial Day Parade.

#### **12. Adjournment**

At 8:25 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by R. Ike and seconded by M. Walters.

The motion passed unanimously.

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D. Bolton, Secretary

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J. Thompson, Ed. D., Superintendent



**BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS – SPECIAL MEETING**

Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 6:15 PM

Bloomfield Board of Education

1133 Blue Hills Avenue

Board Room

**Attendance:**

D. Harris, Chair	Present
M. R. Walters, Vice Chair	Present
D. Bolton, Secretary	Present
R. Ike	Present
H. Frydman	Present
P. Davis	Present
T. Moore	Present <i>arrived at 6:31 p.m.</i>

**Also Present:**

- J. Thompson, Superintendent of Schools
- C. Chinni, Attorney

**1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order**

D. Harris determined a quorum was present and the Bloomfield Board of Education Special Meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

**2. New Business**

**A. Superintendent's Evaluation 2018-2019 (discussion proposed for Executive Session)**

A motion was made by M. Walters and seconded by R. Ike for the Bloomfield Board of Education enter into Executive Session for the purpose of the Superintendent's Evaluation. The Superintendent, Dr. James Thompson, Jr. and Attorney Chris Chinni were invited to participate.

The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board members convened into Executive Session at 6:16 p.m. and returned to public session at 7:06 p.m.

A motion was made by M. Walters and seconded by R. Ike for the Bloomfield Board of Education I move to extend the Superintendent's contract through the 2021-2022 school year with the performance bonus, as discussed with no increase for the upcoming academic year.

The motion was passed unanimously.

**3. Adjournment**

At 7:07 p.m., a motion was made by R. Ike and seconded by H. Frydman to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.



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D. Bolton, Secretary

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J. Thompson, Ed. D., Superintendent



BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION – SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Bloomfield Board of Education

1133 Blue Hills Avenue

Board Room

Attendance:	D. Harris, Chair	Present
	M. R. Walters, Vice Chair	Present
	D. Bolton, Secretary	Present
	R. Ike	Present
	H. Frydman	Present
	P. Davis	Present
	T. Moore	Absent

Also Present: W. Guzman, Chief Operations Office  
S. McCann, Chief Academic Officer  
E. Pierce, District Grants Specialist  
D. Greco, Director of Accounting

**1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order**

D. Harris determined a quorum was present and the Bloomfield Board of Education Special meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

All rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Opening Statement**

D. Bolton, Board Secretary, welcomed all attendees. The purpose and process of the Board of Education meeting was stated.

**4. Public/PTO Comment**

No comment

**5. New Business**

**A. Adoption of the 2019/2020 Board of Education Budget**

Mr. William Guzman, Chief Operations Officer provided a presentation to the Board of Education members outlining the revised 2019/2020 budget.

Board members attended workshops to discuss the revised budget. Throughout the process sustaining educational opportunities was considered. The objective in rebuilding the budget was to sustain reasonable class sizes, provide extended learning opportunities for students in grades 2-4, incorporate STEAM into the Extended Day program, invest in high-quality curriculum aligned to state standards, and continue to build internal capacity for all staff. The business office worked to reduce the budget by \$3.3 million.



Mr. Guzman provided information regarding host magnet schools and tuition as requested by Delores Bolton at the budget workshop.

Mr. Ike inquired about staff reductions. Mr. Guzman responded that through attrition such as retirements and resignations, the district is currently looking at a reduction in force of three certified positions and nine non-certified positions. Also discussed was a reduction to Central Office staff which includes changes to administrative, non-certified and custodial positions.

Mr. Guzman noted the process to redevelop the budget was difficult but the district worked cooperatively with both the BEA and BAA unions. Mr. Guzman thanked Ms. Elisa Pierce and Mr. Domenic Greco for their tireless work.

A motion was made by M. Walters and seconded by R. Ike for the Bloomfield Board of Education to approve the 2019/2020 revised Board of Education budget in the amount of \$43,427,030, as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

**B. DATTCO Contract – Proposal**

Mr. Guzman presented a revised proposal from DATTCO that provides a \$150,000 credit in the 2019/2020 fiscal year. There were three years remaining to the contract and the revised agreement will extend the contract an additional two (2) years reducing the increase for fiscal years 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 to 5.5% over the previous year.

Mr. Guzman also noted that a similar revised contract was proposed and accepted by the Board of Education for the Access, which provides the special education transportation.

A motion was made by M. Walters and seconded by R. Ike for the Bloomfield Board of Education to approve the proposed student transportation contract to DATTCO, Inc. for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024, as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

**C. Approval of Policy 5118.111 Request**

Mr. William Guzman presented an employee request under Policy 5118.111, Children of Out-of-Town Board of Education Employees.

This policy was last approved on October 6, 2015. Under the provision of the policy, children of Board of Education employees who live out-of-town may attend the Bloomfield Public Schools at a special tuition rate set annually by the Superintendent. The rate is 10% of the most recent per pupil expenditure determined by the State Department of Education.



It was suggested by a Board member that they revisit this policy to review and update language.

A motion was made by M. Walters and seconded by R. Ike for the Bloomfield Board of Education to approve the application of a non-resident employee to have their child attend Bloomfield Public Schools in accordance with Board of Education Policy 5118.111, as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

**6. Adjournment**

Mr. Ike requested a moment of privilege and stated for public record his disappointment regarding the recent events around the appointment of a Commissioner of Education. The Board members echoed his sentiments.

At 6:45 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by R. Ike and seconded by M. Walters.

The motion passed unanimously.

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D. Bolton, Secretary

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J. Thompson, Ed. D., Superintendent