



BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION - FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Finance Committee Meeting AT Tuesday, January 28, 2020

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
L. Easmon
2. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of Minutes - Finance Committee Meeting - October 29, 2019 2
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3. New Business
 - A. 2019-2020 Budget Review
W. Guzman
4. Adjournment
L. Easmon



BOARD OF EDUCATION – FINANCE COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, October 29, at 6:00 p.m.
Bloomfield Board of Education
1133 Blue Hills Avenue
Board Room

ATTENDANCE: P. Davis, Chair Present
M. Walters Present *arrived at 6:06 p.m.*
T. Moore Present

ALSO PRESENT: J. Thompson W. Guzman S. McCann
B. Silver J. Robinson E. Pierce
D. Harris H. Frydman D. Bolton
W. Shepard-Bannish

1. CALL TO ORDER

P. Davis called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

2. A. Approval of Minutes – Finance Committee – September 24, 2019

A motion was made by T. Moore and seconded by P. Davis for the Finance Committee to approve the meeting minutes from September 24, 2019, as presented.

The motion was passed unanimously.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3. A. 2018/2019 Budget Transfers

Mr. William Guzman, Chief Operations Officer presented the additional 2018/2019 budget transfers. The transfers are to reconcile deficits and balance the accounts for year-end budget from 2018/2019.

These transfers are presented to the committee as per the requirements of the Board of Education Policy #3160.

The budget transfers that were brought before the Board in June 4, 2019 did not include these additional required transfers to complete the 2018/2019 budget.

The committee requested that they have advance notice or a special meeting in the future, to address any additional transfers beyond the fiscal year.

A board member inquired why the request of board approval is occurring in October/November. It was noted that due to the late approval of the 2019/2020 budget (in July) and time constraints of opening a new fiscal year, these are being presented at this time. It was noted that if transfer requests will occur after the close of the fiscal year, the business office will notify the Finance Committee and Board in advance.



A motion was made by M. Walters and seconded by T. Moore move to recommend to the board of education for approval, the budget transfers for fiscal year 2018-2019, as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. B. Special Education Update

Mr. William Guzman, Chief Operations Officer introduced Wendy Shepard-Bannish, Director of Student Support Services. It was noted the district has an increase of forty students in special education from the 2018/2019 year. The state has an average of 16% of students requiring special education services, and Bloomfield has 19%.

The largest increase in the district is in the Birth to three population. There are an average of 25-30 referrals per year and more students coming into the district that have medically complicated needs. The referrals from the high school are mostly new students and are often the result of recommendations due to truancy or discipline.

Mrs. Shepard-Bannish provided information on new student referrals by school in response to inquiry by D. Bolton at the last Board meeting. In addition, special education profiles were shared at the request of P. Davis from the October Board meeting.

By law the district is required to provide services to special education students, and by contract the teachers have a caseload limit. The increased needs within the district are having a tremendous impact on the budget. This information will be shared with the Town Council in the future, as well.

5. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:42 p.m., a motion was made by P. Davis and seconded by T. Moore to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

P. Davis, Committee Chair