



BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION - BOARD OF EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Board of Education Finance Committee Meeting AT Tuesday, April 26, 2022

Virtual - Zoom Meeting

1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order  
L. Easmon
2. Consent Agenda
  - A. Approval of Minutes - Finance Committee Meeting - March 29, 2022 2  
L. Easmon
3. New Business
  - A. District Grants Update  
E. Pierce
4. Old Business
  - A. DATTCO Transportation Contract  
J. Titelbaum
5. Adjournment  
L. Easmon



Board of Education – Special Finance Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 6:00 PM  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom Meeting

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**ATTENDANCE:**

L. Easmon, Chair	Present
J. Wilkerson	Present
T. Moore	Present
D. Harris, <i>ex-officio</i>	Present

**ALSO PRESENT:**

J. Thompson	W. Guzman	S. McCann
J. Titelbaum	E. Pierce	A.M. Cullinan
W. Shepard-Bannish	S. Simpson	H. Frydman
R. Ike	F. Bogle-Assegai (6:06 p.m.)	

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

L. Easmon called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

**2. A. Approval of Minutes – Finance Committee – January 25, 2022**

A motion was made by T. Moore and seconded by J. Wilkerson for the Finance Committee to approve the meeting minutes from January 25, 2022, as presented.

The motion was passed unanimously.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**3. A. DATTCO Bus Contract Proposal**

Mr. Jason Titelbaum, District Data Systems Coordinator presented the recent negotiations with DATTCO Transportation. The major provisions of the proposed contract are (1) a rate reduction of 1.5% points for years 2022-2023 and 2023-2024, (2) extension of the contract for an additional 3 years, (3) total credit of \$200,000 over the life of the contract, (4) continue use of services based on current routes and services.

T. Moore asked for clarification regarding the rate reduction. This is the second amendment to the initial contract. In 2018-2019 the rates were reduced through an initial amendment from 7% to 5.5%.



J. Wilkerson inquired about the credit. He clarified it would be in the new amended contract dates through 2026-2027. The credit was increased as the rate increased were reduced to DATTCO's lowest threshold of 4%.

L. Easmon inquired about the continual use of 180 days. Jason Titelbaum noted the bus companies are starting to include this criteria in their contract to ensure continuity of services.

Following a discussion with committee members, it was decided to receive additional clarification and bring negotiation requests to DATTCO.

### **3. B. Healthy Food Certification**

Mr. William Guzman, Chief Operations Officer presented the 2022-2023 Healthy Food Certification statement to the Finance Committee. This is part of the district's ongoing participation in the National Lunch Program.

Compliance in the program requires that we monitor the sale of foods at events during afterschool hours.

A motion was made by D. Harris and seconded by L. Easmon for the Finance Committee to recommend to the Board of Education approval of the Healthy Food Option Certification. Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the board of education or governing authority certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.

The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by D. Harris and seconded by L. Easmon for the Finance Committee to recommend to the Board of Education approval of the Food Exemptions Statement. The Bloomfield Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met:

- 1) the sale is in connection with school or non-school organizations and groups. an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend;
- 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and
- 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The "regular school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location"



means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food and beverage sales.

The motion was passed unanimously.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

At 6:39 p.m., a motion was made by J. Wilkerson and seconded by T. Moore to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

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L. Easmon, Committee Chair