



BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION - BOARD OF EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Board of Education Finance Committee Meeting AT Tuesday, May 24, 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 - April 26, 2022 2
L. Easmon
3. New Business
 - A. 2022/2023 Budget - Mitigating Strategies
W. Guzman and E. Pierce
4. Adjournment
L. Easmon



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Tuesday, April 26, 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

ALSO PRESENT: J. Thompson W. Guzman S. McCann
J. Titelbaum E. Pierce A.M. Cullinan
W. Shepard-Bannish D. Moleti H. Frydman
R. Ike D. Harris

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 – March 29, 2022

A motion was made by T. Moore and seconded by J. Wilkerson for the Finance Committee to approve the minutes from March 29, 2022 special meeting, as presented.

The motion was passed unanimously.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3. A. District Grants Update

Ms. Elisa Pierce, District Grants Specialist shared an overview of grants the district has worked on as of January 2022. Ms. Pierce provided additional information regarding awarded grants, partnerships, and pending grants.

The district received two ARP after school grants, one for Carmen Arace Middle School and one for Bloomfield High School. This is the first time that the district has after school grants for all grades, Kindergarten through grade 12.

It was further noted that some grants take longer to be awarded, such as federal grants.

T. Moore inquired about competitive versus entitlement grants. It was clarified that we have to submit a proposal for competitive grants, these are not guaranteed. He also asked



if grants can be submitted early. Ms. Pierce noted the district has to wait for the funder to put out a Request for a Proposal (RFP) which also provides an application deadline.

J. Wilkerson inquired if any are 'match' grants and if we know when we will hear back about the grant applications. Ms. Pierce noted none of the grants presented are match grants. The district has no control about when the funders notify the district of the award. Mr. Wilkerson also asked if these programs are already in place. Ms. Pierce stated it is based on the program, some programs will not run without funding and some will enhance our existing programs.

L. Easmon noted the dollar amounts are very specific, is this what we are asking for. Ms. Pierce noted we ask for the maximum allowable for each grant to support the implementation for each program. The district has never received 100% of any competitive grant.

4. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. William Guzman, Chief Operations Officer, provided an update on the bus contract proposal. The questions and inquiries from the Finance Committee from the last meeting were shared with DATTCO. There has been some dialogue but no changes to report at this time.

Committee members had a discussion about the stipulations from the bus company and if the provisions were driven by COVID-19 challenges. It was asked how many bus companies are licensed in the state of Connecticut.

5. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:32 p.m., a motion was made by J. Wilkerson and seconded by T. Moore to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

L. Easmon, Committee Chair