



BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION - BOARD OF EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Board of Education Finance Committee Meeting AT Tuesday, January 24, 2023

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

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L. Easmon



Board of Education - Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 6:00 PM
Bloomfield Board of Education, Board Room
1133 Blue Hills Avenue
Bloomfield, CT 06002

ATTENDANCE: L. Easmon, Chair Present
J. Wilkerson Present
T. Moore Present

ALSO PRESENT: J. Thompson W. Guzman D. Nesmith
A.M. Cullinan D. Moleti W. Shepard-Bannish
L. Lamenzo J. Titelbaum R. Ike
D. Harris

1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order

L. Easmon called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

2. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes – Finance Committee – May 24, 2022

A motion was made by J. Wilkerson and seconded by T. Moore for the Finance Committee to approve the meeting minutes from May 24, 2022, as presented.

The motion was passed unanimously.

3. New Business

A. Status Report – Special Education

Mr. William Guzman, Chief Operations Officer gave a status report on Special Education funding for the current fiscal year. He addressed the increase in enrollment for students with special education needs both in district and at magnet schools. Mr. Guzman also shared an increase in out-of-district student placements, noting the high volatility of this account. He provided an overview of the grants that typically offset some of the cost of special education for districts and how those are actually funded through the state.

D. Harris inquired if the district’s STEPS program is being considered for those students who are outplaced. Mrs. Wendy Shepard-Bannish noted that most of the new, outplaced students may not qualify due to age, but when appropriate they do place students into the STEPS program through the PPT process. Mrs. Shepard-Bannish also noted a very high Birth-3 identification, the highest rate of growth in recent years.



L. Easmon requested for administration to provide a chart or summary with the numbers and cost as reviewed at this Finance Committee meeting.

J. Wilkerson asked if the high number of students at magnet schools are actually students living in the district. Mrs. Shepard-Bannish clarified that residency is verified for magnet school students with special education identification through several processes including through the PPT meeting, the October 1 enrollment verification and by the district Residency Officer when requested.

R. Ike asked why the district is unable to estimate higher for the special education budget. Dr. Thompson noted the district does look at trend data as they develop the budget.

4. Adjournment

At 6:31 p.m., a motion was made by J. Wilkerson and seconded by T. Moore to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

L. Easmon, Committee Chair