



BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION - BOARD OF EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Board of Education Finance Committee Meeting AT Tuesday, April 25, 2023

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 - March 28, 2023 2
L. Easmon
3. New Business
 - A. Status Report - Special Education Transportation
J. Titelbaum and W. Guzman
4. Adjournment
L. Easmon



Board of Education - Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 28, 2023 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 Absent

ALSO PRESENT: J. Thompson W. Guzman D. Nesmith
J. Titelbaum L. Lamenzo A.M. Cullinan
D. Harris R. Ike F. Bogle-Assegai

1. CALL TO ORDER

L. Easmon called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes – Finance Committee – January 24, 2023

A motion was made by J. Wilkerson and seconded by L. Easmon for the Finance Committee to approve the meeting minutes from January 24, 2023, as presented.

The motion was passed unanimously.

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. DATTCO Bus Contract Proposal

Mr. Jason Titelbaum, District Data Systems Coordinator presented the recent negotiations with DATTCO Transportation. The major provisions of the revised proposed contract are (1) a rate reduction from 5.5% to 4.0% for 2023-2024, (2) extension of the contract for an additional 4 years at 4% annual increase, (3) a one-time credit of \$200,000 to be used at the discretion of the district, (4) a 1% overall discount for prepayment of yearly, regular transportation costs.

Mr. Titelbaum presented a spreadsheet showing transportation rates for other Connecticut districts who recently negotiated contracts or went out to bid.

L. Easmon asked if the district can present in writing the overall dollar amount by year.

A motion was made by J. Wilkerson and seconded by L. Easmon for the Finance Committee to recommend to the Board of Education, approval of the DATTCO 5-year bus contract commencing on July 1, 2023, as presented.

The motion was passed unanimously.



4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Healthy Food Certification Statement

Mr. William Guzman, Chief Operations Officer presented the 2023-2024 Healthy Food Certification statement to the Finance Committee. This is part of the district's ongoing participation in the National Lunch Program.

The memorandum from the state of Connecticut was shared with the Finance Committee.

A motion was made by J. Wilkerson and seconded by L. Easmon for the Finance Committee to recommend to the Board of Education approval of the Healthy Food Certification. Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Bloomfield Board of Education 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, 2023, through June 30, 2024. 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 J. Wilkerson 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 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.

5. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:19 p.m., a motion was made by J. Wilkerson and seconded by L. Easmon to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.



L. Easmon, Committee Chair