



BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION - BOARD OF EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING

Board of Education Finance Committee Special Meeting AT Wednesday, January 10, 2024

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

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4. Adjournment
K. Dunbar



Board of Education - Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Bloomfield Board of Education, Board Room
1133 Blue Hills Avenue
Bloomfield, CT 06002

ATTENDANCE: D. Harris, Chair Present
F. Bogle-Assegai Present
K. Dunbar Present

ALSO PRESENT: W. Guzman D. Nesmith E. Pierce
A.M. Cullinan D. Moleti W. Shepard-Bannish
L. Lamenzo J. Titelbaum S. Simpson
R. Ike

1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order

D. Harris 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 26, 2023

A motion was made by K. Dunbar and seconded by F. Bogle-Assegai for the Finance Committee to approve the meeting minutes from May 26, 2023, as presented.

D. Harris	Aye
F. Bogle-Assegai	Aye
K. Dunbar	Abstain

The motion was passed 2-0-1.

3. New Business

A. Status Report – Special Education

Mr. William Guzman, Chief Operations Officer and Wendy Shepard-Bannish, Director of Student Support Services gave a status report on Special Education funding, as of the current fiscal year. He further noted that many district are facing challenges due to the expenses associated with high needs students.

Wendy Shepard-Bannish shared a presentation with the Board of Education Finance Committee and noted all data shared can be located on the stated database EdSight. The number of Special Education students in Bloomfield rose from 12% in 2011 to 17.2% in 2022/2023. She noted that the rising rates are due in part to students moving into the district with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) and the referral rates from the Birth – 3 program.



Additional data was shared including number of referrals by grade, percentage expenditures for Special Education compared to the state, costs of IEPs, and data regarding outplaced students. Mrs. Shepard-Bannish noted of the 42 students currently outplaced, 18 students moved into Bloomfield recently with an outplacement.

Bloomfield Public Schools currently has an in-district alternative educational program for students in grades K-8.

K. Dunbar inquired how families that are eligible for McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance are reviewed. Wendy Shepard-Bannish noted cases are reviewed annually through PPT meetings and the district employs a residency officer.

F. Bogle-Assegai asked if the administration can provide a chart of special education rates as compared to surrounding towns. It was confirmed that this data can be provided.

It was further inquired what attributes to Bloomfield having higher rates. It was noted that some of the following contribute, housing insecurity, magnet school placements and rise in referral rates.

4. Adjournment

At 6:23 p.m., a motion was made by K. Dunbar and seconded by D. Harris to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

D. Harris, Committee Chair

Bloomfield

MAJOR OBJECT - PERCENT OF TOTAL 2023-2024 BUDGET

Account Number / Description	Revised budget	Percent of
	7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024	Total Budget 7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024
01 CERTIFIED SALARIES	\$15,821,328.00	30.56%
02 NON-CERTIFIED SALARIES	\$8,381,606.00	16.19%
03 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$11,427,928.00	22.07%
04 CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$1,963,859.00	3.79%
05 PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	\$4,051,795.00	7.83%
06 INSURANCE	\$198,997.00	0.38%
07 COMMUNICATIONS	\$127,886.00	0.25%
08 TUITION	\$7,496,966.00	14.48%
09 OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	\$80,354.00	0.16%
10 SUPPLIES	\$380,727.00	0.74%
11 OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS	\$1,559,615.00	3.01%
12 TEXTBOOKS/LIBRARY BOOKS/OTHER SUPPL	\$51,430.00	0.10%
13 EQUIPMENT	\$73,043.00	0.14%
14 MISCELLANEOUS	\$156,777.00	0.30%
GRAND TOTAL	\$51,772,311.00	100.00%

These 5 Major
 Objects account for
 91.13% of the total
 Budget.

BUDGET TIMELINE
BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
For Budget Year 2024-2025

***Budget Meetings are held in the Office of Chief Operating Officer and
via Zoom for School Principals***

October 27, 2023 Budget Calendar distributed to Administrative Team

On or Before December 15, 2023 – All school administrators must complete budget meetings with school-based parent groups (PTO/PTA or Governance Councils)

Tuesday, November 14

9:45 – 10:15 Pre-Budget Meeting for Technology

10:30 – 11:00 Pre-Budget Meeting for Facilities

Thursday, November 16

9:30 – 10:00 Pre-Budget Meeting for Assistant Superintendent

10:00 – 10:30 Pre-Budget Meeting for Director of School Improvement

10:45 – 11:30 Pre-Budget Meeting for Bloomfield High School

11:45 – 12:30 Pre-Budget Meeting for Global Experience Magnet School

1:00 - 1:45 Pre-Budget Meeting for Data Systems/Transportation

Monday, November 20

8:30 – 9:15 Pre-Budget Meeting for Wintonbury

9:30 – 10:15 Pre-Budget Meeting for Laurel

10:30 – 11:15 Pre-Budget Meeting for Metacomet

1:00 - 1:45 Pre-Budget Meeting for CAIS

2:00 – 2:45 Pre-Budget Meeting for CAMS

2:45 - 3:15 Pre-Budget Meeting for Student Support Services

December 1, 2023 Budgets entered into ADS Accounting System – Budget Development Module (All Departments)

January 16, 2024 Draft of district budget submitted to Superintendent

February 13, 2024 District Budget submitted to Board at Regular Meeting

February 29, 2024 Public comment and Board deliberations on district budget

March 4, 2024 School district budget request submitted to Town Manager

March 14, 2024 Presentation of district budget to Town Council

May 6, 2024 Town meeting on budget