



BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION - BOARD OF EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Board of Education Finance Committee Meeting AT Tuesday, May 28, 2024

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

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D. Greco and E. Pierce
4. Adjournment
K. Dunbar



Board of Education – Finance Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 6:00 PM
Bloomfield Board of Education, Board Room
1133 Blue Hills Avenue
Bloomfield, CT 06002

ATTENDANCE: K. Dunbar, Chair Present
T. Mack-Mohammed Absent
L. Simone Absent
L. Easmon, *ex-officio* Present

ALSO PRESENT: T. Moore F. Bogle-Assegai B. Silver
A.M. Cullinan D. Greco G. Nolan
J. Dwyer

1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order

K. Dunbar called the meeting to order at 5:59 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

2. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes –Finance Committee Meeting – March 26, 2024

A motion was made by L. Easmon and seconded by K. Dunbar for the Finance Committee to approve the minutes from March 26, 2024 meeting, as presented.

The motion was passed unanimously 2-0-0.

3. New Business

A. School Readiness Grant

Ms. Anne Marie Cullinan, Curriculum Specialist, Gail Nolan, Director of Family Resource Center and Jennifer Dwyer, Principal at Laurel Literacy Academy presented on the School Readiness Preschool Program. The Office of Early Childhood (OEC) funds early care and education programs across the state. School Readiness provides affordable, high-quality early care and education services for high-need communities that help young children prepare for kindergarten.

The School Readiness program funds spaces for children ages 3, 4 and 5 who are not yet eligible for kindergarten and are low-income. Ms. Nolan reviewed the number of spaces available in Bloomfield and within the district, 63 fulltime slots and 17 school day slots.

Communities receiving School Readiness grant funds have a School Readiness Council (SRC) that is responsible for making recommendations and monitoring their local participating school readiness programs.



The Nest teacher Evoni Davis, provided an overview of the preschool program at Laurel Literacy Academy. She shared information on the evaluations they receive and preparing for accreditation. She noted those programs that receive School Readiness funds must be accredited within five years.

F. Bogle-Assegai inquired about the fee schedule. Ms. Nolan noted that it is set forth by the Office of Early Childhood based on family size and income.

It was further noted that the School Readiness Grant is assessed at the state level and number of slots is finalized by the State.

B. Early Start Summer Program

Ms. Anne Marie Cullinan, Curriculum Specialist, presented updated information on the Early Start Summer program for 2024. The Town of Bloomfield has partnered with the school district to provide funding so the district can run summer programs in 2024. The Town provided \$175,000 that will fully cover the cost of the Early Start Summer program.

The program will run from July 8-July 26, 2024 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The program will be held at Metacomet School for rising 1-4 graders and at Carmen Arace for rising 5-8 graders. Breakfast, lunch and transportation will be provided. A copy of the Early Start flyer was shared with the Finance Committee.

Ms. Cullinan noted the program is already fully staffed. She also stated that attendance will be strongly encouraged for participants.

4. Adjournment

At 6:34 p.m., a motion was made by L. Easmon and seconded by K. Dunbar to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously 2-0-0.

K. Dunbar, Committee Chair

Bloomfield Public Schools



Legislative Impacts on the 2024-2025 Board of Education Town Approved Budget



3.19% increase for 2024 -2025 Budget

- Eliminate Early Start Program
- Restructuring of Central Office eliminated:
 - 1.0 FTE Consultant
 - 3.0 Clerical Staff
 - 2.0 Administrators
 - Human Resources/Benefits Position Consolidation
- Moved .8 FTE Student Support Services staff to Grant
- Elimination of all Maintenance Projects
- 3.0 non-Certified Staff reductions at schools
- Reduction of School Administrator
- Gifted and Talented Teachers to Grant
- Reduction in Health Benefits projected increase
- Proposed increase in Alliance Grant Funding
- Inclusion of 58% Cap on Magnet School Tuition, per current legislation

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- Early Start Program
 - Town generously funded this @ \$175,000
- Received the Proposed increase in Alliance Grant Funding
 - +\$807,445 (\$1.8m -> \$2.6m)
- Inclusion of 58% Cap on Magnet School Tuition, per current legislation
 - +\$1.2m

3.19% increase for 2024 -2025 Budget

- Reserve Funds
 - Currently ~\$384k in our 1% existing Nonlapsing Account managed by the town
 - 2022-23 magnet school fund adjustment +\$168k (
 - Now permitted to create a BOE managed 2% Nonlapsing Account
 - Vote at June 2024 BOE Meeting to Create the Account

Major Cost Drivers

Budget Drivers	\$ Increase from 2023-24 Spending to 2024-25 Budget	% Increase
Salaries	\$ 856,934	1.66%
Certified	\$ 420,706	0.81%
Non-Certified	\$ 436,228	0.84%
Employee Benefits	\$ 678,720	1.31%
Health	\$ 602,180	1.16%
OPEB	\$ 99,887	0.19%
Pension	\$ 35,458	0.07%
Social Security	\$ 14,728	0.03%
Other (Life Insurance, Insurance Buyout, Severance, etc.)	\$ (73,533)	-0.14%
Contracted Services	\$ 209,715	0.41%
Operation and Maintenance of Buildings	\$ 28,527	0.06%
Pupil Transportation	\$ 26,156	0.05%
Insurance	\$ 5,356	0.01%
Communications	\$ 450	0.00%
Equipment	\$ -	0.00%
Supplies	\$ (262)	0.00%
Textbooks/Library Books/Other Supplies	\$ (894)	0.00%
Miscellaneous	\$ (6,279)	-0.01%
Other Purchased Services (Travel, Conferences/Meetings)	\$ (24,260)	-0.05%
Tuition	\$ (122,109)	-0.24%
Total	\$ 1,652,054	3.19%

2024-2025 General Fund Expenditure Summary

Account Number/Description		Adopted Budget 7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024	Reclassified Budget 7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024	Budget Total 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025	% of Budget 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2025
[01]	Certified Salaries	\$15,875,496	\$15,821,328	\$16,242,034	30.40%
[02]	"Non-Certified Salaries"	\$8,416,050	\$8,381,606	\$8,817,834	16.51%
[03]	Employee Benefits	\$11,434,172	\$11,369,928	\$12,048,648	22.55%
[04]	Contracted Services	\$1,901,594	\$2,021,859	\$2,231,574	4.18%
[05]	Pupil Transportation	\$4,051,863	\$4,051,795	\$4,077,951	7.63%
[06]	Insurance	\$198,915	\$198,997	\$204,353	0.38%
[07]	Communications	\$128,326	\$127,886	\$128,336	0.24%
[08]	Tuition	\$7,496,966	\$7,496,966	\$7,374,857	13.81%
[09]	"Other Purchased Services"	\$79,017	\$80,354	\$56,094	0.10%
[10]	Supplies	\$375,117	\$376,827	\$376,565	0.71%
[11]	Operation & Maintenance of Buildings	\$1,544,215	\$1,559,615	\$1,588,142	2.97%
[12]	"Textbooks/Library Books/ Other Supplies"	\$53,816	\$55,330	\$54,436	0.10%
[13]	Equipment	\$62,924	\$73,043	\$73,043	0.14%
[14]	Miscellaneous (Dues/Fees, Athletic Program, Student Awards)	\$153,840	\$156,777	\$150,498	0.28%
Grand Total		\$51,772,311	\$51,772,311	\$53,424,365	100.00%

2024-2025 Board of Education Approved Budget Documents

