



BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION - BOARD OF EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Board of Education Finance Committee Meeting AT Tuesday, March 25, 2025

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

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Board of Education – Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 28, 2025 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 Present
L. Simone Present

ALSO PRESENT: L. Easmon H. Frydman F. Bogle-Assegai
T. Moore T. Youngberg D. Greco
L. Lamenzo J. Titelbaum

1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order

K. Dunbar 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 Special Meeting – November 21, 2024

A motion was made by L. Simone and seconded by T. Mack-Mohammed for the Finance Committee to approve the minutes from November 21, 2024, special meeting, as presented.

K. Dunbar Aye
T. Mack-Mohammed Aye
L. Simone Aye

The motion was passed unanimously 3-0-0.

3. New Business

A. Global Experience Magnet School Expenditures

Dr. Tracy Youngberg, Superintendent of Schools, reported to the Finance Committee on the status of operating the Global Experience Magnet School (GEMS). She noted that typically a magnet school turn a profit; however, GEMS is costing the district money. The school was retrofitted from an office space into a school and is considered a sub-standard facility with no auditorium or gymnasium. The district is unable fix the corrective action plan from the State of CT due to the facilities. There are currently 15 Bloomfield residents attending GEMS of the 162 students. Dr. Youngberg would like to form a committee to investigate the cost to continuing to operate the school and explore the direction of the school.

T. Mack-Mohammed inquired about the cost to operate the school and numbers of students and staff. Dr. Youngberg noted the cost to the general budget is \$600,000



(not including the grant funds), there are 189 students in grade 6-12 and approximately 22 certified staff.

L. Simone inquired if the school has ever made money.

Dr. Youngberg stated that the direction of the school is ultimately the Board decision. She noted that GEMS currently is part of the district accountability rating and the chronic absenteeism and student outcomes all contribute regardless of what town the student comes from.

Some items to further consider is the school is not adequately staffed and upholding the them with trip and curriculum.

B. Alternative Education

Dr. Youngberg noted the district contracts with Our Piece of the Pie (OPP) to support alternative education for expelled students and high school students who are overage and under-credit. The district previously had their own program. There are currently 14 students attending however, students are not attending regularly and are not achieving credits. The cost is \$170,000, plus transportation and special education services. The contract expires in 2028 or a 1-year notice is required to cancel.

C. 2% Set Aside Account

Dr. Youngberg, Superintendent, noted that in 2024 a CT General Statue permitted local Boards of Education to create a 2% non-lapsing account. Dr. Youngberg noted this is separate from the 1% Capital non-recurring account with the Town. She is seeking Board approval on the creation of this account for future district needs.

D. Special Education Costs

Dr. Youngberg noted that the Special Education costs are high as there are significant needs in the district. She noted the way services are being provided are not fiscally responsible or student centered. The district is currently relying on contracted and substitute services such as Delta T to address Special Education shortages. Her focus will be to move away from 1:1 support and provide Special Education students with independence goals in the least restrictive environment.

Dr. Youngberg also noted some items to be addressed at the next regular Board meeting are librarians in the schools and updates to the Food Services department.

A motion was made by T. Mack-Mohammed and seconded by L. Simone for the Finance Committee to bring all points discussed by the Finance Committee before the full Board of Education.

K. Dunbar	Aye
T. Mack-Mohammed	Aye
L. Simone	Aye

The motion was passed unanimously 3-0-0.



4. Adjournment

At 6:48 p.m., a motion was made by T. Mack-Mohammed and seconded by L. Simone to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously 3-0-0.

K. Dunbar, Committee Chair



Non-Lapsing Account

History & Current Balance



Non-Lapsing Account

Legislation

Effective July 1, 2010



Bloomfield Town Council Resolution:

ESTABLISHMENT OF NON-LAPSING ACCOUNT IN ACCORDANCE WITH CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTE 10-248a

WHEREAS, Connecticut General Statute 10-248a permits towns to establish a non-lapsing account from unexpected funds from the prior year from the budgeted appropriation for education provided such amount does not exceed 1 (one) per cent of the total budgeted appropriation for education for such prior fiscal year and

WHEREAS, The Bloomfield Board of Education is proposing establishment of such non-lapsing account to be used for capital expenditures to be financed from unexpended funds in an amount equal to 1% of this 2011-12 budgeted appropriations

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Bloomfield Town Council, as fiscal authority for the Town authorizes the non-lapsing account to be used for capital expenditures and to establish within Town's Capital Non-Recurring fund an account in accordance with Connecticut General Statute 10-248a.

Bloomfield Town Council

Non-Lapsing Account

Non-Lapsing Account History

As of March 25, 2025:

Total Contributions	\$2,749,536.00
Total Expenditures	\$1,840,081.42
Available Balance	\$909,454.58

Non-Lapsing Account

Legislation

Effective July 1, 2019

Sec. 10-248a. **Unexpended education funds account.**

1. Allows for the creation of an unexpended education funds account
2. Municipalities can deposit unexpended funds from the prior fiscal year's education budget into this account
3. The deposited amount cannot exceed two percent of the total budgeted appropriation for education for the prior fiscal year
4. Expenditures from this account must be used solely for educational purposes
5. Local boards of education must authorize each expenditure from the account

Non-Lapsing Account

Legislation

Effective July 1, 2023

Sec. 10-248a. **Unexpended education funds account.**

1. Allows for the creation of an unexpended education funds account by board of educations
2. Local board of educations can deposit unexpended funds from the prior fiscal year's education budget into this account
3. The deposited amount cannot exceed two percent of the total budgeted appropriation for education for the prior fiscal year
4. Expenditures from this account must be used solely for educational purposes
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Next Steps