

Regular Board Meeting
Bloomfield Community Schools - Board of Education
Monday, August 19, 2024/6:30 PM

High School, Room 14, 311 E. Benton Street, Bloomfield, NE 68718

The purpose of this meeting is to conduct the business of the district. Action Items are included in the work of the board.

1. Opening the Meeting

- 1.a. Call to Order: A call to order indicates the beginning of the meeting.
- 1.b. Board Member Roll Call: Roll call, a fundamental process in meetings, holds crucial importance when it comes to determining the presence of a quorum. A quorum refers to the minimum number of participants required for a meeting to be considered valid and for the decisions made within it to hold weight.

1.c. District Mission Statement:

Bloomfield Community Schools:
Building Excellence, Encouraging Success
Honesty - Community - Relationships

- 1.d. Nebraska Open Meetings Law: The Nebraska Open Meetings Act guarantees that every meeting of a public body shall be open to the public in order that citizens may exercise their democratic privilege of attending and speaking at meetings of public bodies.
- 1.e. Publication of Meeting: As identified by the NE Open Meetings Act, a public notice announces the time, date, and place of a public meeting. The public has the right to attend meetings of public bodies, listen to debate(s), and watch the decision-making process.

1.f. Pledge of Allegiance:

- 2. **Approval of Agenda** A meeting agenda helps you and your colleagues prepare for a meeting and guide yourselves through the items you need to discuss. Time spent in planning an agenda will likely save time for all meeting participants by providing a clear set of topics, objectives, and time frames.
- 3. **Celebration of Excellence (Staff & Students)** The FFA and FCCLA members and sponsors who attended their respective organizations' national conferences last summer will be recognized. These extracurricular activities allow the district's students to develop the next generation of leaders who will positively impact the world and increase the awareness and importance of personal growth, leadership, and career and family success.
- 4. **Consent Agenda** A consent agenda groups routine meeting discussion points into a single agenda item. In so doing, the grouped items can be approved in one action, rather than through the filing of multiple motions.
- 5. **Action Items** An action item is a single, clearly defined task that must be done.
 - 5.a. **Bank of Hartington** The checking account with the Bank of Hartington was used as a flow-through for the School Lunch Program. The district no longer has the need for

this account. After closing the account, the monies will be deposited into the District Farmers & Merchants State Bank account(s).

- 5.b. Farmers & Merchants State Bank The district accounts at Farmers and Merchants State Bank currently have former Superintendent Jeff Messersmith as a co-signer. His name must be removed, and Todd Strom, the current superintendent, must be added. This motion will begin that process.
 - 5.c. Americanism Civics Committee 2025-26 The nomination and assignment of the three (3) Board Members who will serve for the 2024-25 school years on the Americanism Civics Committee by the Superintendent are Jason Hefner, Chairman, Jessica Loesk and Deb Wragge.
 - 5.d. Negotiations Committee 2025-26 The nomination and assignment of the three (3) Board Members who will serve for the 2024-25 school years on the Americanism Civics Committee are Deb Wragge, Chairperson, Dee Bratetic, and Jason Hefner.
 - 5.e. SPARQ Negotiations This software/service, sponsored by SPARQ, aids the district in comparing your settlement and contract information against your peers. Negotiations will also allow you to view your peer entities, generate comparison and prevalence reports, [view negotiated agreements](#) across the state, and provide more accurate data. [Access the Reports module by clicking this link](#). The initial cost is very similar to the other products we use by SPARQ. Mr Strom has the contract in hand and will provide you with the initial and over-time costs.
 - 5.f. Policy
 - 5.f.i. Policy 1200 Per discussion during the August 5th COW to update and approve the district Title IX policy revisions.
 - 5.f.ii Policy 3130 Per discussion during the August 5th COW update, approve the district Policy 3130 revisions.
 - 5.g. Budget Hearing Date
 1. Set Budget Hearing Date - September 16, 2024, 6:00 PM, Rm 14, High School Building
 2. *Designation of District Representative for 2% Joint Hearing, if applicable
6. **Informational/Discussion Items** Informational/Discussion Items - Items intended only to provide information to the Board and require no action; this includes communication items. Informational items can be scheduled during Regular, Special, or Committee of the Whole meetings.
- 6.a. Strategic Plan The Administrative Committee of Strategic Planning believes an update meeting of the SOC and the Community is now in order. As this committee has selected the two (2) priority areas of focus and a third of beginning focus, it is only appropriate and timely that these two groups be informed of the decision and impending actions to be taken.

The committee discussed the date and time thoroughly and decided that Homecoming Week was an excellent time to share this information and check in with the SOC Committee and its community (the stakeholders). The Admin Committee has selected

Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at 6:30 PM, at the Community Gym for this informative meeting.

In addition, the Admin Committee suggested the booking and the advertisement for this meeting begin immediately following this discussion.

6.b. NASB 2024 Area Membership Meeting The week of July 22nd, we received a flyer from NASB announcing the Annual Area Membership Meetings. Our area meeting is September 4, 2024, beginning with registration and networking at 4:30 pm at the Lifelong Learning Center in Norfolk. The program includes keynotes and breakout sessions with a Networking Dinner & Awards/Recognition to complete the event. As members of NASB, participating fully is in our best interest. A final count of those board members and administration attending will be taken at this meeting. Konnie will register our group for the event.

6.c. Superintendent Evaluation - 1st Round 2024-25

1. **Tue. Oct. 22nd - Mon. Oct. 28th**: Superintendent completes the self-evaluation
2. **Wed. Oct. 30th**: NASB sends the board the self-evaluation results
3. **Wed. Oct. 30th - Fri. Nov. 8th**: Board members complete their evaluations
4. The final Report & Executive Summary will be emailed to the board president by **Wed., Nov. 13th** (*The board president will also receive a follow-up call from a Board Leadership Team Member to discuss the results.*)

The board must complete two evaluations of a new superintendent in the first year of employment. This year, the fee for using the NASB online service for first-time superintendents is \$250 each fall/spring.

6.d. Admin Reports Meeting Report: A more relaxed and user-friendly summary, focusing on main points and decisions, making it easier to digest and understand.

6.d.i. Superintendent - Mr. Strom

6.d.ii. Elementary - Mrs. Gilsdorf

6.d.iii. Secondary - Mr. Conroy

6.d.iv. SPED Services - Mr. Conroy

6.d.v. Guidance - Mrs. Guenther

6.d.vi. Technology and Infrastructure - Mr. Smith

6.d.vii Activities Director - Mrs. Frevert

7. **Public Comment** The purpose of the public comment period is for members of the public to inform the governing body of their views.

8. **Closed Session** The Board of Education may move into a closed session by a majority vote if a closed session is necessary for the protection of the public interest or the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of an individual.

9. **Adjournment** A motion to adjourn is a formal procedure that ends a meeting. If there is any unfinished business at the time of adjournment, it is typically carried over to the next meeting. Prior to the motion to adjourn, the chair should be sure that no important matters have gone unnoticed.