

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, December 14, 2010 7:00 PM Eastern

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
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Consent Agenda
 - 3.A. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting - October 19, 2010
4. Presentations
 - 4.A. Joe Wilusz Retirement from Board
 - 4.B. CABA/CAPSS Convention - Shirley Thompson, Recipient of CABA 2010 Philip S. Fenster Distinguished Service Award
 - 4.C. Carmen Arace Intermediate School (CAIS) Ranked on ConnCAN's Top 10 List for Performance Gains on CMT
 - 4.D. Bloomfield High School Football Team Sportsmanship Award
5. Public/PTO Comment
6. Superintendent's Report
 - 6.A. Financial Report
 - 6.A.1. Draft of Audit, 2010
7. Old Business
8. New Business
 - 8.A. Approval of July 1, 2011- June 30, 2014 Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Bloomfield Board of Education and the Bloomfield Education Association (Board may go into Executive Session)
 - 8.B. Consideration and Action on Appointment of Bloomfield Superintendent of Schools (Board may go into Executive Session)
9. Adjournment
10. Reception: Honoring Shirley Thompson - 8:00 p.m.

BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, October 19, 2010
Bloomfield Board of Education
1133 Blue Hills Avenue
Board Room

PRESENT: D. Seldon, Vice Chair D. Dale, Secretary
R. Ike D. Quinones

ABSENT: J. Michel, S. Thompson, S. True

ALSO PRESENT: J. Jacoby, Interim Superintendent
K. Parks, Assistant Superintendent
D. Munsell, Director of Business Affairs
S. Way, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

1. ESTABLISH QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER AND 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. Seldon, Vice Chair, after determining that a quorum was present, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

D. Seldon requested a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

A motion was made by D. Dale and seconded by R. Ike that the Bloomfield Board of Education approve the minutes of the Tuesday, September 14, 2010 meeting: The motion passed unanimously.

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. PRESENTATION OF SUPERINTENDENT LEADERSHIP PROFILE

Dr. Jacoby called on Mr. R. Collins, CABE Senior Consultant, to brief the Board and present his report and findings.

Mr. Collins reported he'd met ten times with different groups, including faculty, administrators, community members, Town staff and officials, and parents to seek input in developing the leadership profile. This profile is a compilation of desired candidate traits and qualifications as well as district strengths, issues, and concerns.

The findings show Bloomfield residents strongly support the schools. There is a pervasive concern with student performance on the CMT/CAPT tests.

The report's summary states the desire for "A visionary and inspirational instructional leader..." who will build on the district's strengths while focusing on student learning. This leader will be committed to the long term growth of the district.

After the presentation, Board members engaged in a lengthy discussion including questions and comment regarding the report. Mr. Collins addressed the issues as presented and commented good candidates are responding to the search.

B. CMT/CAPT-ACTION AFTER ANALYSIS OF RESULTS

The Superintendent introduced this segment of the meeting. Her introductory comments outlined the planned actions at each school building to move students forward after the analyses of the latest test cycle. She called on each school principal to come forward and address the Board with specific plans for his/her school and students. This was the main topic of the evening and a lot of time was spent on discussion and discovery by the Board and the administrators.

The following individuals addressed the Board and provided details on the plans and activities at his/her school to address concerns, necessary remediation and intervention, and preparation of students for success in their grade cohort and the future:

- Mr. P. Guzzo, Principal - J.P. Vincent School; Grades K thru 2
- Ms. J. Naraine, Principal - Laurel School; Grades 3 and 4
- Ms. T. Youngberg, Principal - Carmen Arace Intermediate School; Grades 5 and 6
- Mr. T. Ellis, Principal - Carmen Arace Middle School; Grades 7 and 8
- Mr. S. Galloway, Principal - Bloomfield High School; Grades 9 thru 12

Each administrator addressed issues and plans specific to their students. P. Guzzo and Dr. Jacoby spoke to the efforts to identify performance of “home grown” students vs. newly arrived students whose skill sets are unknown. Student and family mobility is a serious concern in Bloomfield.

J. Naraine outlined the focus on math skills and instruction for students at Laurel School and the use of research based instructional strategies in core instruction. Data Teams meet weekly to discuss students and progress.

T. Youngberg commented on guided Reading and Math instruction for 5th and 6th Grade students. She commented that even though the numbers of students in her cohort remains relatively stable, the students, themselves, are not the same individuals. Mobility is the problem and it impacts learning and achievement levels for the cohort.

T. Ellis addressed the twin problems of maintaining the gains achieved, moving forward to get beyond Proficient and achieve at Goal. Data Teams are used in this endeavor. His presentation produced questions, comments, and discussion by several Board members who saw student preparation at this juncture as being crucial to student achievement at the High School.

S. Galloway recognized and commented on the efforts at lower levels that brings students forward to the High School. He spoke of three initiatives to enhance performance and learning at the High School: academic achievement, improve school culture, and parental involvement in student learning.

All presentations were enthusiastically and favorably received by the Board.

5. PUBLIC/PTO COMMENT

Mr. C. Williams, co-president of the Bloomfield High School PTO reported on the level of enthusiasm and parental involvement at that school.

6. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

A. ENROLLMENT REPORT-OCTOBER 1, 2010

Dr. Jacoby reviewed the report previously distributed to the Board. Total student enrollment in Bloomfield schools, pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12, stands at 2,199.

B. FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Superintendent reported the following progress:

- Wintonbury Early Childhood Magnet School – this project is being finalized now
- Bloomfield High School – major renovations have been completed

- Carmen Arace School – construction is on-going; there is no interference with educational instruction programs
- Elementary Schools – bids have been awarded to contractors for construction work; construction costs are under budget and allow for the base bid all alternate work

C. HUMAN RESOURCES-NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH POST UNIVERSITY

Ms. K. Parks reported on this collaborative initiative and benefits to staff

D. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE & SUPPORT/CAMBRIDGE EDUCATION

This group will be working with the district to outline and identify the ways things are done with the goal to do better. An initial group visit is due at month-end and work teams will be here in December.

E. SUMMARY EDUCATION LEGISLATION – 2010

Dr. Jacoby reviewed a summary of recent State legislation activity. There were many new legislative initiatives that will have cost implications in the future for the Town and district.

F. FINANCIAL REPORT

Ms. D. Munsell briefed the Board on the latest financial report. The unencumbered balance is being reduced daily. Total expenses are within budget.

G. TITLE I, II, AND III GRANT APPLICATION SUMMARY

Dr. Jacoby reviewed a summary report previously distributed to the Board. A total of \$546.6K in federal funding will be distributed to the district. Four federal grants have been eliminated this year.

7. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. REVIEW AND APPROVE PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND COST ESTIMATE FOR PHASE 3 FOR ARACE ALTERATIONS AND RE-ROOF PROJECT #011-0075 A/RR

The Superintendent called on W. Casper to brief the Board on this matter.

After some brief comments, W. Casper called on M. Sorano of Friar Associates to outline the details for the Board. After a presentation of specific furniture, fixtures, and equipment for the school, D. Seldon requested action on the proposal.

A motion was made by D. Dale and seconded by R. Ike that the Bloomfield Board of Education approve the plans, specifications, and cost estimate for Phase 3 of 4, FF&E, for the Carmen Arace School Alterations and Re-roofing Project #011-0075 A/RR as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

B. 2011 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SCHEDULE

Dr. Jacoby presented the proposed 2011 Board meeting schedule. D. Seldon requested action on the proposal.

A motion was made by D. Dale and seconded by D. Quinones that the Bloomfield Board of Education approve the proposed Board of Education meeting calendar for 2011. . The motion passed unanimously.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no business for Board discussion.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Vice Chair requested a motion to adjourn.

At 9:00 p.m., a motion was made by D. Dale and seconded by D. Quinones to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Board meeting is Tuesday, November 16, 2010.

Dick Dale, Secretary



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November 18, 2010

Principal Tracy Youngberg
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Dear Principal Youngberg,

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Everyone at your school should be proud of this impressive accomplishment. As a Top 10 school, Carmen Arace Intermediate School will be featured in ConnCAN's forthcoming *2010 State of Connecticut Public Education* report in addition to the School Report Card section of the ConnCAN website: www.conncan.org.

Congratulations again on your school's success, and please let me know if you have further questions.

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CONNCAN's Top 10 Lists

African American Student Performance:

1. Amistad Academy (Charter School), New Haven
2. Jumoke Academy (Charter School), Hartford
3. West Woods Upper Elementary School (Traditional/Regular), Farmington
4. Achievement First Bridgeport Academy (Charter) Bridgeport
5. Carmen Arace Intermediate School (Traditional/Regular), Bloomfield
6. Davis Street 21st Interdistrict Magnet School (Magnet), New Haven
7. Elm City College Preparatory School (Charter), New Haven
8. Smith Middle School (Traditional/Regular), Glastonbury
9. Timothy Edwards School (Traditional/ Regular), South Windsor
10. High Horizons School (Intradistrict Magnet), Bridgeport

Performance Gains:

1. Black Rock School (Traditional/ Regular), Bridgeport
2. D.C. Moore (Traditional/ Regular), East Haven
3. Madison School (Traditional/ Regular), Bridgeport
4. Edison School (Traditional/ Regular), Bridgeport
5. Carmen Arace Intermediate School (Traditional/Regular), Bloomfield
6. Achievement First (Charter), Hartford
7. Hall School (Traditional/ Regular), Bridgeport
8. Goshen Center (Traditional/ Regular), Regional SD #6
9. Amistad Academy (Charter School), New Haven
10. Shepherd Glen School (Traditional/ Regular), Hamden

Bloomfield

BOE EXPENDITURE REPORT BY MAJOR OBJECT

Account Number / Description	Adopted Budget 7/1/2010 - 6/30/2011	Expenses YTD 7/1/2010 - 6/30/2011	Encumbrances 7/1/2010 - 6/30/2011	Balance Before Req's Sub. 7/1/2010 - 6/30/2011	Submitted Requisitions 7/1/2010 - 6/30/2011	Balance After Req's Sub	Percent Remaining 7/1/2010 - 6/30/2011
01 CERTIFIED SALARIES	\$16,158,388.00	\$5,383,868.51	\$10,291,705.44	\$482,814.05	\$0.00	\$482,814.05	2.98%
02 NON-CERTIFIED SALARIES	\$5,896,381.00	\$2,247,324.78	\$3,531,085.92	\$117,970.30	\$0.00	\$117,970.30	2.00%
03 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$6,469,654.00	\$3,112,098.32	\$787,933.36	\$2,569,622.32	\$0.00	\$2,569,622.32	39.71%
04 CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$1,333,601.00	\$413,607.55	\$369,205.56	\$550,787.89	\$2,516.00	\$548,271.89	41.30%
05 PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	\$2,205,756.00	\$705,527.87	\$1,086,407.35	\$413,820.78	\$30,331.16	\$383,489.62	18.76%
06 INSURANCE	\$235,936.00	\$121,573.00	\$114,345.00	\$18.00	\$0.00	\$18.00	0.00%
07 COMMUNICATIONS	\$208,545.00	\$26,263.70	\$80,308.96	\$101,972.34	\$0.00	\$101,972.34	48.89%
08 TUITION	\$2,213,487.00	\$207,431.15	\$1,721,158.83	\$284,897.02	\$0.00	\$284,897.02	12.87%
09 OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	\$105,098.00	\$22,055.12	\$27,979.91	\$55,062.97	\$50.00	\$55,012.97	52.39%
10 SUPPLIES	\$712,114.00	\$298,969.42	\$89,618.27	\$323,526.31	\$2,230.39	\$321,295.92	45.43%
11 OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS	\$1,503,794.00	\$571,317.65	\$929,828.36	\$2,647.99	\$1,060.00	\$1,587.99	0.17%
12 TEXTBOOKS/LIBRARY BOOKS/OTHER SUPPL	\$278,939.00	\$59,486.30	\$5,156.84	\$214,295.86	\$1,392.40	\$212,903.46	76.82%
13 EQUIPMENT	\$285,807.00	\$118,707.77	\$19,876.01	\$147,223.22	\$7,857.49	\$139,365.73	51.51%
14 MISCELLANEOUS	\$175,737.00	\$81,649.30	\$29,507.73	\$64,579.97	\$1,125.57	\$63,454.40	36.74%
GRAND TOTAL	\$37,783,237.00	\$13,369,880.44	\$19,084,117.54	\$5,329,239.02	\$46,563.01	\$5,282,676.01	14.10%