

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 15, 2011 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 - January 11, 2011
 - 3.B. Approval of Minutes - Executive Session - January 11, 2011
4. Presentations
5. Public/PTO Comment
 - 5.A. Student Representative Report
6. Committee Reports
7. Superintendent's Report
 - 7.A. Are you warm enough?
8. Old Business
9. New Business
 - 9.A. First Reading of Proposed 2011-2012 School Calendar
 - 9.B. Presentation of Superintendent's Recommended 2011-2012 Budget
10. Adjournment
11. NEXT BOARD SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING FEBRUARY 24, 2011

BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING

January 11, 2011 7:00 p.m.

Bloomfield Board of Education

1133 Blue Hills Avenue

Board Room

PRESENT: S. Thompson, Chair D. Seldon, Vice Chair
R. Ike J. Michel S. True

ABSENT: D. Dale, Secretary and D. Quinones, Karen Parks, Asst. Super.

ALSO PRESENT: J. Jacoby, Interim Superintendent
D. Munsell, Director of Business Affairs

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

S. Thompson, 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.

Change of Order: Motion was made by D. Seldon and seconded by S. True to move Item 8B, Quebec Trip under Presentations and also to move Item 8C, Approval of Contract to follow Financial Report and become 6C. The motion passed unanimously.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

The Chair requested action on the minutes from the December meetings.

A motion was made by R. Ike and seconded by D. Seldon that the Bloomfield Board of Education approve the minutes of the:

- Tuesday, December 14, 2010 Regular Meeting
- Tuesday, December 14, 2010 Executive Session

The motion passed unanimously.

4. PRESENTATIONS

A. **Cool Schools:** Pat Jones, Asst. Principal at Bloomfield High School, spoke about the High School being featured on Channel 3, “Cool Schools,” a segment on Friday, January 5.

5. PUBLIC/PTO COMMENT

Ms. Richardson of Bloomfield addressed the Board and expressed her concern about lack of input regarding the superintendent search.

Mr. Neal of Bloomfield commended the Board on their appointment of Dr. Thompson as the next Superintendent of Bloomfield Schools as he has a proven track record of success in improving student achievement.

Ms. S. Peart, Student Representative to the Board gave a summary of recent activities at the High School and also shared her experience of speaking at a rally before the legislators.

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. CAMBRIDGE EDUCATION VISITS

Cambridge has completed School Quality Reviews in five schools and final reports are being shared with school teams. A district-wide report will be provided by Cambridge and shared with the Board of Education. The report will include strengths of the school system and areas for improvement.

B. GRANT POSSIBILITIES WITH PARTNERS

Sheila Way shared interdistrict grant possibilities which included: nutrition grant, environmental grant, history, technology and laboratory grants.

C. FINANCIAL REPORT

Doreen Munsell provided the Board with the latest financial update. Ms. Munsell also shared the financial audit recently completed by Kostin Ruffkess and Company. They had no recommendations of improvement for the Board of Education.

7. OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

8. NEW BUSINESS

B. QUEBEC TRIP FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Mr. Bonebo, World Language Teacher, spoke about the trip to Quebec, Canada during April for 35 BHS students enrolled in language classes. Purpose of the trip is to give students the experience of another culture and the opportunity to practice using another language. Mr. Bonebo asked the Board to consider providing some financial support for the trip.

A motion was made by D. Seldon and seconded by S. True to approve the Bloomfield High School Quebec trip for students enrolled in language classes. The motion passed unanimously.

C. APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS CONTRACT

D. Seldon moved and R. Ike seconded that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss matters related to Superintendent's contract and requested the Board Attorney, Christine Chinni, join the Board and the Superintendent in Executive Session.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. and Shirley Thompson, Board Chair, announced that the Board wanted the public to know that the New Superintendent of Schools, Dr. James Thompson, would be paid a salary of \$108,000 with the possibility of a performance bonus of \$10,000 (if earned). Remaining compensation would be paid through annuities for a total of \$185,000 plus the \$10,000 bonus if earned. His benefits would be similar to other administrators in this district. This compensation is less than the compensation paid the previous superintendent.

J. Michel expressed his concern that the benefit costs are unknown and, therefore, he is voting against the contract for this reason. Motion made by D. Seldon and seconded by R. Ike that the Board approve the Superintendent of Schools contract as presented for the period of April 4, 2011 through April 3, 2014.

The vote was as follows:

For:	S. Thompson, S. True, R. Ike, D. Seldon
Against:	J. Michel
Absent:	R. Dale, D. Quinones

D. Seldon read a notarized statement into the record from D. Dale who was in China and unable to attend:

To the Public and the Board of Education,

Because of a previously scheduled trip to China, I am unable to attend the Board of Education meeting scheduled for January 11, 2011.

If I had been able to attend the meeting, I would have and now do formally cast my affirmative vote to approve the contract between Dr. James Thompson, the new Bloomfield Superintendent of Education, and the Bloomfield Board of Education.

J. Michel objected to this as a vote. It was agreed to enter the letter into the record as requested by D. Dale.

A. PROPOSED CAPITAL NON-RECURRING PROJECTS

Audio Enhancement Pilot at Metacomet, Repairs and Resurfacing of the synthetic track surface at Bloomfield High School and Replacement of T1 lines with fiber optic cable in the elementary schools were discussed.

A motion was made by J. Michel and seconded by R.Ike to approve the list of capital non-recurring projects for 2010-2011 as presented. The motion passed unanimously. Superintendent will forward the projects to the Town and also send a letter asking that the Metacomet Building Committee consider including the audio enhancement pilot in the building project. This was requested by J. Michel.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Chair requested a motion to adjourn.

At 9:15 p.m., a motion was made by R. Ike and seconded by J. Michel to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled Board meeting is Tuesday, February 15, 2011 in the Board Room.

, Secretary

BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION – EXECUTIVE SESSION

January 11, 2011

Bloomfield Board of Education

1133 Blue Hills Avenue

Board Room

PRESENT: S. Thompson, Chair D. Seldon, Vice Chair
R. Ike J. Michel S. True

ALSO PRESENT: J. Jacoby, Interim Superintendent
C. Chinni, Board Attorney

At 8:25 p.m. the Bloomfield Board of Education along with Dr. Jacoby and C. Chinni convened into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters related to the new superintendent's contract.

Following the discussion, at 8:55 p.m. a motion was made by D. Seldon and seconded by B. Ike to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene into Regular Session. The motion passed unanimously.

, Secretary



Bloomfield Public Schools



-Proposed - 2011-2012 Academic Calendar

					First Day of School – September 6											
					Notable Dates											
M T W TH F										M T W TH F						
AUGUST 2011					AUG 31 Teacher Work Day/Convocation					19 DAYS FEBRUARY 2012						
1	2	3	4	5	SEPT 1	○	Teacher Work Day Professional Development	6	7	8	9	10	1	2	3	
8	9	10	11	12	SEPT 5		Labor Day	13	14	15	16	17	17	18	19	
15	16	17	18	19	SEPT 6	◆	First Day of School	20	21	22	23	24	20	21	22	
22	23	24	25	26	SEPT 23	○	Professional Development for Teachers- No School	27	28	29						
29	30	31			OCT 7	○	Professional Development for Teachers- No School	22 DAYS MARCH 2012								
SEPTEMBER 2011 18 DAYS					OCT 10		Columbus Day	5	6	7	8	9	1	2		
			1	2	NOV 11	○	Veterans Day Professional Development for Teachers- No School	12	13	14	15	16	5	6		
5	6	7	8	9	NOV 23-25		Thanksgiving Recess	19	20	21	22	23	12	13		
12	13	14	15	16	DEC 7-9	△	Parent Conferences – Early Dismissal (K-12)	19	20	21	22	23	19	20		
19	20	21	22	23	DEC 26 –		Holiday Recess (Includes Christmas and New Year’s Day)	26	27	28	29	30	26	27		
26	27	28	29	30	JAN 2			26	27	28	29	30	26	27		
OCTOBER 2011 19 DAYS					JAN 16		Martin Luther King Day	26	27	28	29	30	26	27		
3	4	5	6	7	FEB 17-20		Winter Recess/President’s Day	26	27	28	29	30	26	27		
10	11	12	13	14	Mar 28-30	△	Parent Conferences – Early Dismissal (K-12)	26	27	28	29	30	26	27		
17	18	19	20	21	APR 6		Good Friday	26	27	28	29	30	26	27		
24	25	26	27	28	APR 16-20		Spring Recess	26	27	28	29	30	26	27		
31					May 25	○	Professional Development for Teachers- No School	26	27	28	29	30	26	27		
NOVEMBER 2011 18 DAYS					May 28		Memorial Day	26	27	28	29	30	26	27		
	1	2	3	4	Last Day		Projected Last Day - June 15*	26	27	28	29	30	26	27		
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***School Ends June 15th**

If weather or other emergencies require the closing of school, the lost days will generally be made up by extending the school year up to five days in June.

If additional days are needed, they will be taken from either the Winter Recess day or Spring Recess, beginning April 16.