

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 14, 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. Opening Statement
4. Consent Agenda
 - 4.A. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting - May 10, 2011
5. Presentations
 - 5.A. CAPSS/Superintendent's Awards
6. Public/PTO Comment
7. Superintendent's Report
 - 7.A. Summer School Update
 - 7.B. Climate and Satisfaction Survey Update
 - 7.C. Financial Report
8. Old Business
9. New Business
 - 9.A. Approval of Healthy Food Certification Statement for 2011-2012
 - 9.B. Proposed Bloomfield High School Schedule for 2011-2012
10. Adjournment
11. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING - SEPTEMBER 13, 2011

BLOOMFIELD BOARD of EDUCATION - REGULAR MEETING

May 10, 2011 07:00PM
Bloomfield Board of Education
1133 Blue Hills Avenue
Board Room

PRESENT: S. Thompson, Chair D. Seldon, Vice Chair
 D. Dale, Secretary R. Ike
 S. True

ABSENT: J. Michel D. Quinones

ALSO PRESENT: K. Parks, Assistant Superintendent
 J. Thompson, Jr., Superintendent
 S. Way, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

I. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER, and

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

S. Thompson, Chair, determined a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The attendees rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. OPENING STATEMENT

S. Thompson, Chair, welcomed all attendees. The purpose and process of the Board of Education Meetings were stated.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by D. Seldon and seconded by D. Dale to approve the Bloomfield Board of Education regular meeting minutes from April 12, 2011. The motion was passed unanimously.

V. PRESENTATIONS

No presentations were made.

VI. PUBLIC/PTO COMMENTS

A. Public/PTO comments

No public or PTO comments were presented.

B. Student Representative Report

S. Peart stated the Bloomfield High School students, especially the seniors, are very active with end of year activities. Advanced Placement (AP) classes are currently taking exams, seniors are looking forward to their prom and class trip. Parents and students are hosting a Spaghetti Dinner and a car wash to offset the cost of an after graduation party. Ms. Peart noted three of the members of the girl's track team are receiving college scholarships. One is being awarded a full scholarship. Other activities include involvement with Young Women's Leadership.

D. Seldon expressed his appreciation for Ms. Peart's participation as student representative and complimented her on the past year's reports.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Congratulations to Harris AgriScience Center Students and Staff

The students and their advisors (Ms. Edwards, Ms. LeBlond and Mr. Rodriguez) from the Harris AgriScience Center were recognized for their achievement. They were awarded the top performers for leadership, on a national level, for their local eco systems, invasive species project.

B. Climate and Satisfaction Survey (May 1 - May 31, 10110)

This survey is a vehicle for the teachers, students, and families to voice their concerns, suggestions, and to validate successful practices. The survey will allow the school district to assist schools in setting actionable goals to improve academic achievement and close the achievement gap. This action will help to inspire parents to choose The Bloomfield School System for their children. The survey results will be tabulated, analyzed and distributed.

C. Strategic School Profiles 2009 – 2010

The School profiles are based on data from 2009-2010 school year. The profiles show the comparison between Bloomfield and other communities similar to Bloomfield.

- Bloomfield has a higher percentage of kindergarteners having attend preschool
- All class sizes are equal or smaller
- More instructional hours are offered
- An average cost of \$3,000 more per student is attributed to meeting the Bloomfield's student's individual needs and other services offered,
- Special educational needs are lower.

D. Financial Report

The review and presentation of this data will be postponed until the June meeting.

E. Education Celebration – May 25, 2011 – Bloomfield High School Cafeteria

The details of the Education Celebration will be forthcoming.

D. Dale requested the following to be recorded. This demonstrates how the Bloomfield students perform once leaving our school system. E. Peart is one of many fine students from Bloomfield.

On April 27, 2011, Eva Peart of Bloomfield received an official citation from the State of Connecticut General Assembly in recognition of her outstanding academic achievements. Peart accepted the citation at the state capitol during the 2011 College Academic Day.

Additionally, Eva Peart received four awards for academic achievement and extracurricular involvement during the awards celebration at Saint Joseph College on April 27th. Peart received the professional practice award in Secondary Education for excellence in student teaching, the Student Unity Award, The Women of Mercy Award, and the Nancy Spada Leadership Award - as an ambassador, becoming the all time leading goal scorer in women's soccer in school history. Her soccer coach remarked, "Saint Joseph College has become a better place now that Eva Peart has been here."

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Bloomfield High School Graduation will be held on Monday, June 20th.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. "Closing the Achievement Gap" - Power Point Presentation

As presented by Dr. Thompson, this analysis will guide our decisions and identify our priorities. In "Understanding Our Work" the analysis of instructional decisions at a district, school and classroom level will be completed. CMT and CAPT results were highlighted. Analysis of performance at a proficiency and goal level were reviewed from the past five years and projections made for the next five years. This analysis will aid in goal setting at a district and school level. Strengths, areas of concern and next steps were highlighted.

In summary, with an ambitious, but doable plan the achievement gap will be eliminated for CMT reading and math proficiencies and CAPT Reading Proficiency in two to five years for both levels. The achievement gap in all other areas will be eliminated within 8 years. This is only possible with the support of all the stakeholders.

Thanks to Dr. Silva for her collaboration on developing this presentation.

The application for the high school competitive grant has been awarded to Bloomfield for \$400,000 over a three year period. Congratulations and thanks to all whom accomplished this task in such a short time frame.

B. Approval of K - 4 Math Textbooks

A new curriculum has been developed to match state and national standards. It addresses enrichments and special learning needs. Also the focus will be on critical thinking and problem solving, not memorization. A presentation of the online textbook was demonstrated.

A motion was made by D. Seldon and seconded by D.Dale that the Bloomfield Board of Education approve K - 4 math textbooks. The motion was passed unanimously.

C. Approval of Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry Textbooks

A motion was made by D. Seldon and seconded by D.Dale that the Bloomfield Board of Education approve the Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry textbooks. The motion was passed unanimously.

D. Summer School - Bloomfield High School Credit Recovery and Bloomfield Alternative Academy

Liza Simone highlighted the achievements of the credit recovery program at the Alternative Academy. Because of this program, 14 High School seniors, who may not have graduated with their class, are on target to graduate in June. It has proven to increase the graduation rate and decrease the dropout rate.

Summer School at the Alternative Academy will be a Tuesday through Thursday, six week program beginning in June.

S. Galloway gave a "face to the program" stating by junior year approximately 8% of the students gain a

maturity and realize they need to perform. This program motivates and encourages these students.

There was a brief discussion of the dropout rate, a suggestion was made and future follow up will be done to consider tracking the students that drop out and their impact on the community.

S. Galloway also stated the anticipated graduation venue is at Summer Wind in Windsor at 6:30 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:06 p.m., a motion to adjourn was made by D. Dale and seconded by R. Ike. The motion was passed unanimously.

XI. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING June 14, 2011

Dick Dale, Secretary

Superintendent

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	\$13,694,860	\$2,283,533	\$179,995	\$0	\$179,995	1%
02 NON-CERTIFIED SALARIES	\$5,896,381	\$5,451,553	\$521,298	\$(76,470)	\$0	\$(76,470)	(1)%
03 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$6,469,654	\$6,264,086	\$156,828	\$48,740	\$0	\$48,740	1%
04 CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$1,333,601	\$1,161,930	\$263,784	\$(92,113)	\$2,162	\$(94,275)	(7)%
05 PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	\$2,205,756	\$1,773,570	\$159,109	\$273,077	\$0	\$273,077	12%
06 INSURANCE	\$235,936	\$236,226	\$0	\$(290)	\$0	\$(290)	0%
07 COMMUNICATIONS	\$208,545	\$70,920	\$36,294	\$101,331	\$0	\$101,331	49%
08 TUITION	\$2,213,487	\$1,259,250	\$355,607	\$598,630	\$0	\$598,630	27%
09 OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	\$105,098	\$70,252	\$9,234	\$25,612	\$0	\$25,612	24%
10 SUPPLIES	\$712,114	\$655,231	\$58,262	\$(1,379)	\$3,466	\$(4,845)	0%
11 OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS	\$1,503,794	\$1,471,444	\$153,776	\$(121,426)	\$0	\$(121,426)	(8)%
12 TEXTBOOKS/LIBRARY BOOKS/OTHER SUPPL	\$278,939	\$163,882	\$118,493	\$(3,436)	\$0	\$(3,436)	(1)%
13 EQUIPMENT	\$285,807	\$240,560	\$48,814	\$(3,567)	\$99,379	\$(102,946)	(1)%
14 MISCELLANEOUS	\$175,737	\$143,026	\$13,956	\$18,755	\$0	\$18,755	11%
GRAND TOTAL	\$37,783,237	\$32,656,790	\$4,178,988	\$947,459	\$105,007	\$842,452	3%

**BLOOMFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BUDGET PROJECTION 2010 - 2011
(As of May 31, 2011)**

	Account Groups	Budget 2010 - 2011	Projected 2010 - 2011 (5-31-11)	\$ Under (Over) Budget
1	Certified Salaries	\$ 16,158,388	\$ 16,077,488	\$ 80,900
2	Non-Certified Salaries	5,896,381	6,049,932	(153,551)
3	Employee Benefits	6,469,654	6,499,249	(29,595)
4	Contracted Services	1,333,601	1,580,049	(246,448)
5	Pupil Transportation	2,205,756	1,930,064	275,692
6	Insurance	235,936	236,226	(290)
7	Communications	208,545	166,005	42,540
8	Tuition	2,213,487	1,644,856	568,631
9	Other Purchased Services	105,098	89,188	15,910
10	Supplies	712,114	729,206	(17,092)
11	Operation and Maintenance of Buildings	1,503,794	1,636,923	(133,129)
12	Textbooks/Library Books/Other Supplies	278,939	288,465	(9,526)
13	Equipment	285,807	412,352	(126,545)
14	Miscellaneous	175,737	163,079	12,658
	Totals	\$ 37,783,237	\$ 37,503,082	\$ 280,155