

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 18, 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 - September 13, 2011
5. Presentations
 - 5.A. Student Representative Report - Big Picture High School
6. Public/PTO Comment
7. Superintendent's Report
 - 7.A. Connecticut State Department of Education After School Grant
 - 7.B. Wintonbury Early Childhood Magnet School Wins Design Awards: American Institute of Architects - New England Chapter 2011 Design Award and Connecticut Chapter 2011 Design Award
 - 7.C. Enrollment Report - October 1, 2011
 - 7.D. Bloomfield Public Schools Communication Plan
 - 7.E. Financial Report 2010-2011
 - 7.F. Financial Report - September 30, 2011
8. Old Business
 - 8.A. Big Picture Update
9. New Business
 - 9.A. Bloomfield High School Literacy Academy
 - 9.B. 2012 Board of Education Meeting Schedule
 - 9.C. Approval of July 1, 2011- June 30, 2014 Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Bloomfield Board of Education and the United Public Service Employees Union (UPSEU) (Board may go into Executive Session)
10. Adjournment
11. RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING BOARD MEETING TO RECOGNIZE OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS: SHIRLEY THOMPSON, JAMES MICHEL, AND DIANA QUINONES
12. Next Regular Board Meeting - NOVEMBER 15, 2011

BLOOMFIELD BOARD of EDUCATION - REGULAR MEETING

September 13, 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: J. Thompson, Jr., Superintendent
 Christopher Leone, Chief Operating Officer
 Ellen Stoltz, Chief Academic Officer
 Leon McKinley, Director of School Improvement
 Sam Galloway, Bloomfield H.S., Principal
 Sabin Loveland, Big Picture H.S., Principal
 Desi Nesmith, Metacomet, Principal

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 7:05 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.

The Bloomfield High School Student Representatives, Kenrick Mattison and Allison Channer introduced themselves.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by R. Ike and seconded by D. Dale to have the Bloomfield Board of Education approve the regular meeting minutes from June 14, 2011 and the special meeting minutes from June 21, 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

Kenrick Mattison (Senior and Student Council President) thanked Sam Galloway and his staff for a good start to the new school year. He also thanked everyone for the opportunity of being one of the Board of Education student representatives. He also reported that the students were adjusting to the modified class schedule and generally liked the schedule. Uniform compliance was better than in the past due to the new regulations. The Prom and class outing schedule has been established. There is an upcoming car wash.

Allison Channer (Senior) thanked everyone for the experience of being the student representative. She reported on the upcoming events: the first football game of the season and the open house.

Student Council is being reestablished and all students are being encouraged to participate. It is the council's goal to have representatives from each class as officers, reps and overall participation. This council will be the one of the vehicles to present student ideas to Mr. Galloway. The Board of Education members expressed their interest in the student council and their support, now and in the future.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Opening of School Report 2011-2012

J. Thompson, Superintendent, stated the enrollment on the first day of school was 2062 with 95% of the students in attendance.

Desi Nesmith, Metacomet Principal and Sabin Loveland, Big Picture High School Principal were introduced to the Board of Education members.

B. Superintendent's 100 Day Entry Plan

J. Thompson, Superintendent, a written report has been posted on the website.

C. Facilities Update

C. Leone presented an update on the reconstruction of the school buildings. Metacomet has been successfully reopened. There is a punch list of activities remaining. A ribbon cutting will be held later this fall. Reconstruction activity is winding down at Carmen Arace and the High School. At Carmen Arace, the music wing should be completed by the end of October. The gym floor is close to completion at the High School.

C. Leone also clarified that the school closure on September 9th was due to road closures in the town and its affect on transportation. D. Seldon complimented him on the action taken.

D. Financial Report

C. Leone presented the expenditure report by major object. He also reported that the 2010/2011 school year budget will be closed out within several weeks.

D.Dale requested supporting documentation previously included be provided for this report and in the future. Background details and historical differences will be forwarded to the board members.

E. Big Picture Update

C. Leone presented a letter to the board members recapping the BPHS activities currently underway. R. Ike stated a quota system should not deprive any student. There was strong agreement with R. Ike's statement.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business was presented.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Closing the Achievement Gap

J. Thompson stated the CMT and CAPT results have been analyzed. A comparison between State and Bloomfield has also been done. Annual, district wide targets and timelines have been established and were presented. Bloomfield Public Schools can eliminate the Achievement Gap in Reading and Math proficiency within 3 years on the CMT. Bloomfield Public Schools will close the Achievement Gap in Reading and Math for CMT and CAPT within 8 years.

D. Dale questioned the ambitious goals and focused on the transition problem from 8th grade math to Algebra/Pre-Algebra. J. Thompson will respond in detail at the October meeting.

D. Seldon presented a question about a comparison from a given class (i.e. 8th graders) to another year of the same class. Due to the student body differences from year to year a direct correlation cannot be made from the results of 2 different assessment years.

S. True asked about "teaching to the test". J. Thompson stated the teaching to a standard, not to the test, will achieve the improved test results.

B. Summer School Report

L. McKinley presented an overview of the 2011 Summer Programs and the outcomes of the programs. Parents, students and staff valued the program. In the future, the learning time should be increased to 5 week sessions, need benchmark assessments and allow for enrichment activities for a full day program.

C. Climate and Satisfaction Survey Report

E. Stoltz stated the reason for the survey and its results. Follow up will be done with anyone leaving contact information. Annual surveys will be done. S. Thompson asked if the student responses were completed from home or school. The question was noted for future survey participation.

D. Acceptance of School Improvement Grant (SIG) Funds

A motion was made by D.Seldon and seconded by D. Dale to have the Bloomfield Board of Education accept The School Improvement Grant Funds as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

E. Approval of Patricia Pavelka Workshop Proposal

A motion was made by D.Seldon and seconded by D. Dale to have the Bloomfield Board of Education approve the Patricia Pavelka Workshop Proposal as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

During discussion L. McKinley stated progress will be monitored through benchmark assessments and student test results.

F. ED-099 Agreement for Child Nutrition Signature Change Form

A motion was made by D.Seldon and seconded by D. Dale to have the Bloomfield Board of Education approve the Form (ED-099), Agreement for Child Nutrition Signature Change Form. The motion was passed unanimously.

X. ADJOURNMENT

At 8:48 p.m., a motion to adjourn was made by D. Dale and seconded by D. Seldon. The motion was passed unanimously.

XI. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING October 18, 2011

Next Board Meeting:

**October 18, 2011 in the Board Room at the
Bloomfield Board of Education**

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	Amount Remaining
01 CERTIFIED SALARIES	\$16,158,388.00	\$15,959,560.97	\$198,827.03
02 NON-CERTIFIED SALARIES	\$5,896,381.00	\$6,016,988.46	\$(120,607.46)
03 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$6,469,654.00	\$6,591,013.41	\$(121,359.41)
04 CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$1,333,601.00	\$1,654,158.56	\$(320,557.56)
05 PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	\$2,205,756.00	\$1,925,171.54	\$280,584.46
06 INSURANCE	\$235,936.00	\$236,226.00	\$(290.00)
07 COMMUNICATIONS	\$208,545.00	\$117,205.12	\$91,339.88
08 TUITION	\$2,213,487.00	\$1,616,847.32	\$596,639.68
09 OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	\$105,098.00	\$78,865.35	\$26,232.65
10 SUPPLIES	\$712,114.00	\$820,533.47	\$(108,419.47)
11 OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS	\$1,503,794.00	\$1,629,040.37	\$(125,246.37)
12 TEXTBOOKS/LIBRARY BOOKS/OTHER SUPPL	\$278,939.00	\$279,768.45	\$(829.45)
13 EQUIPMENT	\$285,807.00	\$411,892.30	\$(126,085.30)
14 MISCELLANEOUS	\$175,737.00	\$158,490.69	\$17,246.31
GRAND TOTAL	\$37,783,237.00	\$37,495,762.01	\$287,474.99

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BOE EXPENDITURE REPORT BY MAJOR OBJECT

Statement Code: BOE NEW

Account Number / Description	Adopted Budget 7/1/2011 - 6/30/2012	Expenses YTD 7/1/2011 - 6/30/2012	Encumbrances 7/1/2011 - 6/30/2012	Balance Before Req's Sub. 7/1/2011 - 6/30/2012	Submitted Requisitions 7/1/2011 - 6/30/2012	Balance After Req's Sub	Percent Remaining 7/1/2011 - 6/30/2012
01 CERTIFIED SALARIES	\$16,312,917.00	\$2,845,556.45	\$12,636,553.87	\$830,806.68	\$0.00	\$830,806.68	5.09%
02 NON-CERTIFIED SALARIES	\$5,830,398.00	\$1,293,006.91	\$4,225,835.06	\$311,556.03	\$0.00	\$311,556.03	5.34%
03 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$7,589,855.00	\$1,096,810.00	\$1,048,810.90	\$5,444,234.11	\$4,800,000.00	\$644,234.11	71.73%
04 CONTRACTED SERVICES	\$1,372,530.00	\$266,631.88	\$467,203.02	\$638,695.10	\$40,943.10	\$597,752.00	46.53%
05 PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	\$2,090,506.00	\$114,695.67	\$1,628,603.99	\$347,206.34	\$429.66	\$346,776.68	16.60%
06 INSURANCE	\$247,714.00	\$119,434.00	\$111,640.00	\$16,640.00	\$0.00	\$16,640.00	6.71%
07 COMMUNICATIONS	\$192,904.00	\$25,310.78	\$91,866.99	\$75,726.23	\$0.00	\$75,726.23	39.25%
08 TUITION	\$2,130,138.00	\$98,848.92	\$1,346,121.65	\$685,167.43	\$0.00	\$685,167.43	32.16%
09 OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES	\$103,598.00	\$11,974.24	\$37,405.70	\$54,218.06	\$1,131.00	\$53,087.06	52.33%
10 SUPPLIES	\$721,329.00	\$243,575.78	\$99,152.44	\$378,600.78	\$2,305.51	\$376,295.27	52.48%
11 OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS	\$1,501,584.00	\$382,497.20	\$1,073,436.06	\$45,650.74	\$1,000.00	\$44,650.74	3.04%
12 TEXTBOOKS/LIBRARY BOOKS/OTHER SUPPL	\$230,939.00	\$26,691.46	\$22,525.90	\$181,721.64	\$5,404.39	\$176,317.25	78.68%
13 EQUIPMENT	\$58,285.00	\$14,663.08	\$10,220.76	\$33,401.16	\$2,769.80	\$30,631.36	57.30%
14 MISCELLANEOUS	\$172,407.00	\$55,131.29	\$36,781.67	\$80,494.04	\$225.00	\$80,269.04	46.68%
GRAND TOTAL	\$38,555,104.00	\$6,594,827.66	\$22,836,158.01	\$9,124,118.34	\$4,854,208.46	\$4,269,909.88	23.66%