

June 16, 2025
Hearing Meeting Board of Education
6:10 PM

The Board of Education District 54-0586, Bloomfield Community Schools, met in Hearing Session on June 16, 2025 in High School, Room 14. Dee Bratetic: Present, Brady Folck: Present, Justin Jindra: Present, Casey Schmeckpeper: Present, Deb Wragge: Present, Hally Ziegler: Present.

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4. Motion by Hally Ziegler, seconded by Dee Bratetic, to adjourn this Special Meeting of the Bloomfield Community Schools Board of Education at 6:28 pm.

Dee Bratetic: Yea, Brady Folck: Yea, Justin Jindra: Yea, Casey Schmeckpeper: Yea, Deb Wragge: Yea, Hally Ziegler: Yea Motion: Carried

StudentsStudent Fees Policy

The Board of Education of Bloomfield Public Schools adopts the following student fees policy in accordance with the Public Elementary and Secondary Student Fee Authorization Act.

The District's general policy is to provide free school instruction in accordance with the Nebraska Constitution and state and federal law. This generally means that the District provides free instruction for courses required by state law or regulation and provides the staff, facility, equipment, and materials necessary for such instruction without charge or fee to the students.

The District does provide activities, programs, and services to children that extend beyond the minimum level of constitutionally required free instruction. Students and their parents have historically contributed to the District's efforts to provide such activities, programs, and services. The District's general policy is to continue to encourage and, to the extent permitted by law, to require such student and parent contributions to enhance the educational program provided by the District.

Under the Public Elementary and Secondary Student Fee Authorization Act, the District must outline its guidelines or policies for specific categories of student fees in a policy. The District does so by setting forth the following guidelines and policies. This policy is subject to further interpretation or guidance by administrative or Board regulations, which may be adopted from time to time. The Policy includes Appendix "I," which provides further specifics of student fees and materials required of students for the 20__-20__ school year. Parents, guardians, and students are encouraged to contact their building administration, teachers, activity coaches, and sponsors for further specifics.

(1) Guidelines for non-specialized attire required for specified courses and activities. Students are responsible for furnishing and wearing non-specialized attire meeting general District grooming and attire guidelines, as well as grooming and attire guidelines established for the building or programs attended by the students or in which the students participate. Students are also responsible for furnishing and wearing non-specialized attire reasonably related to the programs, courses, and activities in which the students participate, where the required attire is specified in writing by the administrator or teacher responsible for the program, course, or activity.

The District will provide or make available to students such safety equipment and attire as may be required by law, specifically including appropriate industrial-quality eye protective devices for courses of instruction in vocational, technical, industrial arts, chemical or chemical-physical classes which involve exposure to hot molten metals or other molten materials, milling, sawing, turning, shaping, cutting, grinding, or stamping of any solid materials, heat treatment, tempering, or kiln firing of any metal or other materials, gas or electric arc welding or other forms of welding processes, repair or servicing of any vehicle, or caustic or explosive materials, or for laboratory classes involving caustic or explosive materials, hot liquids or solids, harmful radiations, or other similar hazards. Building administrators are directed to ensure that such equipment is available in the appropriate classes and areas of the school buildings, teachers are

directed to instruct students in using such devices and to ensure that students use the devices as required. Students are responsible for following such instructions and using the devices as instructed.

(2) Personal or consumable items & miscellaneous

(a) Extracurricular Activities. Students are responsible for furnishing any personal or consumable items for participation in extracurricular activities.

(b) Courses

(i) General Course Materials. Items necessary for students to benefit from courses will be made available by the District for students' use during the school day. Students may be encouraged, but not required, to bring items needed to benefit from courses, including, but not limited to, pencils, paper, pens, erasers, notebooks, trappers, protractors, and math calculators. A specific class supply list will be published annually in a Board-approved student handbook or supplement or other notice. The list may include refundable damage or loss deposits required for using certain District property.

(ii) Damaged or Lost Items. Students are responsible for the careful and appropriate use of school property. Students and their parents or guardians will be held responsible for damages to school property where such damage is caused or aided by the student and for the reasonable replacement cost of school property that is placed in the care of and lost by the student.

(iii) Materials Required for Course Materials. Students are permitted to and may be encouraged to supply materials for course projects. Some course projects (such as projects in art and shop classes) may be kept by the student upon completion. If the completed project has more than minimal value, the student may be required, as a condition of the student keeping the completed project, to reimburse the District for the reasonable value of the materials used in the project. Standard project materials will be made available by the District. If a student wants to create a project other than the standard course project, or to use materials other than standard project materials, the student will be responsible for furnishing or paying the reasonable cost of any such materials for the project.

(iv) Music Course Materials. Students must furnish musical instruments for participation in optional music courses. The district's fee waiver policy allows students to use a musical instrument without charge. The District is not required to provide any student with a particular type of musical instrument.

(v) Parking. Students may be required to pay for parking on school grounds or at school-sponsored activities and may be subject to payment of fines or damages for damages caused with or to vehicles or for failure to comply with school parking rules.

(3) Extracurricular Activities-Specialized equipment or attire. Extracurricular activities are student activities or organizations supervised or administered by the District, which do not count toward graduation or advancement between grades and in which the District does not otherwise require participation. The District will generally furnish students with specialized equipment and attire for extracurricular activities. The District is not required to provide for any particular type of equipment or attire. Equipment or attire fitted for the student and which the

student generally wears exclusively, such as dance squad, cheerleading, and music/dance activity (e.g., choir or show choir) uniforms and outfits, along with T-shirts for teams or band members, will be required to be provided by the participating student. The participating student shall be responsible for maintaining any equipment or attire, including uniforms, which the student purchases or uses exclusively. Equipment that is ordinarily exclusively used by an individual student participant throughout the year, such as golf clubs, softball gloves, and the like, is required to be provided by the student participant. Items for the student's personal medical use or enhancement (braces, mouthpieces, and the like) are the responsibility of the student participant. Students have the responsibility to furnish personal or consumable equipment or attire for participation in extracurricular activities or for paying a reasonable usage cost for such equipment or attire. For musical extracurricular activities, students may be required to provide specialized equipment, such as musical instruments, or specialized attire, or for paying a reasonable usage cost for such equipment or attire.

(4) Extracurricular Activities-Fees for participation. Any fees for participation in extracurricular activities for the 20__-20__ school year are further specified in Appendix "1." Admission fees are charged for extracurricular activities and events.

(5) Postsecondary education costs. Students are responsible for postsecondary education costs. "Postsecondary education costs" means tuition and other fees only associated with obtaining credit from a postsecondary educational institution. For a course in which students receive high school credit and for which the student may also receive postsecondary education credit, the course shall be offered without charge for tuition, transportation, books, or other fees, except tuition and other expenses associated with obtaining credits from a postsecondary educational institution.

(6) Transportation costs. Students are responsible for fees established for transportation services provided by the District as and to the extent permitted by federal and state laws and regulations.

(7) Copies of student files or records. The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall establish a schedule of fees representing a reasonable cost of reproduction for copies of a student's files or records for the parents or guardians of such student. A parent, guardian, or student who requests copies of files or records shall be responsible for the cost of copies reproduced in accordance with such fee schedule. The imposition of a fee shall not be used to prevent parents of students from exercising their right to inspect and review the student's files or records, and no fee shall be charged to search for or retrieve any student's files or records. The fee schedule shall permit one copy of the requested records to be provided for or on behalf of the student without charge. It shall allow duplicate copies to be provided without charge to the extent required by federal or state laws or regulations.

(8) Participation in before-and-after-school or pre-kindergarten services. Students are responsible for fees required for participation in before-and-after-school or pre-kindergarten services offered by the District, except to the extent such services must be provided without cost.

(9) Participation in summer school or night school. Students are responsible for

participation fees in summer or night school. Students are also responsible for correspondence courses.

(10) Breakfast and lunch programs. Students shall be responsible for purchasing items from the District's breakfast and lunch programs. The cost of items sold to students shall be consistent with applicable federal and state laws and regulations. Students are also responsible for the cost of food, beverages, and personal or consumable items that the students purchase from the District or at school, whether from a "school store," a vending machine, a booster club or parent group sale, a book order club, or the like. Students may be required to bring money or food for field trip lunches and similar activities.

(11) Waiver Policy. The District's policy is to provide fee waivers in accordance with the Public Elementary and Secondary Student Fee Authorization Act. Students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunches under United States Department of Agriculture child nutrition programs shall be provided a fee waiver or be provided the necessary materials or equipment without charge for (1) participation in extracurricular activities and (2) use of a musical instrument in optional music courses that are not extracurricular activities. Participation in a free-lunch or reduced-price lunch program is optional to qualify for free or reduced-price lunches for purposes of this section. Students or their parents must request a fee waiver before participating in or attending the activity and before the purchase of the materials.

(12) Distribution of Policy. The Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall publish the District's student fee policy in the Student Handbook or the equivalent (for example, publication may be made in an addendum or a supplement to the student handbook). The Student Handbook or the equivalent shall be provided to every student of the District or to every household in which at least one student resides at no cost.

(13) Student Fee Fund. The School Board hereby establishes a Student Fee Fund. The Student Fee Fund shall be a separate school district fund not funded by tax revenue, into which all money collected from students and subject to the Student Fee Fund shall be deposited and from which money shall be expended for the purposes for which it was collected from students. Funds subject to the Student Fee Fund consist of money collected from students for (1) participation in extracurricular activities, (2) postsecondary education costs, and (3) summer school or night school.

CERTIFICATION

On the ___ day of _____, 20___, the School Board held a public hearing at a meeting of the school Board on a proposed student fee policy. Such public hearing followed a review of the amount of money collected from students according to, and the use of waivers provided in, the

Student fee policy for the preceding school year. The preceding student fee policy was adopted after such a public hearing by a majority vote of the school Board at an open public meeting in compliance with the public meetings laws.

Superintendent or Other Authorized School Official

Legal Reference: Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 79-2,125 to 79-2,135
 Neb. Constitution, Article VII, section 1.
 Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 79-241, 79-605, and 79-611(transportation)
 Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 79-2104 (student files or records)
 Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 79-715 (eye-protective devices)
 Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 79-737 (liability of students for damages to school
 books)
 Neb. Rev. Stat. Sec. 79-1104 (before-and-after-school or pre-kindergarten
 services)
 Neb. Rev. Stat. Sections 79-1106 to 79-1108.03 (accelerated or
 differentiated curriculum program)

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Approved: Dec. 16, 2024