



Board of Education Special Meeting  
Thursday, February 26, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.  
Hybrid Meeting

**In person:** Bloomfield Board of Education, Board Room  
1133 Blue Hills Avenue  
Bloomfield, CT 06002

**Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

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<b>Attendance:</b>	L. Easmon, Chair	Present
	T. Mack-Mohammed, Vice Chair	Present
	F. Bogle-Assegai, Secretary	Present
	K. Dunbar	Present
	H. Frydman	Present
	C. Jones	Absent
	L. Simone	Present

**Also Present:** T. Youngberg, Superintendent of Schools  
D. Greco, Executive Director of Finance and Operations  
L. Lamenzo, Executive Director of Teaching, Learning, and Leadership  
N. Jones, Director of Assessment, Accountability, and Performance  
M. Sutton, Director of Student Support Services

**1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order**

L. Easmon determined a quorum was present and the Bloomfield Board of Education special meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

All rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. New Business**

**A. Presentation and Discussion of the Superintendent’s Proposed 20206-2027**

**Budget**

Dr. Tracy Youngberg, Superintendent of Schools, presented the proposed 2026–2027 budget to the Board of Education. She reviewed her budget philosophy and provided an overview of her presentation objectives.

Dr. Youngberg shared that her budget philosophy is focused on student outcomes, staff satisfaction, and fiscal responsibility. She reviewed district accomplishments on pages 5 and 6 of the proposed budget.

Dr. Youngberg reviewed the cost of magnet school tuition and transportation from page 76 of the budget booklet. She also shared data related to the School Performance



Index (SPI), comparing CREC magnet schools to Bloomfield Public Schools' performance.

Current challenges faced by the district and their relative impact on the budget were also discussed. Dr. Youngberg further highlighted her “Flight Plans” for the school district. These plans demonstrate the Superintendent’s vision for the district and the need for investment over time while building on progress from previous years.

Dr. Youngberg presented the Executive Summary from page 38 of the budget book. The budget increase request for 2026–2027 is 4.75%. She noted that the district is continuing to right-size staffing without layoffs. The 4.75% increase includes an anticipated decrease of \$1.2 million in certified staff costs and \$500,000 in non-certified staff costs through staff resignations. She explained that historical data was used to estimate these savings and referenced a table in her presentation outlining staff resignations over a five-year period.

The budget cost drivers were also reviewed. These include contractual obligations, employee benefits, transportation contracts, tuition costs, utilities, and maintenance expenses. Dr. Youngberg also noted the loss of grant revenue, as outlined on page 9 of the budget book.

Dr. Youngberg presented a 10-year snapshot of special education data to demonstrate the increase of identified students over time. The data also includes Birth to 3 students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP). She compared the percentage of Bloomfield students identified for special education services to the state average. Her presentation noted a 91.7% increase in outplacement spending between the 2020–2021 school year and the projected costs for 2026–2027. Page 77 of the budget book was referenced during this discussion.

Information and data regarding the closure of Global Experience Magnet School and the opening of a Bloomfield Alternative Center were also shared. Dr. Youngberg noted that the goal of opening an in-district program is to reinvest funds into Bloomfield students while providing better outcomes and long-term stability. She added that this program also has the potential to generate outside tuition revenue in the future.

The expenditure summary by major object was reviewed. The majority of the budget is associated with human resource costs, including employee salaries and benefits, which account for approximately 70% of the total budget. Dr. Youngberg also provided information about the detailed breakdown of each major object, which can be found on pages 38–59 of the budget book.

Dr. Youngberg reviewed the five-year Capital Improvement Projects that were submitted to the Town of Bloomfield. Part of the request includes upgrades to information technology equipment and infrastructure. Additional repair items that must be addressed include the water main repair at Metacomet and the replacement of water heaters at Bloomfield High School.



Dr. Youngberg concluded her presentation by drawing connections to the district's Portrait of a Graduate statement and emphasizing the importance of funding what the Bloomfield community believes in for its students.

Dr. Youngberg then opened the floor to the Board of Education for questions. (Please note that the Board of Education questions and responses from this meeting can be found [here](#).)

At the conclusion of the meeting, Dr. Youngberg reviewed the budget timeline. The timeline included public comments on March 3, 2026, and a Board vote scheduled for March 5, 2026.

Board Chair Lynette Easmon shared that the public can access the Superintendent's Proposed 2026–2027 Budget on the district website under "News" in the article titled *Superintendent's 2026–2027 Proposed Budget*.

#### **4. Adjournment**

At 8:25 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by F. Bogle-Assegai and seconded by L. Simone to adjourn.

The motion was passed unanimously 6-0-0.

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F. Bogle-Assegai, Secretary

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T. Youngberg, Superintendent of Schools