



Board of Education Special Meeting
Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.
Hybrid Meeting

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

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Meeting ID: 814 4786 2406 Passcode: hP6p8i

Attendance:	L. Easmon, Chair	Present
	H. Frydman, Vice Chair	Present (online)
	F. Bogle-Assegai, Secretary	Present (online)
	T. Moore	Present
	K. Dunbar	Present
	T. Mack-Mohammed	Present
	L. Simone	Present (online)

Also Present: T. Youngberg, Acting Superintendent
D. Greco, Director of Accounting
G. Martinez, Executive Director of Talent Management & Community Partnerships
L. Lamenzo, Director of School Improvement
E. Pierce, District Grants Specialist
N. Jones, District Teaching & Learning Specialist

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. Deliberation and Possible Action on the Superintendent’s Proposed 2025-2026 Budget

Dr. Tracy Youngberg, Superintendent updated the public that the Town Council presentation will be on March 12, 2025. Dr. Youngberg will also be hosting listening sessions for the families and community members.

Dr. Youngberg reviewed the proposed offerings for summer programs and what the district is required to provide. The district will be offering the Governors Summer Reading & Math Challenge, Extended School Year (ESY) for special education students who qualify, high school credit recovery and the Bridge Program for incoming 9th graders. In addition, she is including summer staff reparation in the budget to prepare for



the upcoming school year as there will be a lot of changes. The district is also working with the extension program to provide summer opportunities at a low cost to families.

Dr. Youngberg further addressed questions from the community that were not shared during public comments on March 3, 2025. She reviewed each question and each answer.

L. Easmon requested comments or questions from the Board member for deliberations.

L. Simone did not have any questions. Her questions were asked during her budget workshop and during public comments.

T. Mack-Mohammed she does not have any questions. She appreciates Dr. Youngberg taking the time to answer the additional questions from the public.

F. Bogle-Assegai did not have any questions but shared concerns about costs of out-of-district tuition for special education and the cost of placements at Our Piece of the Pie (OPP). In addition, she has concerns about what the Board will decide about Global Experience Magnet School (GEMS) consider the number of Bloomfield residents that attend.

T. Moore shared concerns about 70% of the budget devoted to staff salaries and benefits. He also noted the cost of transportation with observations of near empty buses. His questions addressing special education in the district was responded to during the public comments on March 3, 2025.

K. Dunbar she has no additional questions as they were addressed during Finance Committee meetings and budget workshops. The budget covers the costs to run the school district and meet contractual obligations. She greatly appreciates Dr. Youngberg's presentation on February 25, 2025.

H. Frydman commended Dr. Youngberg for answering questions during her budget presentation. Mr. Frydman inquired about the current student population and projected enrollment projections. He also inquired about OPP and the status of the contract.

L. Easmon applauded Dr. Youngberg and her staff on the exceptional budget and for putting students first, thinking out of the box and repurposing staff. She further noted the budget transportation has been very transparent. L. Easmon inquired about rising costs of Workmans' Compensation on page 45. Dr. Youngberg noted this is one item that will be addressed by the new Human Resources Department. Ms. Easmon also asked about the utilities costs on page 87. The solar credits are helping reduce costs and the solar credits information can be shared with the Board.

A motion was made by H. Frydman and seconded by K. Dunbar for the Bloomfield Board of Education to accept and adopt the Superintendent's Proposed Budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 in the amount of \$55,233,741, as presented.



Vote: T. Mack-Mohammed Aye
F. Bogle-Assegai Aye
L. Simone Aye
T. Moore Aye
K. Dunbar Aye
H Frydman Aye
L. Easmon Aye

The motion passed unanimously 7-0-0.

4. Adjournment

At 7:43 p.m. a motion was made by H. Frydman and seconded by T. Moore.

The motion passed unanimously 7-0-0.

F. Bogle-Assegai, Secretary

T. Youngberg, Superintendent