



Board of Education – Special Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 6:00 PM
Bloomfield Board of Education, Board Room
1133 Blue Hills Avenue
Bloomfield, CT 06002

ATTENDANCE: K. Dunbar, Chair Present
T. Mack-Mohammed Absent
L. Simone Present

ALSO PRESENT: L. Easmon T. Moore F. Bogle-Assegai
B. Silver E. Pierce D. Greco
L. Lamenzo J. Titelbaum

1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order

K. Dunbar called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

2. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes –Finance Committee Meeting – May 28, 2024

A motion was made by L. Simone and seconded by K. Dunbar for the Finance Committee to approve the minutes from May 28, 2024 meeting, as presented.

K. Dunbar Aye
L. Simone Aye

The motion was passed unanimously 2-0-0.

3. New Business

A. Review of the District Alliance Grant Application

Lisa Lamenzo, Director of School Improvement and Elisa Pierce, District Grants Specialist provided the committee members on the background of Alliance Districts, which are the lowest 33 performing districts in the State of Connecticut based on the accountability index from the Next Generation Accountability Report.

The State of Connecticut established a process for identifying Alliance Districts and allocating increased Education Cost Sharing (ECS) funding to support district strategies to dramatically increase student outcomes and close achievement gaps by pursuing bold and innovative reforms.

Ms. Lamenzo noted the goal is be removed from the Alliance District list. Each district remains on the list for five years.



This application includes staffing and programs based on research based practices. The district and state looks at the return on investment, collaboration and progress monitoring relative to the Alliance Grant application.

T. Moore inquired if Bloomfield is removed to from the Alliance Districts list what happens with the programs and positions from the Alliance Grant funding. Ms. Lamenzo noted the funds that the district was receiving stays within Bloomfield but is reallocated to the Town, if the district is removed from the Alliance District list.

Ms. Lamenzo and Ms. Pierce shared information about the new positions being created under this grant, a Teaching and Learning Specialist, and two coaching positions.

Ms. Peirce noted the full application will be shared with Board of Education members on the Friday prior to the regular meeting in October.

A motion was made by L. Simone and seconded by K. Dunbar for the Finance Committee to move the Alliance Grant Application to the Board of Education for approval.

The motion was passed unanimously 2-0-0.

4. Adjournment

At 6:29 p.m., a motion was made by L. Simone and seconded by K. Dunbar to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously 2-0-0.

K. Dunbar, Committee Chair