



Board of Education Special Meeting

Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 7:00

P.M. Hybrid Meeting

In person: Bloomfield Board of Education, Board

Room 1133 Blue Hills Avenue

Bloomfield, CT 06002

Virtual: Click below to join the Zoom meeting:

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Meeting ID: 867 3099 3304

Passcode: 265748

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

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. Public/PTO Comment

A. Public Comment on Superintendent's Proposed 2026-2027 Budget

L. Easmon, Chair reviewed the procedures for public comments in-person and virtually.

Dr. Youngberg addressed some questions that were submitted by email and noted these were posted online as a Q&A document.

Gail Jorden, Metacomet Elementary School teacher and BEA President. Gail shared her appreciation for the Board of Education and Dr. Youngberg and their attention to the 2026-2027 budget. She is hopeful through communication that students will return to the Bloomfield Public Schools. She noted her appreciation for the hard work that went into to budget and Board's thorough review of the budget.



Dr. Youngberg aloud some of the questions asked and responses provided. ([Budget Questions and Answers](#)).

Anthony C. Harrington, 3 Boysen Drive, Bloomfield

Mr. Harrington received a letter from Congressman Larson for grant funding for FY 2026-2027, grants that funds specific projects in every jurisdiction, such as playground, and streetscape improvements. He noted there may be other areas of consideration. The application is due at 5:00 p.m. on March 10, 2026.

Dr. Youngberg continue through the Budget Questions and Answers submitted online providing the district's responses. Specifically, she noted the recent RFP for a Facilities Comprehensive Assessment will provide more data on what updates are needed throughout the district. H. Frydman asked a follow-up question regarding the district's 1% set aside account, and how many funds are available. Mr. Greco noted once the facilities assessment contract is paid, the account will be depleted.

Amanda Levine, ABAA at Carmen Arace Intermediate school (CAIS) When looking at the line item budget there is no line specific for the ABAA positions. Mr. Greco noted there are no more position budgeted at CAIS. Amanda clarified there are no specific line items for ABAA. Mr. Greco noted they are inclusive in the Special Education budget lines.

Anthony C. Harrington, 3 Boysen Drive, Bloomfield

Mr. Harrington spoke to the rising cost across the state for Special Education and transportation. The state is looking if there is any way additional funding can be provided to the district, specifically Bloomfield. They are looking at other means of receiving funding.

The Board Chair took a short break to allow the in-person and virtual attendees to assemble any additional questions (7:42 p.m. – 7:47 p.m.)

Anthony C. Harrington, 3 Boysen Drive, Bloomfield

Mr. Harrington asked what type of cost saving will there potentially be with moving Central Office to Carmen Arace school. Dr. Youngberg noted there will an initial cost for moving items over such as furniture. They anticipate about \$100,000 in utility costs and any necessary maintenance, while reducing the footprint overtime.

They received a question regarding shared services with the Town of Bloomfield. Dr. Youngberg referred to the shared IT services referenced in the budget booklet. The Town and Board of Education will be sharing the cost of a Director of Information Technology and there is devices updates and infrastructure updates that is needed.

The Board Chair called a break at 7:51 p.m. to allow for additional comments or questions. The meeting resumed at 7:52 p.m.



Wendy Williams, 48 Gabb Road, Bloomfield, CT

Wendy Williams thanked Dr. Youngberg for a well thought out budget in support of Bloomfield students. She would like to see students return to Bloomfield Public Schools. Her comment was in reference to a statement by Mrs. Mack-Mohammed regarding marketing and selling Bloomfield Public Schools to the community. She would like to see high school students supporting the district on social media. She stated getting information out to the community will help the mission of bringing students back into the district.

The Board Chair called a break at 7:55 p.m. to allow for additional comments or questions. The meeting resumed at 8:00 p.m.

The Board Chair called for comments or questions again.

B. Board of Education Comments on the Superintendent's Proposed 2026-2027 Budget

The Board of Education did not have any comments.

4. Adjournment

At 8:01 p.m. a motion was made by T. Mack-Mohammed and seconded by L. Simone.

The motion passed unanimously.

F. Bogle-Assegai, Secretary

T. Youngberg, Superintendent