

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 7:00 P.M.

# **Hybrid Meeting**

In-Person Location: Bloomfield Board of Education, Board Room

1133 Blue Hills Avenue Bloomfield, CT 06002

Virtual Option: Zoom

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Meeting ID: 876 0517 6202 Passcode: 271280

Attendance: L. Easmon, Chair Present

H. Frydman, Vice Chair
F. Bogle-Assegai, Secretary
T. Moore
K. Dunbar
Present
T. Mack-Mohammed
Present
L. Simone
Present
Present
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

Silvestre Pereira, Director of Facilities

M. Sutton, Director of Student Support Services

M. Coates, District Teaching and Learning Coach

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

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

## 2. Pledge of Allegiance

All rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. Opening Statement

F. Bogle-Assegai welcomed all attendees. The purpose and process of the Board of Education meeting were stated.

# 4. Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting June 3, 2025
- B. Approval of Minutes Special Meeting June 12, 2025
- C. Approval of Minutes Special Meeting June 28, 2025

A motion was made by H. Frydman and seconded by K. Dunbar for the Bloomfield Board of Education to approve the consent agenda, as presented.

L. Easmon Aye H. Frydman Aye



F. Bogle-Assegai Aye
K. Dunbar Aye
T. Mack-Mohammed Aye
T. Moore Aye
L. Simone Aye

The motion passed unanimously 7-0-0.

## 5. Superintendent's Report

# A. Opening Schools Report

Dr. Tracy Youngberg, Superintendent of Schools shared a PowerPoint presentation with the Board of Education. She shared information from Convocation, held on August 25, 2025. Enrollment information as of September 5, 2025 was shared with the Board of Education.

- H. Frydman inquired about how many students are homeschooling and if there is a change in that number.
- K. Dunbar inquired why families are leaving after grade 5 and as they enter the high school.
- L. Easmon would like to see comparative data as of October 1, 2025.
- T. Youngberg shared updates on the opening day of school, transportation, principal meetings, and the plan for to develop a 10-year facilities master plan. In addition, the Bloomfield Education Association (BEA) will be hosting the "BEA Blitz" to gather anonymous data from certified staff. The IT department, in collaboration with the Town, will be working on Google migration.
- Dr. Youngberg welcomed Silvestre (Sly) Pereira, the new Director of Facilities.

She provided some updates from Bloomfield High School including a no cell phone policy pilot, resolution of water issues at the high school and the results of the Civil Rights Compliance Audit report. The board inquired about the inventory of Chromebooks and our plan to phase in new replacement technology. It was further noted there is no annual budget currently for IT equipment, so that will be built into future budgets.

Dr. Youngberg gave an update on the Teaching, Learning and Leadership (TLL) department. This department is led by Lisa Lamenzo. They are currently working on developing the Multi-Tiered Systems of Supports (MTSS), Curriculum Development and the Leadership Retreat. She further noted the professional development and curriculum development will be what transforms the district. The TLL has launched a System of Supports for the Coaches, Deans, Interventionists and Tutors. An in-depth presentation will be provided to the Board of Education in October.



The Nest at Laurel Literacy Academy has been received Accreditation+ from NAEYC.

# **B.** Human Resources- Vacancy Report

Talent Management and Community Partnerships is working on a moving to digital platforms, and they also recently hosted a New Hire Orientation and summer student interns from the high school.

Dr. Youngberg shared a staff vacancy report with the Board, as of September 4, 2025. Many of the open positions are non-certified. H. Frydman inquired how the positions are being advertised, additional information will be provided to the Board. L. Easmon inquired about the vacancies at Global Experience Magnet School (GEMS) and if those need to be filled. In addition, the Board inquired about the future of current staff at GEMS.

# C. Financial Report - Munis Conversion Update

Dr. Youngberg reported on behalf of the Finance Department. The Board of Education has officiated transitioned to Munis Financials. This will be significant benefit as the transition eliminates a separate reconciliation process between the Town and Board.

#### 6. Public/PTO Comment

Gail Jorden, the BEA President addressed the Board of Education. Gail is now serving in a Literacy Coach at Metacomet Elementary School. She wished everyone a happy new year and things are going smoothly overall, with a lot of changes in the district. Ms. Jorden also announced that Metacomet School Principal Mr. Paul Guzzo is the recipient of the 2025 CEA Excellence in Education and Advocacy Award. He will be recognized at the CEA Celebrates Education and Advocacy Gala on October 24, 2025, in New Haven.

#### 7. Old Business

#### A. Policy for a Second Reading and Possible Adoption

# 1. Policy 5141.231/4118.231 – Psychotropic Drug Medications

A motion was made by H. Frydman and seconded by F. Bogle-Assegai for the Board of Education to adopt Policy 5141.231/4118.231 - Psychotropic Drug Medications.

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

The motion passed unanimously 7-0-0.



#### 8. Board Comments

- L. Simone shared her excitement for the redevelopment of the curriculum and gave accolades to Lisa Lamenzo for her consistency in providing meaningful professional development and for leading the district's curriculum work.
- T. Moore stated the district has come a long way. He thanked Dr. Youngberg and the Board for being a part of making the difference. Mr. Moore is not rerunning for his Board of Education position, but he is very proud of the work that has been accomplished.
- T. Mack-Mohammed is excited for the new school year and see her Board colleagues. Tonight, underscores the direction we are going. She further iterated that the district needs to share our good news with the community. She is thrilled Mr. Guzzo is being celebrated.
- K. Dunbar welcomed the guests in the audience and at home. She is excited for the new school year. She looks forward to an excellent school year. She congratulated Ms. Jorden in her new role and Mr. Guzzo for his recognition.
- F. Bogle-Assegai echoed her Board colleagues' sentiments and acknowledged Ms. Lamenzo. She appreciates that the new Superintendent has an open door and is very transparent. She is excited the district is getting their administration sorted out, such as fully staff HR department, and looks forward to the good things ahead. Ms. Bogle-Assegai is excited to hear that the administrators are meeting on a regular basis and Dr. Youngberg will be meeting with families. She noted it will help us get on the same page with a common goal.
- H. Frydman welcomed all back to a new school year. The first week of school attendance was good and noted the importance of staff attendance as well. He acknowledged all the new staff in Bloomfield and gave a shout-out to some staff who recently departed the district. He recognized Mr. Guzzo for his recent award and anticipating the release of state scores. He noted the district cannot change without the input of parents and encouraged them to attend Board meetings. He wished all a happy Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.
- L. Easmon welcomed everyone back to a new school year. She is looking forward to a productive school. She welcomed Mr. Pieria and congratulated Mr. Guzzo, who is a wonderful educator and principal. Ms. Easmon is excited for the Munis conversion and thanked Mr. Greco, Ms. Lamenzo and Mrs. Cherry for their reliability. She asked Ms. Jorden if she could provide some information to the Board on getting tickets to the CEA Gala. She looking forward to an excellent school year.

## 12. Adjournment

At 7:58 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by H. Frydman and seconded by F. Bogle-Assegai.

The motion passed unanimously 7-0-0.





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T. Youngberg, Superintendent