



Board of Education – Special Finance Committee Meeting
Thursday, November 21, 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 Present
L. Simone Absent

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

1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order

K. Dunbar called the meeting to order at 6:19 p.m. The roll was called and a quorum was present.

2. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes –Finance Committee Meeting – October 22, 2024

A motion was made by T. Mack-Mohammed and seconded by K. Dunbar for the Finance Committee to approve the minutes from October 22, 2024 meeting, as presented.

K. Dunbar Aye
T. Mack-Mohammed Aye

The motion was passed unanimously 2-0-0.

3. New Business

A. Family Resource Grant for FY 24/25 Summary Review

Gail Nolan, Director of the Family Resource Center, gave an overview of the Family Resource Center (FRC) Grant application. Ms. Nolan also shared specific initiatives the FRC is responsible for, such as, positive youth development, referrals and resources, trainings for home daycare programs, the clothing closet, diaper bank, and playgroups among others. Information about the Family Resource Center is located on the district website.

The district has received this grant for about thirty years. The Family Resource Center is held at Laurel Literacy Academy and is allocated to receive \$111,363.00.



B. Discussion of the FY 25/26 Budget Development Process

Domenic Greco, Executive Director of Finance and Elisa Pierce District Grants Specialist, shared the 2025-2026 budget timeline. He noted that initial meetings with Directors and Principals are underway. The Board of Education budget will be due to the Town Manager on March 6, 2025 and presented to the Town Council on March 20, 2025.

Ms. Pierce and Mr. Greco reviewed the Executive Summary page of the budget book and 14 major drivers. Last year's page was shared as a sample to demonstrate the % of the budget associated with salaries, benefits and contracted services. Mr. Greco reviewed salary increases required through bargaining unit contracts and preliminary health insurance increases. He further noted the transportation contractual increases.

Melissa Sutton, Director of Student Support Services met with the Finance Department to review anticipated outplaced tuition costs.

Mr. Greco noted he anticipates a draft budget to be completed around January 21, 2025. The district completed a utilization study of curriculum and software usage.

T. Mack-Mohammed stated the public comments for the 25/26 proposed budget should be thoughtfully planned. In addition, she would like to see a breakdown of the % of staff paid by grant funds.

4. Adjournment

At 7:07 p.m., a motion was made by T. Mack-Mohammed and seconded by K. Dunbar to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously 3-0-0.

K. Dunbar, Committee Chair