



Board of Education – Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 22, 2025 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 Present

ALSO PRESENT: L. Easmon F. Bogle-Assegai T. Moore
T. Youngberg D. Greco L. Lamenza
G. Martinez 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 – March 25, 2025

A motion was made by T. Mack-Mohammed and seconded by L. Simone for the Finance Committee to approve the minutes from March 25, 2025, as presented.

K. Dunbar Aye
T. Mack-Mohammed Aye
L. Simone Aye

The motion was passed unanimously 3-0-0.

3. New Business

A. Global Experience Magnet School Update

Dr. Tracy Youngberg, Superintendent, presented a PowerPoint on the long range feasibility analysis of Global Experience Magnet School (GEMS). She shared a timeline of important dates starting with the first GEMS Committee meeting on March 26, 2025. At this meeting the operations of the building including staffing, facilities, academics and students needs were reviewed. The committee also considered the implications of GEMS becoming a grade 9-12 school only.

Dr. Youngberg presented a projected cost analysis by year to continue operating GEMS past the 2025-2026 school year. These cost projections took into consideration the Magnet School Operating Grant and the estimated cost from the general budget.

The estimated annual general funds contribution for 2026-2027 was \$1,503,540 which comprises approximately 2.8% of the district's current operating budget.



T. Mack-Mohammed thanked Dr. Youngberg for putting the data together and inquired about a long-term plan for staff.

A Committee member inquired about what will happen to the building if the Board decides to close GEMS after 2025-2026. It was noted that the Town owns the building.

It was asked if a public forum could be added to the timeline.

T. Moore inquired how many Bloomfield residents attend GEMS. It was noted that approximately 15 students were from Bloomfield and 160 are out-of-district students.

4. Adjournment

At 6:20 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