



Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, January 14, 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: 857 6860 9266

Passcode: 8uR2pJ

<b>Attendance:</b>	L. Easmon, Chair	Present
	H. Frydman, Vice Chair	Present
	F. Bogle-Assegai, Secretary	Present <i>*arrived at 7:18 p.m.</i>
	T. Moore	Present <i>*arrived at 7:04 p.m.</i>
	K. Dunbar	Present
	T. Mack-Mohammed	Present
	L. Simone	Present

**Also Present:** T. Youngberg, Superintendent of Schools  
D. Greco, Executive Director of Finance  
L. Lamenzo, Director of School Improvement  
J. Titelbaum, District Data Systems Coordinator  
M. Sutton, Director of Student Support Services  
N. Jones, District Teaching & Learning Specialist  
J. White, Principal of Bloomfield High School

**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**

H. Frydman welcomed all attendees. The purpose and process of the Board of Education meeting were stated.

**4. Student Representative Report – Bloomfield High School**

Student representatives from Bloomfield High School provided updates to the Board of Education on recent events and program updates including informational sessions on career opportunities and student internships. Student academic awards and athletic recognitions were also shared.



## 5. Consent Agenda

### A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – December 10, 2024

A motion was made by H. Frydman and seconded by K. Dunbar for the Bloomfield Board of Education to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2024 regular meeting, as presented.

T. Mack-Mohammed noted one change on page 2, the spelling of Elka Spencer's name.

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

The motion passed unanimously 6-0-0.

## 6. Superintendent's Report

### A. Superintendent's Update

Dr. Tracy Youngberg, Superintendent reported ten students received national recognition from the College Board. Dr. Youngberg has been meeting with various groups of staff members, union leader and town officials. Meetings with school staff and families will be coming up soon. In addition, she is reviewing if spending is linked to student outcomes. The biggest challenge is the lack of a formal Human Resources department and is a key focus area. She noted the budget will be presented next month.

### B. Attendance Update

Lisa Lamenzo, Director of School Improvement and Jason Titelbaum, District Data Systems Coordinator shared on update on student attendance data and the importance of regular attendance for student growth. Both the attendance rate and chronic absenteeism rate for each school was shared. It was noted chronic absenteeism rate does count toward the Next Generation Accountability state report.

H. Frydman inquired how is attendance reinforced at the schools. It was noted the attendance teams meet on a regular basis to address students individually.

Ms. Lamenzo noted we are not a LEAP district but Bloomfield does conduct home visits when needed.

### C. Financial Report – December 2024

Mr. Domenic Greco, Director of Accounting reported on the financials as of January 10, 2025. He noted that 7.71% of the adopted budget has yet to be expended or encumbered.



Mr. Greco noted on the one-page summary report, major account 03 Employee Benefits with a balance of 1.8 million yet to expended or encumbered. Of this, 1.5 million is allocated for the pension contribution payments, which has yet to be paid. He also noted major account 08 Tuition, which has a balance of \$335,000. Mr. Greco noted magnet school invoices were received. These remaining funds are for special education services.

On page 1 of the six-page detail report, sub account 1210 - Salaries, Professional Staff is over budget but the overage continues to come down as receivables for special education are booked.

On page 3 of the six-page report, sub account 3500 is currently over expended by approximately \$8,814.00. The district has yet to the receive all the revenue from e-Rate.

## 7. Board of Education Committee Reports

### A. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee Chair, Kim Dunbar noted the committee did not meet in December, but the next meeting is on January 28, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. The agenda topic will include the upcoming budget.

### B. Curriculum Committee

Curriculum Committee Chair, Howard Frydman noted they also did not meet in December. In November the committee discussed the 2023-2024 Next Generation Accountability Index report and the 2023 Climate Survey Review.

### C. Policy Committee

Policy Committee Chair, Femi Bogle-Assegai met in December. The next meeting will also be on January 28, 2025 and they will be reviewing several policies for a second reading.

## 8. Public/PTO Comment

No Public Comments.

## 9. New Business

### A. Review and Possible Action on the 2025-2026 Academic Calendar

Dr. Youngberg shared a DRAFT of the 2025-2026 calendar. The district shared the draft with school leaders, Central Office administration and union leaders. The future process will include a calendar committee.

A motion was made by H. Frydman and seconded by F. Bogle-Assegai for the Bloomfield Board of Education to approve the 2025-2026 academic calendar, as presented.

L. Easmon	Aye
H. Frydman	Aye
F. Bogle-Assegai	Aye



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

The motion passed unanimously 7-0-0.

#### **10. Board Comments**

L. Simon wished everyone a Happy New Year. She welcomed Dr. Youngberg and noted her leadership style of “build on the team’s momentum” and commented on the commitment of staff across the district. She noted the community needs to hear the school district is exceptional with career exploration, academics, activism and internships.

T. Moore wished all a Happy New Year and wished Dr. Youngberg the best of luck in her new role. He believes we will have a very successful year. He thanked the students for their presentation.

T. Mack-Mohammed wished all a Happy New Year. She is excited to be here today and see her colleagues. She noted the need to advertise all of the good things our students are doing and need to be telling the story. She thanked the students for the presentation and thanked the parents as well. Monday is Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and Inauguration Day as well.

K. Dunbar thanked the audience members for attending in person and online. Wished all a Happy New Year and gave acknowledged the presentation by the high school students. She thanked and welcomed Dr. Youngberg. She looks forward to sharing the news of what Bloomfield has to offer.

F. Bogle-Assegai wished all a prosperous and healthy New Year. She welcome Dr. Youngberg as the first female Superintendent in Bloomfield. She noted her energy is what is needed and looks forward to her sharing the news of what Bloomfield is doing.

H. Frydman wished all a Happy New Year and noted working together for the students of Bloomfield. He stated the scores need improvement but the presentations of the high school students demonstrated student successes. He congratulated Charles Fennel on his SAT score. He also noted the need for parental involvement in student programs, awards nights and in the upcoming budget process. He commented on financial literacy for students and future building projects. His heart goes out to the people of California with the wild fires.

L. Easmon wished all a Happy New Year and welcome Dr. Tracy Youngberg. She is excited to collaborate with Dr. Youngberg and is excited for the district. Looking forward to getting things moving in the right direction. She encouraged those to do something in remembrance of the trailblazers on MLK Day.



## 11. Adjournment

At 7:54 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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F. Bogle-Assegai, Secretary

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T. Youngberg, Superintendent of Schools