



BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION - BOARD OF EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Board of Education Finance Committee Meeting AT Thursday, April 25, 2024

Bloomfield Board of Education - Board Room 1133 Blue Hills Ave. Bloomfield, CT 06002, 1133 Blue Hills Avenue , Bloomfield, CT 06002

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Board of Education –Finance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, March 26, 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 Present

ALSO PRESENT: L. Easmon T. Moore F. Bogle-Assegai
B. Silver D. Nesmith L Lamenzo
K. Wallach D. Greco (*joined by phone*)

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 – Special Finance Committee – January 25, 2024

A motion was made by T. Mack-Mohammed and seconded by L. Simone for the Finance Committee to approve the minutes from January 25, 2024 special meeting, as presented.

The motion was passed 3-0-0.

3. New Business

A. School Security Grant Revision

Mr. Kenny Wallach, Director of Facilities, shared information with the Finance Committee regarding the School Security Grant. In 2021 the district identified the need to improve security camera systems throughout the district. Mr. Wallach shared a timeline of the application process for the school security grant submitted to the state on April 5, 2023. Additionally, information was shared on the Capital Improvement Projects plan that was submitted to the Town Council for consideration.

In September of 2024 the district was notified that Bloomfield would receive the grant award for Bloomfield High School. In March 2024 the district received a second notification that the application for Carmen Arace school was also granted.

Mr. Wallach reviewed the funding for the local match of this grant.

A committee member asked why the two schools were selected. Mr. Kenny Wallach noted that the district considered both the age of cameras (those cameras that are still analog) and the size of the areas covered by cameras at the schools.



He further noted that Central Office is not eligible for school security grants.

It was inquired how often the district can apply for this grant and what is eligible. Mr. Wallach stated the grant application comes out every 2-3 years. He also stated he would share the list of eligible items under the grant application. It typically includes fencing, windows and access control systems.

B. Non-Lapsing Capital Reserve Account

Dr. Bethany Silver, Acting Superintendent and Mr. Domenic Greco, Director of Accounting shared information with the Board of Education about the Non-Lapsing Capital Reserve Account. Under State Statute Sec. 10-248a, unexpended educational funds can be set aside from the prior fiscal year's budget. The total amount allowed under current legislation is no more than 2% of the total budgeted appropriation.

Mr. Greco provided information regarding the total contributions, expenditures and available balance in the Non-Lapsing Capital Reserve Account. He noted that three quotes must be received prior to use of the funds from this account.

L. Easmon inquired about why the account is set at 1% allocation if legislation allows 2%. At the time of the Town Council resolution, the allowable set aside amount was 1% for the reserve account.

4. Adjournment

At 6:35 p.m., a motion was made by T. Mack-Mohammed and seconded by L. Simone to adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously 3-0-0.

K. Dunbar, Committee Chair

Bloomfield Public Schools



School Readiness Preschool Program 2024



State-Funded Early Care and Education Programs

- The Office of Early Childhood (OEC) funds early care and education programs across the state through several different grants and contracts.
- These funds support child care programs, Head Starts, and public school preschools to provide affordable, high-quality early care and education services. Enrollment and eligibility for these services are handled by local providers.

The School Readiness Preschool Program

- SR provides affordable, high-quality early care and education services in high-need communities that help young children prepare for kindergarten.
- The program funds spaces for children ages 3, 4, and 5 who aren't yet eligible for kindergarten. At least 60 percent of the children enrolled must be at or below 75 percent of the State Median Income.

Benefits for Children, Families and Communities

Benefits for children

- **Promote health and safety** and provide open access to quality programs that prepare children for formal schooling
- **Prevent or minimize developmental delays** in children prior to their reaching the age of 5
- **Integrate children with disabilities** into programs available to children who aren't disabled

Benefits for families

- **Improve local options** so that parents can choose among affordable, high-quality programs
- **Encourage parental involvement** in a child's development and education
- **Enhance family abilities** to meet the special needs of children, including children with disabilities

Benefits for communities

- **Prevents duplication of services** by encouraging coordination and cooperation among programs and child care providers
- **Provides flexibility in implementation** so that communities can tailor programs based on their specific service needs and unique resources
- **Supplements federal funding** for school readiness programs

Types of Spaces

There is a range of space types, from part-time to full-time, year-round programs. Each space type has specific requirements that determine how much the program will be reimbursed for each enrolled child.

Bloomfield currently has:

- 63 full-time slots (9-10 hrs each day) year-round program (48 weeks)
- 17 school day/school year slots

School Readiness Council (SRC)

Communities receiving School Readiness Grant funds have a School Readiness Council (SRC) that's responsible for making recommendations about the school readiness grant program.

Thank You

Early Start 2024

Revenue					
Location			Early Start Expenses		FINAL BALANCE
Extentions			\$171,761.89		-\$171,761.89

Net Change	-\$171,761.89
Per Pupil	\$568.75

Enrollment					
Location	Grade	Enrollment	Ratio	Teachers	Program Days
Laurel	K	0	12	0.00	15
	1	56	18	3.11	15
	2	47	18	2.61	15
Metacomet	3	36	18	2.00	15
	4	44	18	2.44	15
CAIS / CAMS	5	35	18	1.94	15
	6	31	18	1.72	15
	7	27	18	1.50	15
	8	26	18	1.44	15
TOTAL		302		17	

PROGRAM DAYS = 15

School Yr	Hourly Rates
2024-25	\$46.25

Staffing						
Location	Description	Number	Hourly	Hours Per Day	Daily Rate	SUB TOTAL
Laurel	Head Teacher	1	\$46.25	5.5	\$254.38	\$3,815.63
	Teacher	6	\$46.25	4.5	\$1,248.75	\$18,731.25
Metacomet	Head Teacher	0	\$46.25	6.0	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Teacher	5	\$46.25	4.5	\$1,040.63	\$15,609.38
CAIS / CAMS	Head Teacher	1	\$46.25	5.5	\$254.38	\$3,815.63
	Teacher	8	\$46.25	4.5	\$1,665.00	\$24,975.00
Laurel	Clerical	1	\$30.58	5.0	\$152.90	\$2,293.50
	Nurse	0	\$55.31	4.5	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Data Collection	0	\$46.25	3.0	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Tutor	0	\$35.86	4.5	\$0.00	\$0.00
	IA	3	\$24.03	4.5	\$324.41	\$4,866.08
Metacomet	Clerical	0	\$30.58	5.0	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Data Collection	0	\$46.25	0.0	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Tutor	0	\$35.33	4.5	\$0.00	\$0.00
	IA	2	\$24.03	4.5	\$216.27	\$3,244.05
CAIS / CAMS	Clerical	0	\$30.58	5.0	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Nurse	0	\$55.31	4.5	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Data Collection	0	\$46.25	3.0	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Tutor	0	\$35.86	4.5	\$0.00	\$0.00
	IA	3	\$24.03	4.5	\$324.41	\$4,866.08
	Building Security	1	\$30.58	5.5	\$168.19	\$2,522.85
Prep time		17	\$46.25	4.0	\$3,145.00	\$3,145.00
Non Certified Payroll Taxes						\$1,361.13
Certified Payroll Taxes						\$1,016.33
STAFFING TOTAL						\$90,261.89

(Fixed Costs)					
Location	Item	Daily Cost	Days	Cost	NOTES
Laurel	Supplies			\$1,000.00	
Metacomet	Supplies			\$1,000.00	
CAIS/CAMS	Supplies			\$2,000.00	
Transportation				\$77,500.00	
District	Enrichment			\$0.00	
FIXED COST TOTAL				\$81,500.00	

TOTAL EXPENSE EARLY START \$171,761.89