



**BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING**

Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Bloomfield Board of Education

1133 Blue Hills Avenue

Board Room

**Attendance:** D. Harris, Chair Present  
M. R. Walters, Vice Chair Present  
D. Bolton, Secretary Present  
R. Ike Present  
H. Frydman Present  
P. Davis Present  
T. Moore Present

**Also Present:** W. Guzman, Chief Operations Office  
B. Silver, Assistant Superintendent of Accountability and Performance  
S. McCann, Chief Academic Officer  
F. Burr, Human Resource Specialist  
A.M. Cullinan, Curriculum Specialist  
S. Simpson, Director of Strategic Communications and Planning  
J. Robinson, Director of Technology  
D. Moleti, Principal, Bloomfield High School

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

D. Harris determined a quorum was present and the Bloomfield Board of Education Regular meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

All rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Opening Statement**

D. Bolton, Board Secretary, welcomed all attendees. The purpose and process of the Board of Education meeting was stated.

Mr. Harris congratulated the Bloomfield High School football team on the 2018 Class “S” championship. The team will be recognized at the January 2019 Board meeting.

**4. Consent Agenda**

**A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – November 13, 2018**

A motion was made by M. Walters and seconded by R. Ike for the Bloomfield Board of Education to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2018 regular board meeting, as presented.

D. Harris, Chair Aye  
M. R. Walters, Vice Chair Aye  
D. Bolton, Secretary Aye



R. Ike	Aye
H. Frydman	Abstain
P. Davis	Abstain
T. Moore	Aye

The motion was passed 5-0-2.

## 5. Presentations

### A. Recognition of the 2018 Teacher of the Year – Amanda Powell

Dr. Thompson noted that Amanda Powell was unable to be in attendance at the Board meeting. Ms. Powell will be recognized at the Regular Board meeting on February 12, 2019.

### B. Recognitions

#### 1. Students – Rotary Student of the Month from Metacomet Elementary School

Dr. Thompson acknowledged the December Rotary Student of the Month, S. Kelly who is a 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Metacomet Elementary School. The student was chosen for her academic achievements and serving as a role model to other students.

#### 2. Staff - Sandra Johnson, Bloomfield teacher and reading tutor

Stacey, McCann, Chief Academic Officer introduced Sandra Johnson who has served the Bloomfield community for almost 6 decades. Dating back to 1960, Miss Johnson has taught in Bloomfield for 59 years. Currently, Miss Johnson is a retiree, serving in the capacity of a reading tutor at Metacomet Elementary School.

#### 3. Parents and Community – Patricia Davis, recipient of the 2018 Parent Involvement Recognition Award

Bloomfield Board of Education member Patricia Davis is the recipient of the 2018 Parental Involvement Recognition Award from The State Education Resource Center (SERC), in collaboration with the Commission on Women, Children and Seniors. Pat, who is also co-chair of the Alliance for Bloomfield's Children, was recognized for her engagement, contributions, and service. She received her award on Thursday, November 15, 2018, at the State Capitol Building.

### C. Student Representative Report – Bloomfield High School

The student reported to the Board of Education on recent events at the Bloomfield High School such as the National Honor Society Induction and the BHS Unified Sports program.

Student-athlete J. Mars recently signed with a Division I college and the athletic department was named the recipient of the Michael's Cup award for good sportsmanship. Recently, former BHS student Julian Stanford returned to BHS to participate in community service with the current football players.



Bloomfield High School will be hosting their second musical in the spring.

Bloomfield High School football team won the Class “S” State Championship.

Upcoming events at BHS include:

- BHS Holiday Concert – Thursday, December 13th at 1:00 p.m.
- School Governance Council – Tuesday, December 18th at 6:00 p.m.
- Quarter 1 Honor Roll Dinner – Wednesday, December 19th at 6:00 p.m.
- Holiday Recess – December 24<sup>th</sup> – January 1<sup>st</sup>
- Students Return to School – Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

## 6. Public/PTO Comment

No public or PTO comments.

## 7. Superintendent’s Report

### A. Superintendent’s Update

The students from Carmen Arace Intermediate School made ornaments being displayed on the National Christmas Tree in Washington, D.C. This story was highlighted several news outlets. The Superintendent stated the district is very proud of Carmen Arace Intermediate students and how they have represented Connecticut.

### B. Financial Report – November 2018

Mr. William Guzman, Chief Operations Officer reported on the financials as of December 6, 2018. He distributed the one-page and six-page financial reports. The district is six months into the fiscal year with about 95% of the budget expended or encumbered.

Mr. Guzman noted that the tuition account (08) has a negative balance. The district has started to receive the invoices for tuitions and will continue to monitor this account closely.

Mr. Frydman inquired about what accounts comprise the line item 14, Miscellaneous account. Mr. Guzman referred Mr. Frydman to the six-page report to accounts 8100 Dues & Fees, 8800 Athletic Programs and 8900 Student Activities on page 6 of 6. The Miscellaneous account consists of these three sub-accounts.

## 8. Old Business

No old business to discuss.

## 9. New Business

### A. Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) Report by the United Way

Paula Gilberto, President of the United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut shared the Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) report and a PowerPoint with the members of the Board of Education. This report provides insight into 40 Connecticut towns including Bloomfield. Representatives from the United Way have already met and shared this information with Dr. Thompson and cabinet.



ALICE is an acronym for hard-working families who are struggling to make ends meet, and unable to afford life's most basic necessities. The report identifies challenges and trends that affect families' ability to achieve financial security.

The report shares information on the household survival budget with six basic necessities including housing, child care, food, transportation, technology and health care.

One-third of households in Bloomfield are considered ALICE households. Combined, ALICE and Poverty households make up 40% of all households in Connecticut. This is a 35% increase since the last report.

The United Way representative commented that the work for 2019 includes continuing the conversation with the Superintendent and to gather feedback as to why they think families are struggling. Their goal is to work towards community wide solutions.

#### **B. STEM RFP**

Discussion postponed to January by Finance Committee.

#### **C. October 1<sup>st</sup> Enrollment**

Dr. Bethany Silver provided an update on the October 1, 2018 enrollment and a copy of the document was provided to the members of the Board of Education. This information was submitted to the State Department of Education.

She noted the total enrollment as of October 1 was 2172, an increase of 36 students from the previous year.

### **10. CABE Updates**

Mr. Donald Harris, Jr. commented that the 2018 CABE/CAPSS Convention had the highest enrollment to date. There were wonderful performances by students and the workshops were informative.

### **11. Board Comments**

R. Ike noted that he attended the CABE/CAPSS Convention in Mystic and the convention had a great turnout. He was also in attendance at the GEMS Cultural Fair. He congratulated the district on the Michaels Cup award and noted he will not be in attendance at the January meeting.

H. Frydman commented that the year went by fast and wished everyone a joyous season. He very proud of the students and congratulated Pat Davis on her award.

P. Davis stated she was grateful and honored to be recognized, especially by her peers and other involved parents. Ms. Davis commented that they are here to serve the children of Bloomfield. She congratulated Ty Outlaw, the coaches and players for their hard work.



T. Moore stated that the district is doing well and added the district has a ways to go, but is moving in the right direction.

D. Bolton attended the GEMS Cultural Fair, which was rescheduled due to the inclement weather. She also attended the CAFE/CAPSS Convention and enjoyed the keynote speaker. She served as a delegate and was interested to hear about the policy implementation in other districts. She wished everyone a happy holiday.

M. Walters congratulated Sandra Johnson for her 59 years of service to the district. He also commended Pat Davis on her work as a parent advocate. Mr. Walters recognized the district for receiving the sportsmanship award. He reminded everyone of the upcoming Holiday Concert on December 13, 2018 at Bloomfield High School.

D. Harris congratulated Pat Davis and the members of the high school football team. He also shared that the high school decorated a tree displayed at the Wadsworth. He wished everyone a happy holiday and a happy New Year.

## 12. Adjournment

At 8:05 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by R. Ike and seconded by M. Walters.

The motion passed unanimously.

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D. Bolton, Secretary

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J. Thompson, Ed. D., Superintendent