



BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 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: J. Thompson, Superintendent of Schools
 W. Guzman, Chief Operations Office
 B. Silver, Assistant Superintendent of Accountability and Performance
 S. McCann, Chief Academic Officer
 F. Burr, Human Resource Specialist
 E. Pierce, District Grant Specialist
 A.M. Cullinan, Curriculum Specialist
 S. Simpson, Director of Strategic Communications and Planning
 T. Ellis, Principal, Carmen Arace Middle School
 N. Poplin, Principal, Global Experience Magnet School
 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 7:01 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.

4. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – April 2, 2019

A motion was made by M. Walters and seconded by R. Ike for the Bloomfield Board of Education to approve the minutes from the April 2, 2019 regular Board Meeting, as presented.

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



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

The motion passed 6-0-1.

5. Recognitions

A. Students – CABA Student Leadership Award Recipients

The Connecticut Association of Boards of Education, Student Leadership Awards were presented to students from Carmen Arace Middle School, Global Experience Magnet School and Bloomfield High School. Dr. Thompson noted that this annual award program recognizes students in the middle and high schools who exhibit exemplary leadership skills. To qualify as a recipient of this award, students must demonstrate diplomacy, be willing to take on challenges, possess the ability to work with others, and have the capability to make difficult decisions.

Following the presentation of these awards, Mr. Harris called a recess from 7:18-7:23 p.m.

B. Staff and Board – Anne Burrows, “Track Coach of the Year” Award

Donald Harris, Jr. recognized Anne Burrows who was honored as the Connecticut High School Coaches Association (CHSCA) “Track Coach of the Year”.

6. Presentations

A. Student Representative Report – Global Experience Magnet School

The Global Experience Magnet School (GEMS) representatives shared recent events at the school. Students participated in GEMS Experiences including the New England College Tour (sophomores), New Orleans trip (juniors), Boston Experience (middle school students) and traveling abroad to China, Costa Rica and South Africa.

Seniors participated in a door decorating project that showcased the college or university they will be attending. The junior and senior prom will be held on Saturday, May 18, 2019.

Upcoming events at GEMS includes Exhibitions on May 28th through May 30th, Hartford Yard Goats game on May 30th and the GEMS Olympics (field day) on May 31st.

7. Public/PTO Comment

No Public/PTO comments

8. Superintendent’s Report

A. Financial Report – April 2019

Mr. William Guzman, Chief Operations Officer reported on the district’s fiscal status as of May 9, 2019. He distributed the one-page and six-page financial reports. With about seven weeks left to the fiscal year, the district has about \$523,000 of the budget yet to be expended or encumbered.



Mr. Guzman stated that there are factors that continue to impact the budget and specifically noted the tuition sub-accounts. Specifically, these costs are for outside student placements, magnet school tuition, and special education services. Further impacting the tuition account is the cost of 1 to 1 adult supervision for students in the district with severe disabilities and cost of transporting to out-of-district facilities.

Mr. Guzman also noted the district has started the year-end process by closing out purchase orders.

It was inquired what comprises the deficit in the overtime support account. Mr. Guzman noted work done outside the workday, provided examples and noted the time must be approved by the Business Office.

Another Board member inquired about an update to the solar field. Mr. Guzman noted the panels are up and they are now working on the electrical wiring. The costs savings program is open to residents of the town.

T. Moore inquired about the insurance buy-out line item. This account is the stipend amount an employee receives if they opt-out of the insurance program provided by the Board of Education. This amount is set through contract negotiations.

It was further noted that a new spending plan will need to be drafted based upon the 3% passed by the Town Council on May 6, 2019. Workshops for Board members will be set to participate in the drafting of the revised 2019/2020 budget.

9. Old Business

No old business

10. New Business

A. Policies for an Initial Reading

1. Age of Attendance – 5112

Dr. Bethany Silver, Assistant Superintendent of Accountability and Performance presented the initial reading of policy 5112 - Age of Attendance. The policy specifies the ages of attendance of children. Children aged five years and older and under eighteen, are required by Connecticut law to attend public school or its equivalent in the district in which the child resides.

The final paragraph speaks to children nineteen years or older who may be placed in an alternative school program or other suitable program if they cannot acquire sufficient credits to graduate by age twenty-one.

Dr. Silver referenced the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), by which the district shall work with local child welfare agency and different community organizations to ensure that children come to school and parents are advised of what programs are being offered at schools.



This policy was presented to the Policy Committee for an initial reading on April 23, 2019.

2. Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers – 4212.42

Mr. Guzman, Chief Operation Officer presented the initial Drug and Alcohol policy, which is an amendment to the district' current policy and in accordance with PA 18-185. It was noted this policy applies to all bus and van drivers for drug and alcohol testing.

By June 30, 2019 the policy states that training is required for all bus and van drivers of school transportation in identifying the signs and symptoms of anaphylaxis, administering EpiPen and notifying emergency personnel and reporting an incident involving a student life-threatening allergic reactions.

Mr. Guzman also referenced that by July 1, 2019 each bus carrier must provide training to new drivers and renewal of a public passenger endorsement to operate a school bus. Dattco completed training on May 13th and May 14th, 2019.

This policy was reviewed at the Policy Committee on April 23, 2019.

B. Review and Recommend Approval of the 2019-2020 Healthy Food Certification Statement

Mr. William Guzman, Chief Operations Officer presented the 2019-2020 Healthy Food Certification statement to the Board of Education. This is part of the district's ongoing participation in the National Lunch Program. The Healthy Food Statement was reviewed by the Finance Committee on April 23, 2019.

Compliance in the program requires that we monitor the sale of foods at events during afterschool hours.

A motion was made by M. Walters and seconded by R. Ike for the Bloomfield Board of Education to approve the Healthy Food Option Certification. Pursuant to Section 10-215f of the C.G.S., the Bloomfield Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to, school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or by non-school organizations and groups.

The motion was passed unanimously.



A motion was made by M. Walters and seconded by R. Ike for the Bloomfield Board of Education to approve the Food Exemptions Statement. The Bloomfield Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: (1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; (2) the sale is at the location of the event; and (3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting or extracurricular activity. The “school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held, and must be the same place as the food sales.

The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by M. Walters and seconded by R. Ike for the Bloomfield Board of Education to approve the Beverage Exemptions Statement. The Bloomfield Board of Education will allow the sale to students of beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: (1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; (2) the sale is at the location of the event; and (3) the beverages are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting or extracurricular activity. The “school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held, and must be the same place as the beverage sales.

The motion was passed unanimously.

C. BHS Summer Academy

Ms. Stacey McCann presented an overview of the BHS Summer Academy for 2019.

The focus of the summer academy will be Literacy, numeracy and science. The program will run for two weeks, July 8 – July 19, from 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Breakfast, lunch and transportation will be provided.

Ms. McCann shared the focus points for each content area of the summer program. In English Language Arts students will be focusing on performance tasks, writing skills and words in context. In mathematics, students will be using real-life applications to solve real-world problems, enhancing their conceptual understanding. The science content will be aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) with science and engineering practices.



11. CABA Updates

Mr. Donald Harris, Jr. asked Patricia Davis to share an overview of her experiences from the CABA Leadership Institute. It is a series of six workshops focused on what it means to be a Board member and Ms. Davis stated it was a great program with a lot of insight. She had the opportunity to converse with other Board members from the state and develop her leadership skills.

12. Board Comments

R. Ike recognized Ms. Burrow's as the Track Coach of the Year. He attended the annual district-wide concert at the Bushnell. He stated the performances were outstanding and the students are very talented. In his capacity as Registrar of Voters he is assisting students to register to vote during lunch waves at Bloomfield High School and Global Experience Magnet School.

H. Frydman thanked Ms. Davis for her enthusiastic report on the CABA Leadership Institute. He acknowledged the recipients of the CABA Student Leadership award recipients. He also congratulated Anne Burrows and noted the impressive report by the Board student representatives.

P. Davis also attended the concert at the Bushnell and thanked the teachers and parents for their hard work. She attended the Laurel Open House and was excited to see the new kindergarten students registering. Ms. Davis also acknowledge Anne Burrows for her award and shares that she always goes "above and beyond".

T. Moore stated he is proud of the Bloomfield and the progress the school district has made.

D. Bolton recognized the teachers and principals for National Teacher Appreciation week. She thanked them for their hard work and service. The performances at the Bushnell showcased the district's immense talent. She also shared that she attended the Laurel STEAM Expo.

M. Walters acknowledged those students who received awards and Ms. Anne Burrows. He stated it was a first-class performance at the Bushnell and took a great amount of coordination. He noted the good work of the district.

D. Harris acknowledged Ms. Davis, Anne Burrows and the students of the Bushnell performance. He admired the tribute they gave to Ms. Terry Williams. Mr. Harris will be attending the Memorial Day Parade and reminded the Board about the high school graduations.

13. Adjournment

At 8:29 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by R. Ike and seconded by M. Walters.

The motion passed unanimously.



D. Bolton, Secretary

J. Thompson, Ed. D., Superintendent