



BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, November 13, 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	Absent
	P. Davis	Absent
	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
E. Pierce, District Grants Specialist
A.M. Cullinan, Curriculum Specialist
N. Poplin, Principal, Global Experience Magnet School
C. Morales, District Coordinator of Extended Learning, Family and Community Engagement

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 7:00 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 – October 16, 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 October 16, 2018 regular board meeting, as presented.

D. Harris, Chair	Aye
M. R. Walters, Vice Chair	Aye
D. Bolton	Abstain
R. Ike	Aye
T. Moore	Aye



The motion was passed 4-0-1.

5. Presentations

A. Student Representative Report – Global Experience Magnet School

An alternate student representative was present on behalf of Global Experience Magnet School (GEMS). The student reported to the Board of Education on recent events at the GEMS such as Hispanic Heritage Month, a trip by the Hiking Club and a senior trip to UCONN for a college tour. Global Experience Magnet School also hosted exchange students from China.

The student representative shared information about the recent Summer Experience to Peru. The students who attended had a rigorous curriculum associated with the trip that included research prior to the trip, journaling, seminars in Peru and a final project.

The graduation rate at Global is 100% and their SAT scores increased from an average score of 966 to an average score of 980.

Global Experience Magnet School will be hosting a Cultural Fair on Thursday, November 29, 2018 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

B. College Board – District Success Stories

Stacey McCann, Chief Academic Officer shared a report from the College Board highlighting Bloomfield High School for their improved SAT scores. She noted that changes occurred through data driven planning and focused instructional strategies. Ms. McCann commended the leadership at Bloomfield High School. The Class of 2019 made 170 point gains from grade 9 to grade 11 on the SATs.

The article can be viewed on the College Board website at: <https://reports.collegeboard.org/sat-suite-program-results/district-success-stories>

C. Academics – Lessons from the classroom

A 9th grade student at Bloomfield High School shared his essay in response to the performance task entitled, “The Pivotal Path of the Press During the Civil Rights Movement: Intrusive, Informative and Instrumental.”

D. Watch D.O.G.S. Program

Ian Laurencin, a Bloomfield parent and participant in the Watch D.O.G.S (Dads of Great Students) program. Watch D.O.G.S. program is intended to get fathers (or father figures) actively involved in their children’s education. The program is overseen Rita Wood. Mr. Laurencin has embraced the program and is looking forward to getting more involvement from parents.

6. Public/PTO Comment

No public or PTO comments.



7. Superintendent's Report

A. Financial Report – October 2018

Mr. Harris reported the Mr. Guzman will be representing Dr. Thompson. He is attending a ceremony where he is receiving an award.

Mr. William Guzman, Chief Operations Officer reported on the financials as of October 2018. He distributed the one-page and six-page financial reports. The district is five months into the fiscal year with about 91% of the budget expended or encumbered.

The district continues to remain in a budget freeze. As a reminder this freeze does not apply to instructional or education programming, health and safety or contractual accounts or utilities.

Mr. Guzman added that eight (8) new positions have been added to the district. These include four instructional position and four for the Steps to Success program.

Mr. Ike thanked Dr. Thompson for sending the response letters to the speakers at the last month's meeting. He stated the letters addressed all of their concerns.

Mr. Walters asked if Mr. Guzman could review the Step to Success program. Mr. Guzman stated this program allows for some Bloomfield students who require outplacement services to remain in-district. In addition, having the program in-district is also intended to have a cost savings to the tuition account.

B. 2019/2020 Budget Timeline

Mr. Guzman, Chief Operations Officer, provided a summary of the timeline for the 2019/2020 budget process. Last week, Mr. Guzman and other Cabinet members met with the principals to review the status of the 2019/2020. In November and December 2018, schools will be sharing information at the PTO meetings including academic data, enrollment, staffing and projected enrollment.

February 12, 2019 the District budget will be presented to the Board of Education. On February 21, 2019, a special meeting will be held for Public Comment and adoption of the Superintendent's proposed budget. The tentative date for the presentation of the budget to the Town Council is March 21, 2019.

8. Old Business

A. Policy for a Second Reading

1. Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect – 5141.1

Mr. William Guzman, Chief Operations Officer presented a second reading of policy 5141.4 – Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect. This policy was presented for an initial reading at the Committee meeting on September 26,

2018 and at the Board meeting on October 16, 2018. It was presented for a second reading at the Committee meeting on October 23, 2018.



This policy is being revised in compliance with State Statue P.A. 18-17. The policy now includes an enhanced list of mandated reporters. Mr. Guzman also mentioned the Administrative Regulations which details the processes for reporting.

A motion was made by M. Walters and seconded by R. Ike for the Board of Education to approve the adoption of policy 5141.4 – Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect.

The motion passed unanimously.

9. New Business

A. Budget Transfers – 2017/2018 Fiscal Year

Mr. William Guzman, Chief Operations Officer shared a summary of budget transfers for fiscal year 2017-2018. Policy 3160 indicates that Board approval is required for all salary transfers and other transfers in excess of \$25,000. The transfers are to reconcile deficits and balance the accounts from the 2017-2018 budget. The transfers are needed in order to close out the fiscal year.

The transfers were reviewed by the Finance Committee on October 23, 2018.

Mr. Guzman also noted the Blum Shapiro auditors are working on the annual audit of the end of year school report, ED001 which is due to the State Department of Education by December 31, 2018.

A motion was made by M. Walters and seconded by R. Ike for the Board of Education to approve the budget transfers as presented, for fiscal year 2017-2018.

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Policy for an Initial Reading

1. Physical Restraint and Seclusion – 5144.1

Mr. William Guzman presented an amendment to the current policy 5144.1.

These recommended changes are in compliance with State Statue P.A. 18-31 Section 4 regarding exclusionary timeout. The changes define seclusion and an exclusionary timeout as two separate categories.

Mr. Moore inquired about documenting restraint and seclusion. Mr. Guzman noted this is addressed in the Administrative Regulations.

Mr. Guzman noted the policy amendments have to be in place by January 1, 2019.

C. 2019 Board of Education Meeting Schedule



The 2019 Board of Education Meeting scheduled was presented by Mr. Harris, Chair.

A motion was made by M. Walters and seconded by T. Moore for the Board of Education to approve the 2019 Board meeting schedule, as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

10. CABE Updates

Mr. Donald Harris, Jr. reminded Board members that the CABE/CAPSS Convention will be held on November 16-17, 2018 at the Mystic Marriott in November. The Delegate Assembly will be held on Thursday, November 15, 2018.

11. Board Comments

D. Harris noted that fellow Board of Education member, Patricia Davis as 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.

R. Ike commented that tonight was a very good meeting. He enjoyed the presentations by students and offered his congratulations to Dr. Thompson and Pat Davis. He also mentioned the number of opportunities for our students especially in the areas of STEM.

T. Moore thanked principals and teachers. He stated that the district has made strides since 2011, and added the district has a ways to go.

D. Bolton shared that one year ago today she was sworn in. She enjoys seeing the achievement of students and commended the writing skills of the Bloomfield High School student. Ms. Bolton hopes the word gets out about the Watch D.O.G.S. program. There needs to be more male role models in our schools. She also attended the Bloomfield High School National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, and was very impressed with the students' achievements.

M. Walters stated that as a writing professor he is excited to see a young male student with excellent writing skills. He congratulated Dr. Thompson and fellow Board member Pat Davis.

D. Harris thanked Mr. Guzman for filling in for Dr. Thompson and to Stacey McCann for sharing the report from the College Board. He offered his congratulations to Pat Davis and wished everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

12. Adjournment

At 8:06 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