



BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION – SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, July 18, 2019 at 6:00 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	Absent

Also Present: W. Guzman, Chief Operations Office
S. McCann, Chief Academic Officer
E. Pierce, District Grants Specialist
D. Greco, Director of Accounting

1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order

D. Harris determined a quorum was present and the Bloomfield Board of Education Special meeting was called to order at 6:00 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. Public/PTO Comment

No comment

5. New Business

A. Adoption of the 2019/2020 Board of Education Budget

Mr. William Guzman, Chief Operations Officer provided a presentation to the Board of Education members outlining the revised 2019/2020 budget.

Board members attended workshops to discuss the revised budget. Throughout the process sustaining educational opportunities was considered. The objective in rebuilding the budget was to sustain reasonable class sizes, provide extended learning opportunities for students in grades 2-4, incorporate STEAM into the Extended Day program, invest in high-quality curriculum aligned to state standards, and continue to build internal capacity for all staff. The business office worked to reduce the budget by \$3.3 million.



Mr. Guzman provided information regarding host magnet schools and tuition as requested by Delores Bolton at the budget workshop.

Mr. Ike inquired about staff reductions. Mr. Guzman responded that through attrition such as retirements and resignations, the district is currently looking at a reduction in force of three certified positions and nine non-certified positions. Also discussed was a reduction to Central Office staff which includes changes to administrative, non-certified and custodial positions.

Mr. Guzman noted the process to redevelop the budget was difficult but the district worked cooperatively with both the BEA and BAA unions. Mr. Guzman thanked Ms. Elisa Pierce and Mr. Domenic Greco for their tireless work.

A motion was made by M. Walters and seconded by R. Ike for the Bloomfield Board of Education to approve the 2019/2020 revised Board of Education budget in the amount of \$43,427,030, as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

B. DATTCO Contract – Proposal

Mr. Guzman presented a revised proposal from DATTCO that provides a \$150,000 credit in the 2019/2020 fiscal year. There were three years remaining to the contract and the revised agreement will extend the contract an additional two (2) years reducing the increase for fiscal years 2020/2021 and 2021/2022 to 5.5% over the previous year.

Mr. Guzman also noted that a similar revised contract was proposed and accepted by the Board of Education for the Access, which provides the special education transportation.

A motion was made by M. Walters and seconded by R. Ike for the Bloomfield Board of Education to approve the proposed student transportation contract to DATTCO, Inc. for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2024, as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of Policy 5118.111 Request

Mr. William Guzman presented an employee request under Policy 5118.111, Children of Out-of-Town Board of Education Employees.

This policy was last approved on October 6, 2015. Under the provision of the policy, children of Board of Education employees who live out-of-town may attend the Bloomfield Public Schools at a special tuition rate set annually by the Superintendent. The rate is 10% of the most recent per pupil expenditure determined by the State Department of Education.



It was suggested by a Board member that they revisit this policy to review and update language.

A motion was made by M. Walters and seconded by R. Ike for the Bloomfield Board of Education to approve the application of a non-resident employee to have their child attend Bloomfield Public Schools in accordance with Board of Education Policy 5118.111, as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

6. Adjournment

Mr. Ike requested a moment of privilege and stated for public record his disappointment regarding the recent events around the appointment of a Commissioner of Education. The Board members echoed his sentiments.

At 6:45 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