



Board of Education Special Meeting
Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.
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Attendance: D. Harris, Chair Present
 D. Bolton, Vice Chair Present
 H. Frydman, Secretary Present
 R. Ike Present
 T. Moore Absent
 L. Easmon Present
 F. Bogle-Assegai Absent

Also Present: J. Thompson, Jr., Superintendent of Schools
 S. McCann, Chief Academic Officer
 W. Guzman, Chief Operations Officer
 J. Robinson, Director of Technology/Human Resource Coordinator
 D. Greco, Director of Accounting
 E. Pierce, District Grants Specialist

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 7:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

All rose to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Public/PTO Comment

A. Public Comment on Superintendent's Proposed 2021-2022 Budget

No public comment

4. New Business

A. Board Action on Superintendent's Proposed 2021-2022 Budget

Dr. James Thompson, Jr., Superintendent of Schools and Mr. William Guzman, Chief Operations Officer provided an overview of the proposed 2021-2022 budget.

This year's budget proposal of \$46.74 million represents an overall increase of \$1.57 million, or 3.49%.

The three major drivers to this budget are contractual increases in staff salaries; health insurance; and transportation costs for in-district and special needs students



Dr. Thompson further added that this spending plan is a maintenance year for the school district.

Mr. William Guzman, Chief Operations Officer stated the Board of Education members participated in workshops, where they had the opportunity to receive information and ask questions pertaining to the proposed budget.

The current request of 3.49% is less than the 4.0% increase approved by the Town Council last year.

The district worked to provide a responsible fiscal spending plan for 2021-2022. No programs have been cut and class sizes have been maintained. Accounts have been adjusted based on historical trend data. Over the last 10 years the average annual budget increase request is 1.96%.

R. Ike thanked administration for providing all the information requested from the budget workshop.

H. Frydman, D. Bolton and L. Easmon all thanked the Superintendent and the staff as their questions were also addressed during the workshop.

Mr. Harris reiterated this proposed budget is a maintenance year for the district.

A motion was made by D. Bolton and seconded by H. Frydman for the Bloomfield Board of Education to accept and adopt the Superintendent's Proposed Budget for fiscal year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$46,738,567, as presented.

The motion was passed unanimously.

5. Adjournment

At 7:15 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by R. Ike and seconded by H. Frydman.

The motion passed unanimously.

D. Harris, Chair

J. Thompson, Jr., Ed.D., Superintendent