



BLOOMFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION – SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Bloomfield Board of Education

1133 Blue Hills Avenue

Board Room

Attendance: D. Harris, Chair	Present
D. Bolton, Vice Chair	Present
H. Frydman, Secretary	Present
R. Ike	Present
F. Bogle-Assegai	Present
L. Easmon	Present
T. Moore	Present

Also Present: J. Thompson, Superintendent
W. Guzman, Chief Operations Officer
B. Silver, Assistant Superintendent of Accountability and Performance
J. Robinson, Director of Technology/Human Resource Coordinator
E. Pierce, District Grant 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. New Business

A. Adoption of the 2020/2021 Board of Education Budget

Dr. James Thompson, Jr., Superintendent gave an introduction to the revision of the 2020/2021 budget.

Mr. Guzman, Chief Operations Officer provided information to the Board of Education on the mitigation plan to address the Town's Council's approved budget.

The mitigating strategies include transportation carry over money and the implementation of some maintenance projects. In addition, the district reduced the budget by \$1.72 million by restructuring the OPEB and Pension line items. This restructuring was done through the Town Financial consultants Phoenix and Holcomb & Holcomb and will not impact the Town's bond rating.

Mr. Guzman further noted with the impact of COVID-19, the district was able to have savings in accounts such as electricity, overtime and substitutes. In addition,



there are some carryover provisions from several grants such as Alliance, IDEA and Title I.

All positions in the Superintendent's proposed budget remain in the revised 2020/2021 budget.

L. Easmon asked for more information regarding the budget credit applied to transportation. She thought the credit was also applied to the previous reduction. There was a credit of \$45,000 from the previous year. Mr. Guzman clarified that the bus companies have been paid in full with an agreement to issue an additional credit in the 2020-2021 year.

A motion was made by D. Bolton and seconded by R. Ike for the Bloomfield Board of Education to approve the 2020-2021 revised Board of Education budget in the amount of \$45,164,111 as presented.

The motion pass unanimously.

B. 2019/2020 Budget Transfers

Mr. Guzman presented the budget transfers for fiscal year 2019-2020.

The transfers are presented to the Board of Education as per the requirements of Board Policy 3160. Further, the transfers are needed to balance the accounts in preparation for the ED001 report. The ED001 report informs district expenditures to the state and the state uses this information to calculate grants.

Auditors Blum Shapiro will complete their audit prior to December 31, 2020.

D. Bolton inquired about the adjustments to the salary for Steps to Success. Mr. Greco noted the salary adjustments for this program are based on student needs for the past academic year.

A motion was made by D. Bolton and seconded by R. Ike for the Bloomfield Board of Education to approve the proposed 2019/2020 budget transfers, as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

C. Superintendent's Evaluation 2019-2020 (discussion proposed for Executive Session)

A motion was made by D. Bolton and seconded by H. Frydman for the Bloomfield Board of Education to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of the Superintendent's Evaluation. We further invite the Superintendent, Dr. James Thompson, Jr., Attorney Chris Chinni and John Robinson Director of Technology/Human Resource Coordinator to participate.

The motion was passed unanimously.



The Board members convened into Executive Session at 6:26 p.m. and returned to public session at 7:24 p.m.

D. Possible action concerning the Superintendent's contract

A motion was made by D. Bolton and seconded by R. Ike for the Bloomfield Board of Education to continue to employ Dr. Thompson as the Superintendent of Schools through the 2022-2023 with the terms of his contract to be negotiated.

The motion was passed unanimously.

4. Adjournment

At 7:25 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by R. Ike and seconded by T. Moore.

The motion passed unanimously.

H. Frydman, Secretary

J. Thompson, Ed. D., Superintendent