

Bloomfield, New Jersey  
Tuesday, April 4, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Conference Room, of the School Administration Building, on Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

The Meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM by President Smith.

The following meeting notice was read:

The date, location and time of this regular meeting were mailed to *THE INDEPENDENT PRESS*, *BLOOMFIELD LIFE*, the *STAR LEDGER*, and posted on the Bloomfield School District website and delivered to the Township Clerk of the Township of Bloomfield on January 4, 2017, amended on February 23, 2017.

Board Members Present: Mr. Daniel Anderson  
Ms. Jill Fischman – *(arrived at 6:45 PM)*  
Mr. Michael Heller  
Ms. Ruth Hidalgo  
Ms. Linda Lo – *(arrived at 7:15 PM)*  
Ms. Gladys Rivera  
Ms. Ellen Rogers  
Ms. Emily Smith

Board Members Absent: Ms. Lillian Mancheno

Staff Members Present: Salvatore Goncalves, Superintendent  
Sandra Searing, Assistant Superintendent  
Mark Resnick, Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Nicholas Dotoli, Director of Administration/General Counsel

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Ms. Smith.

Upon the motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Heller, the following resolution was introduced:

#### **RESOLUTION TO MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Res. 170** “BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant of N.J.S. 10:4-12 and 10:4-13 that the Bloomfield Board of Education hold a closed session on April 4, 2017 at 6:40 PM regarding pending litigation.”

Executive session ended at 7:36 PM.

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

- Student Representative – *Danielle Christian* – N/A
- **Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) Implementation by Lou Cappello** - (DG-1) (DG-3) (BG-1)
  - ✓ Mr. Cappello gave an overview of his implementation of the Next Generation Science Standards.
- **Balanced Literacy Update with Suzanne Johnson** – (DG-1) (DG-3) (BG-1)
  - ✓ Ms. Johnson presented information on the update to the Balanced Literacy.

#### **HEARING OF THE PUBLIC – (AGENDA ITEMS ONLY)**

**There shall be a maximum of forty-five (45) minutes for public comments. Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes. The first public comment portion shall be limited to agenda items only.**

- A Bloomfield resident and Department of Health & Human Services employee thanked the Board for passing the resolution regarding “Safe Routes to School” – it shares resources of an evidence based program to promote safe walking environment. She expressed interest in a partnership between the District and Township.
- The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) regional coordinator from EZ Ride explained the types of collaborations that are available at no cost to the District.

#### **REPORTS**

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

- Mr. Goncalves stated the following:
  - ✓ He thanked the presenters
  - ✓ Montclair State University “Career Fair” was a success
  - ✓ He stated that “Team Effort” is essential to success in Bloomfield

**BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

- Ms. Smith spoke about the Ad-hoc Budget Sub-Committee membership. It is made up of the Finance & Facilities Committee, and Mr. Anderson.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon the motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Smith, the following recommendation was introduced:

Recommending the approval of the amended Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, March 28, 2017.

Carried unanimously (8-0)

**RESOLUTIONS**

**PERSONNEL & MANAGEMENT**

**Report:** N/A

Upon the motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Smith, the following resolutions were introduced:

**Res. 171** “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Resignation as listed:”

Patricia Barker	Teacher – Science High School Retirement Eff: 6/30/2017
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**Res. 172** “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Leave of Absence as listed:”

Dana LaBattaglia	Teacher Demarest School FML&NJFML Eff: 9/5/2017 – 11/24/2017 Returning: 11/27/2017
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**Res. 173** “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Substitutes as listed:”

Cindy Fain-Vreeland	County Certificate	Substitute Teacher 2016-2017 School Year
Patricia Seale	Standard – Elementary	Substitute Teacher 2016-2017 School Year

**Res. 174** “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Student Teacher/Field Experience as listed:”

Thomas Atkinson	Seton Hall University	High School 9/5/2017 – 4/27/2018 Chemistry
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**Approval to Support Safe Routes to School**

**Res. 175** “WHEREAS, the Bloomfield Board of Education supports policies and programs that focus on health and wellness and healthier community environments; and

WHEREAS, the health and safety of children is of highest concern to the citizens of Bloomfield; and

WHEREAS, walking and biking can help enhance the health and overall physical activity of children, improve air quality and the environment, and reduce traffic congestion and speed in and around school zones; and

WHEREAS, Safe Routes to School is a national and international movement to create safe, convenient, and fun opportunities for children to walk and bike to school; and

WHEREAS, Safe Routes to School efforts help remove barriers to walking and biking to school through improvement of infrastructure and facilities and the creation of education, encouragement, engineering, enforcement, and evaluation programs; and

WHEREAS, having safer routes to and from schools can decrease pedestrian and bicycling related injuries, not just for students, but for the entire community; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the Bloomfield Board of Education recognize the importance of making walking and biking to school a safe activity.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bloomfield Board of Education will participate in and support the Safe Routes to School initiative in-order to gain the benefits mentioned above and strengthen the quality of life for Bloomfield students, families, and neighborhoods.”

**Approval of Additional Compliance Officer**

**Res. 175(A)** “RESOLVED, that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the addition of the following compliance officer:

Surrogate Parent Coordinator - *Linda Colucci*

Carried unanimously (8-0)

**Note:** Ms. Fischman noted that on the list of Compliance Officers the wrong title was under Sandra Searing’s name for “School & Classroom Practice”.

**FINANCE & FACILITIES**

**Report:** Mr. Heller reported that the next Finance & Facilities Committee Meeting will be on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.

Upon the motion of Mr. Heller, seconded by Mr. Anderson, the following resolutions were introduced:

**Approval of 2017-2018 School Calendars (10 Month, 12 Month, Custodial & Maintenance)**

**Res. 176** “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the attached 2017-2018 (10 Month, 12 Month, Custodial & Maintenance) calendars.”

**Note:** Ms. Smith questioned the changes on the calendar for spring break.

✓ *Mr. Goncalves offered an explanation.*

Mr. Heller clarified the length of spring break for 2017-2018.

Ms. Fischman noted 6 ½ days plus 3 additional ½ days = 9 ½ days at the end of the year.

**Approval Authorizing Travel and Establishing Maximum Travel Amounts**

**Res. 176(A)** “WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 requires Boards of Education to annually approve the total amount of funds budgeted for travel and conferences for all faculty, staff, administration and board members, and

WHEREAS, the Board must establish a maximum travel expenditure amount that shall not be exceeded,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following maximum travel expenditure amounts (as funded by local, state and federal monies) are approved for the balance of the 2016-2017 school year, and the 2017-2018 school year:

Total amount budgeted for travel and conferences 2016-2017	\$119,600.00
Total amount spent (or approved) year to date 2016-2017	\$ 48,222.50
Total amount budgeted for travel and conferences 2017-2018	\$118,100.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that regular business mileage for administrators and members of the staff, including but not limited to faculty who teach in more than one school, child study team members, secretaries, etc. be reimbursed at the IRS mileage rate in effect at the time of travel at a cost not to exceed \$2,500 per person annually.”

**Approval of the Disposal of BOE Merchandise**

**Res. 177** “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the disposal of obsolete TV’s/VHS players from BHS.”

**Approval of Contractual Services**

**Res. 178** “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following contractual services for the 2016-2017 school year:”

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Contractual Services</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Diana Torres 306 Belleville Avenue Bloomfield, NJ 07003	Bilingual School Psychologist	\$450-\$600/Eval. <b>(not to exceed \$3,000.00)</b>

**Approval of Out-of-District Tuitions**

**Res. 179** “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following out-of-district tuition for the 2016-2017 school year:

<u>Student/State ID</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Tuition</u>
#3496158263	Essex Valley School	\$19,627.30
#5481496312	High Point Regional High School	\$43,908.90
		(1:1 Aide) \$ 8,820.00

Carried unanimously (8-0)

**CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

**Report:** N/A

Upon the motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Rogers, the following resolutions were introduced:

**Approval of Professional Conferences**

**Res. 180** “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorizes certified staff to attend the attached conferences. Each Conference is directly associated and within the scope of the duties as identified in 18A:11-15(b) and Chapter 53/A5.”

**Approval of Overnight Field Trip**

**Res. 181** “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following overnight field trip:

<b>Group:</b> Destination:	<b>Key Club</b> Camp Mason Hardwick, NJ
Dates: Purpose of Trip:	May 1-2, 2017 Training program to help enhance the understanding of being a successful board of officers for Key Club.
No. of Students: Transportation: Chaperones:	13 School bus Alexandra Gasparri, Desiree Testa, Lou Cappello

Carried unanimously (8-0)

## POLICY/REGULATION

Upon the motion of Ms. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Smith, the following resolution was introduced:

### **Approval of First Read Policies & Regulations**

**Res. 182** “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the first read of the following policies and regulations:”

Policy & Regulation #2460 – Special Education

Regulation #2460.1 – Special Education, Location, Identification, and Referral

Regulation #2460.8 – Special Education: Free and Appropriate Public Education

Regulation #2460.9 – Special Education: Transition from Early Intervention Programs to Preschool Programs

Regulation #2460-15 –Special Education: In-service Training Needs for Professional and Paraprofessional Staff

Regulation #2460-16 –Special Education: Instructional Material to Blind or Print-Disabled Students

(No actual revision)

Policy #2467 – Surrogate Parents and Foster Parents

Policy & Regulation #5116 – Education of Homeless Children

Carried unanimously (8-0)

## HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

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- A resident spoke of the lack of information regarding the BOE election, specifically candidates, and stated that improving communications about the election candidates would be extremely helpful.

## FACILITIES

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Ms. Fischman thanked Mr. Resnick for the 2016-2017 budget presentation.
- Ms. Fischman also stated that last minute emails do not help.
- Ms. Rogers had information from Essex Regional Educational Services Commission to disseminate to the Board.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Fischman stated the Board needs a copy of an updated organizational chart.
- Ms. Fischman asked about the status of the Fairview Principal search.
- Ms. Fischman inquired when budget concerns can be addressed.
- Mr. Heller stated that each standing committee has one more meeting before the April 25<sup>th</sup> board meeting where the 2017-2018 Budget will be presented.
- Mr. Heller would like Mr. Resnick and Mr. Goncalves to be available at the next Personnel and/or Curriculum committee meeting to answer questions regarding the budget.
  - ✓ *Mr. Goncalves responded.*
- Ms. Lo wants additional administrators at committee meetings.
  - ✓ *Mr. Goncalves responded regarding the Budget Power Point.*

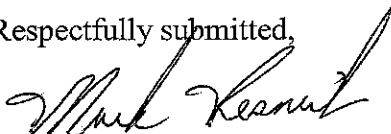
### INFORMATION ITEMS

- Pedestrian Safety Focus Group will meet at BMS on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.

### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board and upon the motion of Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Smith, this meeting was adjourned at 9:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Resnick  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary