

Bloomfield, New Jersey
Tuesday, April 25, 2017

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education and Public Hearing of the Budget was held in the Media Center, of Bloomfield High School, on Tuesday, April 25, 2017.

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 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 April 5, 2017.

Board Members Present: Mr. Daniel Anderson
Ms. Jill Fischman
Mr. Michael Heller
Ms. Ruth Hidalgo
Ms. Linda Lo
Ms. Lillian Mancheno
Ms. Ellen Rogers
Ms. Emily Smith

Board Members Absent: Ms. Gladys Rivera

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

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

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

RESOLUTION TO MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Res. 183 "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 25, 2017 at 6:35 PM regarding settlement agreement."

Executive session ended at 7:30 PM.

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2017-2018:

Presentation of the 2017-2018 Budget – Mark Resnick & Sal Goncalves

- Mr. Goncalves presented the 2017-2018 Budget Presentation

Public Questions and Comments on the Proposed Budget

- Mr. Goncalves to members of the public.
- A resident asked about how construction projects are awarded and when the organization chart will be made publicly available.
- A resident asked about new positions – Director and Supervisor, and what will new positions do? How will the position be evaluated?
- Ms. Searing responded to the stress of K-12 supervisor, added observation and differences in curriculum K-12. Ms. Searing indicated we want supervisors dedicated to both secondary and elementary ranks. She also spoke of supervision of elementary literacy and district concentration on literacy. Ms. Searing spoke about the new positions as well as expectations for student learning and cross-content curriculum.
 - ✓ Ms. Searing responded to questions about the evaluation process.
- A resident who is a parent with the Music Parent Association expressed to the Board how important it is to support theater cooperatives.
- Ms. Fischman expressed concerns with creating three administrative positions. She also inquired about the elementary school schedule and why a new Early Childhood Center Principal? She asked what cost to add these administrators and what is the Board giving up?
 - ✓ Mr. Goncalves indicated that new administrative positions do not coincide with the revised elementary schedule.

- Mr. Heller clarified that Bloomfield’s administrator per pupil spending is comparatively low. Mr. Heller also noted the arrival of Ms. Searing and the trust the Board placed in the Superintendent to shepherd along the curriculum initiatives.
- Ms. Smith asked Mr. Resnick to compare Bloomfield’s budget to other districts.
 - ✓ *Mr. Resnick stated based on other district factor groups, the Board is \$1,000 per pupil behind in administrative costs.*
- Ms. Smith asked Mr. Resnick for an analysis of our budget.
 - ✓ *Mr. Resnick noted the budget is sound. There is \$5.2 million out of CAP reserve to do facility work (not part of tax levy).*
 - ✓ *Mr. Turner commented that many school districts are looking to cut staff and programs due to 2% increase. Mr. Turner complimented the Administration and the Board.*
- Ms. Lo thanked the administrators and is looking forward to fulfillment of the budget objectives and excitement about world language program. She is concerned about schedules at the elementary level.
- Mr. Heller addressed a resident regarding the Star-Ledger posting on April 21 – per pupil costs: \$16,724.00 and significantly lower than the state-wide average of \$20,000.
http://www.nj.com/education/2017/04/how_much_new_jersey_schools_spend_per_student.html
 Ms. Fischman does not know if adding administrator positions are prudent simply based upon comparables.
- A resident asked for clarification about Capital Expenditures: the Board budget of \$5.2 million out of capital reserve does not come out of current expense budget - \$1.8 million comes from current expense budget. She also stated there were transparency problems with the budget presentation.
 - ✓ *Mr. Goncalves responded and assured the public that the budget ensures parity and equity for all programs and facilities.*
- A resident inquired about the number of intervention specialists there are throughout the district.
- A resident asked about the Rosetta Stone status.
 - ✓ *Ms. Searing responded that Rosetta Stone will be Spanish only at BMS, BHS, and the Gifted & Talented but will not be part of the elementary program.*
- Ms. Smith commented on the Budget and thanked the Administration.

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

Note: Ms. Fischman noted that the Board should have a more enhanced budget committee.

Public Adoption of Proposed Budget

Res. 184 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorizes the adoption of the county approved 2017/2018 budget as follows:

General Fund	\$101,885,907
Special Revenue Fund	2,483,189
Debt Service Fund	<u>3,287,900</u>
	\$107,656,996

BE IT RESOLVED, to acknowledge that the 2017-2018 annual school budget as described above results in the following tax levies:

General Fund	\$71,949,434
Debt Service Fund	<u>3,109,712</u>
Total Tax Levy	\$75,059,146

Recommendation carried (7-1) with Ms. Fischman voting no.

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 resident stated that Mr. Jennings gave a presentation at the BEF dinner on Saturday. Thanks to Mr. Heller for attending.

REPORTS

- Suspension Report – *March, 2017*

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Mr. Goncalves thanked the Board regarding the Budget.

BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- Ms. Smith reported about the upcoming Memorial Day Parade.
- Ad hoc Committee to improve Board election is proceeding, and Mr. Heller asked for a roster of members and Ms. Smith indicated it would be forthcoming.
- Ms. Rogers noted that her former classmate will be an honored guest.
- Ms. Fischman noted schools were invited to parade as well.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon the motion of Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Rogers, the following recommendations were introduced:

Recommending the approval of the amended Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

Recommending the approval of the amended Minutes of the Executive Session of the Board held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017.

Carried unanimously (8-0)

RESOLUTIONS

PERSONNEL & MANAGEMENT

Report: Mr. Dotoli gave his Personnel & Management Committee Report.

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

Res. 185 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Resignations as listed:”

Carol Kane	Administrative Secretary High School Retirement Eff: 7/31/2017
Stella Menzel	Senior Secretary High School Retirement Eff: 6/30/2017
Marquise Frazier	Bus Aide – Full Time District Resignation Eff: 4/17/2017

Res. 186 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Appointments as listed:”

Certified:

Danielle Rothenberger Relative working in district No nepotism applicable	Teacher – Resource Room - LOA Brookdale School BA Step 1-2 - \$45,200.00 Eff: 5/4/5017 – 10/20/2017 Rt: Jillian Schneider 11.213.100.101.20.30
Nicole Senzer No relative working in district	Teacher – Kindergarten – LOA Berkeley School BA Step 1-2 - \$45,200.00 Eff: 4/17/2017 – 6/12/2017 Rt: Catherine Alonso 11.110.100.101.20.07

Res. 187 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Leave of Absence as listed:”

Hetal Desai

Teacher
Demarest School
FML+NJFML
Eff: 9/5/2014 – 11/24/2017
Returning: 11/27/2017

Res. 188 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Transfers as listed:”

	From:	To:
Maria Delpizzo	Paraprofessional 1:1 Watsessing School Student left district	Paraprofessional 1:1 Franklin School 1:1 needed Eff: 4/1/2017 11.000.217.106.59.30
Robyn Lee	Paraprofessional 1:1 Fairview School	Paraprofessional 1:1 Oak View School Student transfer to ABA program 11.000.217.106.59.30

Res. 189 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Substitutes as listed:”

Liliana Domingues-Teixeira	CEAS – Elementary	Substitute Teacher 2016-2017 School Year
Sharon Heim	CEAS – Elementary	Substitute Teacher 2016-2017 School Year
Debra Nole	Standard – Elementary	Substitute Teacher 2016-2017 School Year
Sulafa Salih	County Certificate	Substitute Teacher 2016-2017 School Year
Joel Lee		Sub-Custodian P/T \$12.00/hr. Hours not to exceed 29/hr. per week

Res. 190 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Student Teacher/Field Experience as listed:”

Olivia Ruiz	Caldwell University	Middle School 2017-2018 School Year Music
Paige Kelly	Monmouth University	Middle School 9/5/2017 – 12/15/2017 Art
Julia Funcheon	Montclair State University	Franklin School 2017-2018 School Year Elementary
Morgan Hawkes	Montclair State University	Franklin School 2017-2018 School Year Elementary
Camille Maimone	Montclair State University	Franklin School 2017-2018 School Year Elementary
Sophia Novak	Montclair State University	Franklin School 2017-2018 School Year Elementary

Carly Sceppaguercio	Montclair State University	Brookdale School 2017-2018 School Year Early Childhood P-3
Alexa Tillie	Montclair State University	Watsessing School 2017-2018 School Year Elementary
Margarita Triantafilou	Montclair State University	Brookdale School 2017-2018 School Year Early Childhood P-3
Maxwell Beck	William Paterson University	High School 9/7/2017-12/14/2017 Physical Education/Health
Nicolle Sanchez	William Paterson University	High School 9/18/2017-12/11/2017 Physical Education/Health

Res. 191 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Extra Compensation as listed:”

NAME: Marissa Aliotta	LOCATION: Oak View School
PROGRAM: Chess Club Advisor	DATE(S): 2016-2017 School Year
COMMENT: Stipend 11.401.100.110.20.46	TOTAL: \$279.00

NAME: Daniel Di Domenico, Michael Doyle Marian Connolly, Jason McLaughlin Nick Bennette, Laura Banasiak	LOCATION: High School
PROGRAM: BHS Tutoring	DATE(S): 4/26/2017-6/8/2017
COMMENT: 35 hrs. each @ \$47.50/hr. 11.401.100.110.51.46	TOTAL: \$9,975.00 \$1,662.50 each

NAME: Richard Adams	LOCATION: High School
PROGRAM: Coverage Business Class	DATE(S): 3/28/2017-6/22/2017
COMMENT: 2 periods/day @ 1/6 of salary 11.140.100.101.50.16	TOTAL: Not to Exceed \$4,680.00

NAME: Joanne Bonfante	LOCATION: High School
PROGRAM: Coverage Business Class	DATE(S): 3/28/2017-6/22/2017
COMMENT: 2 periods/day @ 1/6 of salary 11.140.100.101.50.16	TOTAL: Not to Exceed \$4,860.00

NAME: Mindy Brautigan	LOCATION: High School
PROGRAM: Coverage Business Class	DATE(S): 3/28/2017-6/22/2017
COMMENT: 1 periods/day @ 1/6 of salary 11.140.100.101.50.16	TOTAL: Not to Exceed \$2,490.00

Res. 192 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Extra Compensation Title as listed:”

NAMES: Paul Roche, Rob MacNett, Laura Banasiak, Theresa Machtemes, Susan Watkins, Breanne Farrell	LOCATION: BHS
PROGRAM: BHS B.E.A.M.S.	DATES: 4/26/17 – 6/8/17
COMMENTS: 45 hrs./teacher @ \$31/hr. 20-231-100-101-51-99	TOTAL AMT. OF REQUEST: \$8,370.00 TITLE I FUNDED 2016-2017

NAME: Christine Candarella	LOCATION: Administration
PROGRAM: Be a Guided Reading Guru	DATES: May 25, 2017 & May 31, 2017
COMMENTS: 6 hrs. @ \$31. /hr. 20-270-100-101-59-99	TOTAL AMT. OF REQUEST: \$186.00 TITLE II FUNDED 2016-2017

Approval of 2017-2018 Salary for Aides, Paraprofessionals, and Substitutes

Res. 193 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the attached salary for Aides, Paraprofessionals, and Substitutes for 2017-2018.”

Approval of Increase of Hours

Res. 194 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, per the negotiated side-bar between the Bloomfield Board of Education and the UAW, the Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends to the Board of Education elevating the salaries of the following bus drivers and aides from 6 to 8-hour status effective April 1, 2017:

Drivers:	Yudelca Leaty	Aides:	Sherry Stanford
	Daisy Gardner		Lucille Reale
	Maria Velasquez		
	Maritza Bojorque		
	Vincent Earrusso		
	Linda Giacalone		
	Natalie Cole		
	June Coley Collins		

Carried unanimously (8-0)

Motion was made by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Ms. Rogers to add Resolution #194(A).
All in favor (8-0)

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

Approval of Settlement & Release

Res. 194(A) “By recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board approves the settlement & release in the matter of employee #7538 pursuant to the terms and conditions as agreed to in the formal settlement and release.”

Carried unanimously (8-0)

Note: Ms. Fischman believes the settlement is opening-up Pandora’s box.

FINANCE & FACILITIES

Report: Mr. Heller provided the Finance & Facilities Committee Report.

Mr. Heller reported on the following:

- Budget Power Point Presentation
- Policies
- Charter School Resolution
- Bid Opening for ESIP
- Updates on Facilities

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

Approval of Transfers

Res. 195 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the transfer of funds in accordance with NJSA 18A:22-8.1 and 18A:22-8.2 within the adopted 2016/2017 budget.”

Approval of Secretary’s Report

Res. 196 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Board Secretary’s Report for the month ended March 31, 2017, as per the attached. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23-1.11(a), the Bloomfield Board of Education acknowledges receipt of the secretary’s certification, and after review of the monthly financial report (appropriations section) certified that, to the best of knowledge, as of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b), and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district’s financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.”

Approval of Treasurer’s Report

Res. 197 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending March 31, 2017.”

Payment of Bills

Res. 198 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the payment of regular bills as per the listing submitted on April 30, 2017.”

Note: Mr. Heller abstained on check #987794

Approval to Authorize Architect Specifications

Res. 199 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the authorization of Parette Somjen Architects to develop and provide a detailed set of construction documents and specifications for the following:”

Demarest School Freight Elevator Project/Coal Removal \$25,650.00

Approval of Out-of-District Tuitions

Res. 200 “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>
#7336531451	Cerebral Palsy of North Jersey	\$23,001.93 each
#1721542369		\$ 9,889.74 (1:1 each)
#6065710186		
#4787149823	Shepard School	\$11,992.09 yr.
#2558863706	Mount Carmel Guild Behavioral Health System	\$14,560.00 yr.

Carried unanimously (8-0)

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Report: Ms. Searing gave the Curriculum & Instruction Committee Report.

Ms. Searing reported on the following:

- NJQSAC – 4/18/17 visit
- PARCC
- World Language & Social Studies update
- Charter School Resolution
- Math Guide – Grade 6

- Note:**
- Mr. Anderson commented on the Charter School Resolution.
 - Ms. Fischman asked about the NJSIAA Resolution and the Board’s compliance.
 - Mr. Heller thanked the administrators for the Charter School OPRA request regarding Bloomfield Frank Sinatra Charter School.
 - Mr. Anderson wants to share the Charter School resolution with other school districts.

Upon the motion of Ms. Mancheno, seconded by Ms. Hidalgo, the following resolutions were introduced:

Approval of Curriculum Guide

Res. 201 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following curriculum guide:”

Mathematics – (Grade 6)

Approval of Bloomfield High School in NJSIAA

Res. 202 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the enrollment of Bloomfield High School as a continuing member of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Program sponsored by the NJSIAA for the 2017-2018 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education adopts all the rules, regulations and bylaws that govern the NJSIAA for the 2017-2018 school year.”

Approval of Epi-Pen/Glucagon Delegates

Res. 203 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following Epi-Pen/Glucagon Delegates for Brookdale School:”

Brookdale School
Lyn Goldsworthy – Epi-Pen

BHS
Miguel Tehuitzil – Epi-Pen & Glucagon

Approval to Oppose the Application for the Establishment of the Bloomfield Conservatory Charter School

Res. 204 “WHEREAS The Bloomfield Board of Education on March 31, 2017, received a copy of an application to establish a charter school in the Township of Bloomfield under the name The Bloomfield Conservatory Charter School intending to serve 240 students in grades 6-8; and

WHEREAS The Bloomfield Conservatory Charter School appears to be a resubmission of the failed 2016 Frank Sinatra Charter School of the Arts application; and

WHEREAS the failed 2016 Frank Sinatra Charter School of the Arts application was deemed by the New Jersey Department of Education to “not provide a compelling rationale” and “the arts program is not clearly explained”; and the “existing [founder] group does not demonstrate strong expertise in business, finance and facilities management”; and the current application is not substantially different from the 2016 application; and

WHEREAS the founders of The Bloomfield Conservatory Charter School appear to have submitted an identical application for the East Orange Conservatory Charter School; and

WHEREAS the Bloomfield Board of Education operates a successful public school system with eight elementary schools serving grades K-6, one middle school serving grades 7 and 8, one high school, an Early Childhood Center and an alternative high school; and

WHEREAS the Bloomfield Public School District’s fine arts, music and theater programming and technology and curriculum initiatives already meet the expressed mission of the proposed Bloomfield Conservatory Charter School; and

WHEREAS the Bloomfield Public School District has a successful 1-to-1 initiative that has been praised by the New Jersey Department of Education’s Chief Innovation Officer, Joshua Koen, and, due to his recommendation, the district was invited to present at the New Jersey School Boards Association Fourth Annual Technology Conference; and

WHEREAS the Bloomfield Middle School has a successful iSTEM program developed under the guidance of Montclair State University Professor Jenn Goeke that is inclusive and designed to meet the needs of all students; and using the Defined STEM program, which is based on the Next Generation Science Standards, the Middle School is developing cross content performance-based tasks that draw on language arts and the fine arts as well as science, technology, engineering and math; and

WHEREAS the establishment of a charter school in Bloomfield serving 240 students would result in the state-mandated diversion of funds from the Bloomfield Board of Education of approximately \$2,300,000 plus any required additional special services costs and transportation costs. Such payments would threaten the school district’s educational offerings by requiring material reductions in teaching staff and programs; and

WHEREAS, the founders of the Bloomfield Conservatory Charter School have not demonstrated community demand and support for a charter school; and

WHEREAS the founders of the Bloomfield Conservatory Charter School have not demonstrated track record of successfully starting and sustaining a charter school; and

WHEREAS the founding team must identify a physical address for the proposed charter school and the address supplied has been identified as 683 Bloomfield Avenue in Bloomfield, New Jersey, The Sacred Heart School; and

WHEREAS the Diocese of Newark has no record of being contacted by the founders and in fact part of the building has been already leased to the First Class Learning Center, a daycare center; and

WHEREAS N.J.S.A. 18A:36A-4(c) provides that the local board of education shall review a charter school application and forward a recommendation to the Commissioner of the New Jersey Dept. of Education within 60 days of receipt of the application;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education expresses its intent to strongly oppose the application for the establishment of The Bloomfield Conservatory Charter School and hereby directs the Superintendent to assist the Board in the development of a recommendation to the Commissioner in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:36A-4(c) detailing the basis for such opposition; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Kimberley Harrington, Acting Commissioner, New Jersey Department of Education, Essex County Interim Superintendent of Schools Joseph Zarra, Senator Ronald L. Rice, Assemblyman Ralph R. Caputo, Assemblywoman Cleopatra G. Tucker, Bloomfield Mayor Michael J. Venezia, Bloomfield Township Council Members Elias N. Chalet, Nicholas Joanow, Carlos Bernard, Wartyna Davis, Ted Gamble, Carlos Pomares, and Essex County Freeholder Cynthia D. Toro.”

Approval of Professional Conferences

***Res. 205** “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. 206** “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following overnight field trip:

Group:	VEST
Destination:	College of New Jersey
Dates:	June 9-11, 2017
Purpose of Trip:	State level competition for summer games.
No. of Students:	40
Transportation:	School bus
Chaperones:	Lisa Bate, Bob Beatrice, Cheri Daddis, Vanessa Domingues, Patty DeFranco, John Gallagher, Sharon Van Derlyn, Sergio Hincapie, Joe Kitka, Megan Leonard, Tara Mondo, Ryan Mondo, Theresa Nevins, Tiffany Vitale, Kristen Vitale, Jesus Martinez, James Gonsiewski, Kevin Miller

Carried unanimously (8-0)

POLICY/REGULATION

Motion to table Policy #0155 was made by Ms. Fischman, seconded by Ms. Lo.

Recommendation carried (4-3-1) with Mr. Anderson, Ms. Rogers, and Ms. Smith voting no, and Ms. Mancheno abstaining.

Note: Ms. Fischman referred to emails from Board President, Ms. Smith and suggested Policy #0155 should be tabled and wanted other Board Members to read the emails.

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

Note: Mr. Heller thanked Ms. Smith and Mr. Anderson for the opportunity to discuss Policy #2622 and its requirement for the PARCC as an exit exam for graduation.

Approval of First Read Policies

***Res. 207** “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the first reading of the following policies:”

Policy #0000.02	Introduction
Policy #0155	Board Committees – (TABLED)
Policy #2464	Gifted and Talented Students
Policy #2622	Student Assessment
Policy #5460	High School Graduation
Policy #7446	School Security Program
Policy #8350	Records Retention
Policy #2320	Independent Study Program – ABOLISHED
Policy #5465	Early Graduation – ABOLISHED

Approval of Second Read Policies & Regulations

***Res. 208** "RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves and adopts, upon the second reading 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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FACILITIES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Mr. Heller requested that the Board and Administration revisit the re-opening of the BMS bridge and noted correspondence to the Board and Administration from Dr. Brian O’Broin. He requested that the Board and Administration consider:
 - ✓ A ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of the bridge which is part of the Lenape Trail.
 - ✓ A committee to consider naming the bridge following the adoption of the Board’s policy on naming facilities.

NEW BUSINESS

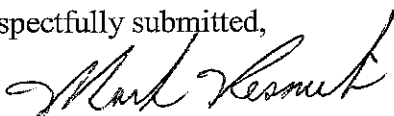
- Mr. Heller underscored Dr. Carr’s comments on Mr. Jennings’ presentation at the BEF Gala highlighting the District’s participation in AP courses and both AP and SAT testing. He noted a recent Bergen Record article focused on AP courses and testing.
<http://www.northjersey.com/story/news/2017/04/25/advanced-placement-essex-county-ap-courses-college-attendance-high-school-college/100344952/>
- Mr. Heller noted that he will send information related to the 5/20/17 NJSBA Delegate Assembly to each Committee Chair for discussion in the respective Standing Committees.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Resnick
Business Administrator/Board Secretary