

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held in the Conference Room, of the School Administration Building, on Tuesday, February 21, 2017.

The Meeting was called to order at 6:35 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.

Board Members Present: Mr. Daniel Anderson
Ms. Jill Fischman
Mr. Michael Heller
Ms. Ruth Hidalgo
Ms. Gladys Rivera
Ms. Emily Smith

Board Members Absent: Ms. Linda Lo
Ms. Lillian Mancheno
Ms. Ellen Rogers

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 Ms. Smith, the following resolution was introduced:

RESOLUTION TO MEET IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Res. 086 "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 February 21, 2017 at 6:38 PM regarding HIB Appeal."

Executive session ended at 7:31 PM.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Fairview School: An Inclusive Learning Environment** – *Sal DeSimone, Melissa Stepowij, Agustina Batista, Lisa Crammer, Michael Aiello, Mary Donovan, Justin Guglielmino, Rufina Veloso, Eduardo Reyes* (DG-1) (DG-3) (BG-1)
 - ✓ Mr. DeSimone and staff gave a presentation on Fairview School's inclusive learning.
 - ✓ A resident offered comments and compliments to Mr. DeSimone.

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 asked about the lunch program at Watsessing and a question about parent participation.
- A resident made a similar request regarding student conduct in lunch and regarding parent volunteers.

REPORTS

- Suspension Report – *January, 2017*

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Mr. Heller gave the report:
 - Mr. Heller gave a 1:1 update and explained the District's participation in the Fourth Annual New Jersey School Boards Association Technology Conference on Thursday, March 2, 2017.

BOARD PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- Ms. Smith discussed Board Policy #0167 “Public Participation in Board Meetings”, and the public’s need to properly ensure accusations brought before the Board are properly vetted and not be construed as slander.
- Ms. Smith also discussed with the Board that the Tech subcommittee is unnecessary. Any future tech issues that need the Board’s attention can be brought up at a board meeting or directly to the Superintendent and the rest of the Board via email.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Note: Mr. Heller spoke of the revision and change to format.
 Mr. Dotoli discussed revisions to the minutes.
 Ms. Smith stated that inclusion of individual names is not necessary.

Motion to separate and vote on all the minutes individually was made by Mr. Heller, seconded by Ms. Fischman.

Vote taken and motion was defeated (3-3) with Ms. Hidalgo, Ms. Rivera, and Ms. Smith voting no.

Motion to amend the approved Minutes of January 24, 2017 to correct a resident’s name was made by Mr. Heller, seconded by Ms. Fischman.

All in favor (6-0)

Upon the motion of Ms. Rivera, seconded by Ms. Hidalgo, the following recommendations were introduced:

Recommending the approval of the amended Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, January 24, 2017, approved on February 7, 2017.

Recommending the approval of the amended Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board held on Tuesday, February 7, 2017.

Recommending the approval of the amended Minutes of the Executive Session of the Board held on Tuesday, February 7, 2017.

Recommendations carried (4-2) with Mr. Heller, and Ms. Fischman voting no.

RESOLUTIONS

PERSONNEL & MANAGEMENT

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

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

Res. 087 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Resignations as listed:”

Debra Saponara	Administrative Secretary Fairview School Retirement Eff: 6/30/2017
Genese Robinson	Paraprofessional Middle School Resignation Eff: 2/1/2017
Lucille Laird	Office Aide Brookdale School Retirement Eff: 6/30/2017

Res. 088 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Appointments as listed:”

Certified:

Kabita Choudhury
No relative working in district

Teacher – Chemistry
High School
BA Step 9 - \$50,600.00
Eff: 2/22/2017
Re: James Rhoades
11.140.100.101.50.27

Kaila Marra
No relative working in district

Behaviorist
Oak View School/Middle School
MA+30 Step 10 - \$61,100.00
Eff: 3/13/2017
Opened Position
11.000.219.104.59.32

Alex Canas
No relative working in district

Teacher – Special Education – LOA
Watsessing School
BA Step 3 - \$46,000.00
Eff: 3/13/2017 – 10/13/2017
Rt: Katelynn Rodriguez
11.209.100.101.29.30

Non Certified:

Evelyn Gordillo
No relative working in district

Paraprofessional
Forest Glen
Bachelor’s Degree/\$22,285.37
Eff: Pending Criminal History
Re: Alla Kovalenko
11.215.100.106.20.30

Sanya Jeffrey
No relative working in district

Paraprofessional
Forest Glen
Bachelor’s Degree/\$22,285.37
Eff: 3/1/2017
Re: New Position
11.215.100.106.20.30

Sherry Seow
No relative working in district

Paraprofessional
Oak View School
ABA Classroom/\$23,346.58
Eff: 3/1/2017
Re: Alisa Bridges
11.214.100.106.28.30

Sandra Pineda
No relative working in district

Lunch Aide
Berkeley School
Salary: \$3,714.23
Eff: Pending Criminal History
Re: Poorandai Persaud
11.000.262.106.59.00

Res. 089 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Leave of Absence as listed:”

Ashley Zisa

Teacher
Franklin School
Disability LOA
Eff: 5/23/2017 - 6/22/2017
FML+NJFML
Eff: 9/5/2017 - 11/22/2017
Returning: 11/27/2017

Res. 090 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Transfers as listed:”

	From:	To:
Robert Brunciak	Paraprofessional 1:1 Forest Glen	Paraprofessional Middle School Eff: 2/7/2017 Re: Christopher Rosetti 11.213.100.106.40.30
Whitney Obikulu	Paraprofessional 1:1 Demarest School	Paraprofessional 1:1 Berkeley School Eff: 2/28/2017 New student 11.000.217.106.59.30

Res. 091 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Substitutes as listed:”

Nigel Edwards	Standard-Social Studies	Substitute Teacher 2016-2017 School Year
Andrew Gonzalez	County Certificate	Substitute Teacher 2016-2017 School Year
Miriam Negasi	County Certificate	Substitute Teacher 2016-2017 School Year
Samara Schilens	CEAS-Social Studies	Substitute Teacher 2016-2017 School Year
Allen Vandergoot	Standard-Industrial Arts	Substitute Teacher 2016-2017 School Year

Res. 092 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Student Teacher/Field Experience as listed:”

Justice Baskin	Caldwell University	High School 25 Hours 2/2017 – 5/2017 Mathematics/Special Education
----------------	---------------------	--

Res. 093 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Extra Compensation as listed:”

NAME: Christopher Romano-REVISED	LOCATION: District
PROGRAM: Assistant Coach Spring Track	DATE(S): 2016-2017 School Year
COMMENT: Group III Step 1 - Stipend 11.402.100.116.50.47	TOTAL: \$4,901.00

NAME: Krystal Chiaravallo	LOCATION: Liberty Academy
PROGRAM: Lead Teacher	DATE(S): 2016-2017 School Year
COMMENT: Stipend 11.209.100.101.51.30	TOTAL: \$3,557.00

NAME: Andrea Angus	LOCATION: Home bound student
PROGRAM: Home Instruction	DATE(S): 2/22/2017 – 6/22/17
COMMENT: 18 weeks-20 hrs. per week @ \$47.50/hr. 11.000.216.320.59.30	TOTAL: Up to \$17,100.00

NAME: Breanne Farrell, Jason McLaughlin Rachel Goldberg, Jeff Freitag	LOCATION: High School
PROGRAM: Testing	DATE(S): 2/2017 – 6/2017
COMMENT: Up to 40 hrs. each@ \$31.00/hr. 20.009.100.106.51.99	TOTAL: Up to \$1,240.00 each

NAME: Bloomfield Teacher Academy Sessions	LOCATION: District
PROGRAM: Teacher Academy Winter/Spring 2017	DATE(S): 2/2017 – 6/2017
COMMENT: See attachments for details 11.000.223.110.14.40	TOTAL: \$31,537.33

Res. 094 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Extra Compensation Title as listed:”

NAMES: Marion Armenti, Emily Tomkins, Peter DiCanio, Ryan Cole	LOCATION: Franklin School
PROGRAM: Skills for Success	DATES: 2/2017 – 3/2017
COMMENTS: 15 hrs./teacher @ \$31/hr. 20-231-100-101-27-99	TOTAL AMT. OF REQUEST: \$1,860.00 TITLE I FUNDED 2016-2017
NAMES: Daniella Fusaro, Amanda Sibilio	LOCATION: Franklin School
PROGRAM: Family Science Program	DATES: 3/2017 – 5/2017
COMMENTS: 10 hrs./teacher @ \$31. /hr. 20-231-100-101-27-99	TOTAL AMT. OF REQUEST: \$620.00 TITLE I FUNDED 2016-2017
NAMES: Lucy Villaluz, Silvia Lambiase	LOCATION: Franklin School
PROGRAM: Family Literacy Program	DATES: 3/2017 – 5/2017
COMMENTS: 10 hrs./teacher @ \$31. /hr. 20-231-100-101-27-99	TOTAL AMT. OF REQUEST: \$620.00 TITLE I FUNDED 2016-2017
NAME: Gabriella DiMarco, Leah Gialanella, Susan Rubbinaccio, Amber Salvato, Shane Haimbach, Alexandra Siversky, Teri Pego, Marion Armenti	LOCATION: Franklin School
PROGRAM: The Workshop Model	DATES: 6/23/17 – 6/28/17
COMMENTS: 20 hrs./teacher @ \$31. /hr. 20-231-100-101-27-99	TOTAL AMT. OF REQUEST: \$4,960.00 TITLE I FUNDED 2016-2017
NAME: Tito Rodriguez	LOCATION: Franklin School
PROGRAM: After School Student Achievement	DATES: 2/2017 – 6/2017
COMMENTS: 25 hrs. @ \$31. /hr. 20-231-100-101-27-99	TOTAL AMT. OF REQUEST: \$775.00 TITLE I FUNDED 2016-2017
NAME: Allison Bendokas, Anjelle Rullis	LOCATION: Franklin School
PROGRAM: Family Math	DATES: 3/2017 – 5/2017
COMMENTS: 10 hrs./teacher @ \$31/hr. 20-231-100-101-27-99	TOTAL AMT. OF REQUEST: \$620.00 TITLE I FUNDED 2016-2107
NAMES: Kelley Krick, Alexandra Gramescu	LOCATION: Watsessing School
PROGRAM: Engineering Night	DATES: February 2017
COMMENTS: 3 hrs./teacher @ \$31/hr. 20-231-100-101-29-99	TOTAL AMT. OF REQUEST: \$186.00 TITLE I FUNDED 2016-2017
NAMES: Karen McCauley	LOCATION: Watsessing School
PROGRAM: Sub for Engineering Night	DATE: 2/21/17 – 6/9/17
COMMENTS: @ \$31. /hr. 20-231-100-101-29-99	TOTAL AMT. OF REQUEST: N/A TITLE I FUNDED 2016-2017
NAMES: Jeannette O'Rourke, Jean Barbetta, Melissa Parks, Kara Covello	LOCATION: Carteret School
PROGRAM: Promoting Student Achievement	DATE: March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2017
COMMENTS: 12 hrs./teacher @ \$31. /hr. 20-231-100-101-23-99	TOTAL AMT. OF REQUEST: \$1,488.00 TITLE I FUNDED 2016-2017
NAMES: Angela Brisini - Coordinator	LOCATION: Carteret School
PROGRAM: Promoting Student Achievement	DATES: March 4, 11, 18, 25, 2017
COMMENTS: 24 hrs./teacher @ \$31. /hr. 20-231-100-101-23-99	TOTAL AMT. OF REQUEST: \$744.00 TITLE I FUNDED 2016-2017
NAMES: Nicole Couto	LOCATION: Carteret School
PROGRAM: Early Intervention Literacy Camp	DATES: 2/1/17-3/31/17
COMMENTS: 12 hrs./teacher @ \$31. /hr. 20-231-100-101-23-99	TOTAL AMT. OF REQUEST: \$372.00 TITLE I FUNDED 2016-2017
NAME: Peter DiCanio	LOCATION: Franklin School
PROGRAM: Sub for the Workshop Model	DATES: 6/23/17-6/28/17
COMMENTS: \$31. /hr. 20-231-100-101-27-99	TOTAL AMT. OF REQUEST: N/A TITLE I FUNDED 2016-2017

Carried unanimously (6-0)

FINANCE & FACILITIES

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

Mr. Heller reported:

- An update of the purchase and installation of the doors at BMS.
- The change of date of the March 7th board meeting to Wednesday, March 15th
- Request for Qualifications (RFQ) regarding insurance broker.
- The options of policy services between NJSBA and Strauss Esmay.
- Mr. Heller thanked the administration for the audit section on BOE website.

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

Approval of Transfers

Res. 095 “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. 096 “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 January 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. 097 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Treasurer’s Report for the month ending January 31, 2017.”

Payment of Bills

Res. 098 “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 February 21, 2017.”

Approval to Move the March 7th Board Meeting

Res. 099 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves to move the March 7, 2017 board meeting to Wednesday, March 15, 2017, with the time and place remaining the same: Administration Conference Room at 155 Broad Street, Executive Session at 6:30 PM/Public Session at 7:30 PM.”

Discussion: Mr. Heller explained the Board date change is due to the town-wide music festival. Ms. Fischman mentioned that the Board date changes are difficult mid-year.

Approval of the 2017-2018 Budget Calendar

Res. 100 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the attached 2017-2018 Budget Calendar.”

Approval to Purchase & Install New Doors at BMS

Res. 101 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools approves the purchase and installation of the following:

R.D. Sales Door & Hardware, LLC	\$83,585.92
220 West Parkway – Unit #3	
Pompton Plains, NJ 07444	
NJ Ed Data Provider Package #23	
Exterior Doors at BMS	
11-000-261-420	

Acceptance of a Grant

Res. 102 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves Watsessing School being awarded a grant in the amount of \$2,000.00 from “Whole Kids Foundation” for a food producing garden.”

Approval of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Insurance Broker

Res. 103 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the process for soliciting requests for qualifications for the district’s Property and Casualty Insurance Broker for the July 1, 2017-2018 school year.”

Approval of 2016-2017 Joint Transportation Agreement

Res. 104 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the 2016-2017 Joint Transportation Agreement between Bloomfield Board of Education and High Point Regional High School in Sussex County.”

Approval of Transportation Services Agreement

Res. 105 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the Transportation Services Agreement with Essex Regional Educational Services Commission for the 2017-2018 school year.”

Approval of Essex Regional Educational Services Commission Agreements

Res. 106 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following contractual service providers for the 2017-2018 school year:”

- IDEA-B Services - Non-Public Services
- Public School Home Instruction Services
- Public School Child Study Team Services
- Instructional Services Agreement for Chapters 192/193 – Non-Public Services
- Instructional Services Agreement for Title I (NCLB) – Non-Public Services

Approval of Contractor’s Payments

Res. 107 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following payment to the following contractor’s payments:”

<u>Northeast Roof Maintenance</u>	Application #3	\$161,319.00
Roof replacement at Fairview & Brookdale	(Final Payment)	
<u>Billy Contracting & Restoration, Inc.</u>	Application #6	\$ 71,131.50
Roof replacement at Demarest		
<u>Construction Contractors of NY Corp.</u>	Application #003	\$ 33,487.64
BMS Kitchen Renovation		

Approval to Authorize the Following Architect Specifications

Res. 107(A) “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:

Roof & Lintel Replacement at Carteret School \$162,750.00

Res. 107(B) “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:

Replacement of Two (2) Boilers at Carteret School \$ 58,300.00

Res. 107(C) “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:

Freight Elevator at Demarest School \$ 59,360.00

Approval of Contractual Services

Res. 108 “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>
Valley Hospital Program Dr. Patricia Connelly 505 Goffel Road Ridgewood, NJ 07450	Central Auditory Processing Evaluation	\$1,550.00 (not to exceed \$4,650.00)

Francis M. Matthews, Ph.D. 540 E. Broad Street Westfield, NJ 07090	Education Evaluations Observations	\$2,000.00 each \$200.00/hr. (not to exceed \$6,000.00)
New Hope Foundation, Inc. 80 Conover Road Marlboro, NJ 07746	Bedside Instruction	\$550.00/wk. (not to exceed \$10,000.00)

Recommendation carried (5-1) with Ms. Fischman voting no.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

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

Ms. Fischman reported:

- There are 13 candidates for interviews for the K-12 Math Supervisor.
- Upcoming NJQSAC review

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

Note: Mr. Heller complimented Mr. Anderson for Resolution #109.

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

Affirming Our Commitment to Educate All Children

Res. 109 “WHEREAS, the Bloomfield Board of Education recognizes and celebrates the unique ethnic, racial and cultural diversity of our school district; and

WHEREAS, the Board has taken note of recent political rhetoric targeting undocumented residents and various immigrant and religious populations in our country; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to assure all Bloomfield residents of the district’s commitment to educating all school-age children who live in the district, as required by law, and

WHEREAS, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) policy characterizes public schools as “sensitive locations,” places where, in the normal course, enforcement actions should not occur,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that while the Board acknowledges the mission of law enforcement agencies charged with enforcing our Nation’s immigration laws, it views its own role as assuring the education of all school-age children for so long as they may reside in Bloomfield, not as an agent of law enforcement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board reaffirms its commitment to equal opportunity for all school-age students residing in Bloomfield to attend, and to enjoy all opportunities and benefits available in the schools of our district, regardless of ethnicity, race or immigration status, and free from harassment or intimidation, for so long as they may reside in Bloomfield; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board will protect student confidentiality and will not share private information unless required by law or a court order, and we expect all persons employed by the Bloomfield Public Schools to protect student privacy and confidentiality, as well; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, in keeping with this commitment, the Board’s General Counsel shall advise the Administration regarding the limits of the district’s obligation to cooperate with federal immigration authorities, and that the Administration shall refrain from voluntary cooperation beyond those limits.”

Approval of Professional Conferences

Res. 110 “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. 111 “RESOLVED that the Bloomfield Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the following overnight field trip:

Group:	VEST
Destination:	Wildwood Convention Center
Dates:	March 24-26, 2017
Purpose of Trip:	State level competition for Special Olympics Basketball
No. of Students:	40
Transportation:	School bus
Chaperones:	Sharon Heim, Lisa Bate, Erich Olsen, James Gonsiewski, Tiffany Vitale, Priscilla Wagner, Amira El-Boghdedy, Cherie Daddis, Sam White, Patricia DeFranco, Ryan Mondo, John Gallagher, Theresa Nevins

Carried unanimously (6-0)

POLICY/REGULATION

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

There shall be a maximum of forty-five (45) minutes for public comments. Each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes and this portion is dedicated to non-agenda items.

- A resident thanked Mr. DeSimone for the Fairview presentation, and thanked the Board for Resolution #109. She also defended the constructive use of the microphone for parents to communicate their concerns.

FACILITIES

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- The resolution for delegate and alternate representatives for NJSBA has been tabled twice.
- Mr. Heller mentioned a request to use Power School from the Franklin Home & School to communicate with the community.
- Mr. Heller discussed NE Labor Management Collaboration Conference and circulated the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

- Mr. Heller again thanked Mr. Dotoli and Ms. Khoury for web updates on audit information, and noted that the 2017 committee and school assignments need updates.
- Mr. Heller spoke against the President’s decision to eliminate the Tech subcommittee. He noted that the Tech subcommittee had met that evening to address various items including:
 - ✓ Deficiencies with the current website such as calendars and the lack of a searchable directory and how the subcommittee was tasked with the selection of a new website vendor.
 - ✓ Board Docs review is currently under Tech sub-committee review.
- Mr. Fischman voiced concerns about Ms. Smith’s desire to suspend Tech sub-committee.
- Ms. Smith asked Board Members to make better use of the “New Business” portion of the agenda, calling it wasted real estate in terms of addressing board business. She stated she would like to use that time to address substantive issues such as:
 - ✓ Framework for Advisory Council consistent with Board Policy #9140.
 - ✓ Is there a necessity for the second hearing of the public?
 - ✓ What are the pro’s and con’s of changing the election date back to April?
- Ms. Fischman stated there is a problem with keeping the Board members to the three-minute rule.
- Ms. Fischman introduced a resolution regarding Board member residency verification and the Board took a vote to accept it:

All in favor (6-0)

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

AN APPEAL TO BOTH NJSBA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY & THE NEW JERSEY STATE LEGISLATURE REGARDING REVISIONS TO THE STATE'S ELECTION LAW TO PROVIDE FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATE RESIDENCY VERIFICATION.

Res. 112 "WHEREAS; the Bloomfield Board of Education exercised its power in 2012 to move the annual school board election to November thereby eliminating the vote on its annual school budget which shall be within the statutory cap and became effective for the 2012-13 budget;

WHEREAS; the Bloomfield Board of Education is aware the move to the November election placed the County Board of Elections as the certifying officer to receive and review nominating petitions;

WHEREAS; the Bloomfield Board of Education believes that the County Board of Elections should be charged with a residency verification prior to certifying any nominating petition in order to ensure that candidates for the Board meet the statutory requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:12-2;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bloomfield Board of Education urges the New Jersey School Boards Delegate Assembly to encourage our lawmakers to introduce legislative mechanisms of amending Title 19 in order to require a residency check and verification prior to certifying any nominating petition for the annual school board election;

NOW THEREFORE FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bloomfield Board of Education calls upon the governor, state legislature and state education boards and administrators to re-examine the residency verification processes currently in place and provide a new framework to ensure the accuracy and authenticity of nominating petitions in all board of education elections under the jurisdiction of the County Board of Elections.

Carried unanimously (6-0)

- Mr. Anderson clarified the resolution.

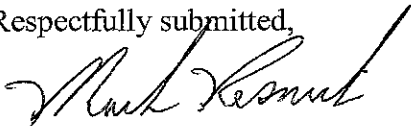
INFORMATION ITEMS

- Mr. Heller stated Berkeley's 5K run is on Sunday, April 30th, and he referred members to Berkeley Home & School Association.
- Ms. Fischman announced that the Town-wide Music Festival is on March 14th, and the Tricky Tray for Demarest is on May 5th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board and upon the motion of Mr. Heller, seconded by Mr. Anderson, this meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Resnick
Interim Board Secretary/Business Administrator