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Board of Education Regular Meeting
Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.
Hybrid Meeting
In-Person Location: Bloomfield Board of Education, Board Room
1133 Blue Hills Avenue, Bloomfield, CT 06002
Virtual Option: Zoom
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Meeting ID: 867 8604 6434 Passcode: 068729

Attendance:	L. Easmon, Chair	Present
	T. Mack-Mohammed, Vice Chair	Present
	F. Bogle-Assegai, Secretary	Present
	K. Dunbar	Present *(arrived at 7:05 p.m.)*
	H. Frydman	Absent
	C. Jones	Present
	L. Simone	Present

Also Present: T. Youngberg, Superintendent of Schools
L. Lamenzo, Executive Director of Teaching, Learning, and Leadership
D. Greco, Director of Accounting
N. Jones, District Teaching & Learning Specialist
J. Preuss, Director of Assessment, Accountability, and Performance
M. Coates, District Teaching and Learning Coach
J. White, Principal, Bloomfield High School
L. Curley-Colon, Principal, Global Experience Magnet School
A. Wright, Interim Principal, Carmen Arace Middle School
D. Bunting, Principal, Carmen Arace Intermediate School

1. **Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order**
   L. Easmon 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. **Opening Statement**
   F. Bogle-Assegai welcomed all attendees. The purpose and process of the Board of Education meeting were stated.

4. **Consent Agenda**
   A. **Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting – May 12, 2026**
      A motion was made by T. Mack-Mohammed and seconded by F. Bogle-Assegai for the Bloomfield Board of Education to approve the consent agenda, as presented.

L. Easmon	Aye
T. Mack-Mohammed	Aye
F. Bogle-Assegai	Aye
C. Jones	Aye
L. Simone	Aye

The motion passed unanimously 5-0-0.

5. Presentations

A. CAPSS Superintendent's Student Awards

Dr. Tracy Youngberg, Superintendent presented students from Bloomfield High School, Global Experience Magnet School, Carmen Arace Middle School and Carmen Arace Intermediate School with the CAPSS Superintendents' Award. All of the student recipients have demonstrated distinguished leadership qualities. Awards are based on community service and service to others; academic prowess; and leadership service to the school community. A brief statement about the achievements of each student was read by the school principal.

B. Junior Achievement 2026 Master of Ceremonies – Trinity Davis

The Board recognized Trinity Davis for her outstanding leadership, confidence, and perseverance. Trinity recently served as Master of Ceremonies for a Junior Achievement event in Hartford and was commended for her professionalism, public speaking skills, and entrepreneurial spirit in turning her Metacomet Invention Convention jewelry project into a successful business venture.

C. Student Representative Report – Bloomfield High School

Student representatives from Bloomfield High School (BHS) introduced themselves and shared a Power Point with the Board of Education. The students provided updates from their school including recent merit and sports recognitions, events, and competitions. Their presentation included an update on the recent prom, Ag Field Day, upcoming events and the announcement of the Valedictorian and Salutatorian for 2026.

6. Superintendent's Report

A. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Tracy Youngberg, Superintendent shared updates on the following items:

- Announcement of the 2026 District Teacher of the Year, Jennifer Coleman and Paraeducators of the Year.
- Dr. Youngberg will be meeting with the Class of 2026 from both Global Experience Magnet School (GEMS) and Bloomfield High School (BHS).
- Dr. Youngberg will be in attendance at the 2026 June National Superintendent's Forum June 7 – June 9, 2026. This is an opportunity for professional development and networking at no cost to the district.
- The Global Experience Magnet School farewell celebration will be held on June 3, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. and the Carmen Arace Intermediate School on June 11, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for guests to share memories.
- The Education Celebration will be held on June 10, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

- Dr. Youngberg shared her communication plan on the Alternative Learning Center (ALC) to the community.
- Dr. Youngberg noted that with the state not moving forward with a statewide cell phone ban in schools, Bloomfield Public Schools will need to develop a formal policy.

B. End of Year Report

Dr. Tracy Youngberg, Superintendent provided an End of Year report to the Board of Education. This presentation included notable accomplishments and SMART Goals which outline the next level work for each district priority. The priorities include:

- Priority 1 – Building/Sustaining Effective Teams (Relationships, Communication & Perspectives)
- Priority 2 – Student Outcomes (Teaching, Learning & Leadership)
- Priority 3 – Family & Community (Engagement, Advocacy & Partnerships)
- Priority 4 – Efficient Operations (Safety, Systems and Accountability)

Dr. Youngberg further discussed ongoing district challenges and the need for long range planning, effective systems, and adequate budgets.

C. Adult Education

Mr. Michael Bailey, Director of Adult Education, reported on the successful completion of the fall and spring Adult Education programs and ongoing planning for the upcoming fiscal year. Despite challenges related to winter weather, the program continued to provide valuable educational services and support within the Bloomfield community. He noted that approximately 50 residents are served annually through programs focused on English Language Learning, Adult Literacy, High School Equivalency, and Citizenship Preparation. Mr. Bailey also reviewed attendance data, program strengths, challenges, and program costs, and responded to questions from Board members.

D. Human Resources – Staffing Report

Dr. Tracy Youngberg presented the provided the staffing update on behalf of Grace Martinez. The report provided updates for the month of May 2026 including new hires, transfers, resignation and/or retirements. A vacancy report was also shared.

E. Financial Report – May 2026

Domenic Greco, Executive Director of Finance and Operations reported financials as of May 29, 2026. He noted that 2.73% of the adopted budget has yet to be expended or encumbered.

Mr. Greco noted on the one-page summary report, major account 01 Certified Salaries is overbudget by almost $756,000 dollars. Major object 02 Non-Certified Salaries shows an available budget of $542,000 which will be reduced when funds are transferred to cover substitute services. Major object is 11 Operations overage is about $40,000 less than last month. The district expects to receive funds from the Town for the 1% set aside account

Mr. Greco noted Salaries Admin was tracking overbudget but a transfer was completed to cover the overage. He pointed out page 1 of the six-page detail report, salaries clerical was overbudget but a position was moved to the Voag Grant. The Business Department is working to close out the 2025-2026 fiscal year. The cost center managers and directors are working to close out open purchase orders.

Dr. Youngberg provided an updated on the GEMS Grant and being notified on April 30, 2026 of by the State of a significantly reduced grant amount.

7. **Board Committee Reports**
   A. **Finance Committee**
   K. Dunbar Committee Chair reported the Finance Committee met on May 26, 2026. They received updates on the Munis migration for payroll, HR and benefits. The also received updates on the Education Cost Sharing (ECS) Grant Update from the CSDE, Global Experience Magnet School (GEMS) Grant and residency investigations.

   B. **Curriculum Committee**
   T. Mack-Mohammed, Committee Chair noted the Curriculum Committee also met on May 26, 2026. They continued their conversation on Curriculum Map Deep Dive – Part 2
   4. New Business
   A. SOAR Update and Discussion

8. **Public/PTO Comment**
   No public comment.

9. **Old Business**
   A. **Reading and Possible Adoption of Policies**
      1. **Transportation – 3541**
      2. **Bus Conduct – 5131.1**
      3. **Student Dress Code – 5132**
      4. **Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process – 5114**
      5. **Orientation of Board Members – 9230**

   Dr. Tracy Youngberg reviewed the policies that are on the agenda for a second reading and possible adoption.

   She shared a revised draft of the Transportation Policy – 3541 which was last updated in 2015. Some considerations for Board of Education members as they review this is eligible limits for walking distance to school and the age of students who are required to have an adult waiting on the bus stop.

   L. Easmon provided some edits to the policy. This policy will be further reviewed.

   The second policy is Bus Conduct - 5131.1 which is a new policy. This policy ensures bus safety by clearly outlining behavior expectations.

A motion was made by T. Mack-Mohammed and seconded by K. Dunbar for the Bloomfield Board of Education to adopt Policy 5131.1 – Bus Conduct, as listed under agenda items 9A.

L. Easmon	Aye
T. Mack-Mohammed	Aye
F. Bogle-Assegai	Aye
K. Dunbar	Aye
C. Jones	Aye
L. Simone	Aye

The motion passed unanimously 6-0-0.

The new Student Dress Code Policy – 5132 will replace the uniform policy that was rescinded on April 7, 2026. This draft policy is based on the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) model policy and current Bloomfield High School dress code guidelines.

L. Easmon we remove some language on page 1 of the policy. The high school parents received a separate document regarding "crop tops" and would like to add to the administrative regulations. The board would also like to add language about training students.

The Suspension/Expulsion Due Process Policy – 5114 will replace the current Board of Education Policy 5131 – Conduct and Discipline. This new policy is required due to PA 25-93 & 25-67 and is inclusive of due process. The board discussed various edits to this document and it will be reviewed further.

The last policy is the New Board Member Orientation – 9230. This is a recommended policy based on PA 23-167and the language has been updated by the Policy Committee.

A motion was made by T. Mack-Mohammed and seconded by L. Simone for the Bloomfield Board of Education to adopt Policy 9230 – Orientation of Board Members, as listed under agenda items 9A.

L. Easmon	Aye
T. Mack-Mohammed	Aye
F. Bogle-Assegai	Aye
K. Dunbar	Aye
C. Jones	Aye
L. Simone	Aye

The motion passed unanimously 6-0-0.

L. Easmon inquired if Adult Education has different Board policy. Dr. Youngberg noted she will research this question.

10. New Business

A. Review and Possible Action on the district Curriculum Maps

Nicole Jones, District Teaching & Learning Specialist presented the final Curriculum maps to the Board of Education for approval. She responded to Board questions.

A motion was made by T. Mack-Mohammed and seconded by L. Simone for the Bloomfield Board of Education to adopt the district Curriculum Maps, as presented.

L. Easmon	Aye
T. Mack-Mohammed	Aye
F. Bogle-Assegai	Aye
K. Dunbar	Aye
C. Jones	Aye
L. Simone	Aye

The motion passed unanimously 6-0-0.

B. Review and Possible Action of Employee Request for School Attendance under Policy 5118.111 - Children of Out-of-Town Board of Education Employees

Dr. Youngberg presented a request from a staff member for a student to attend Bloomfield High School under Policy 5118.111. The Board discussed the request and reviewed the policy. The Board inquired about the cost and previous staff interest.

A motion was made by T. Mack-Mohammed and seconded by L. Simone for the Bloomfield Board of Education to approve the application of a non-resident employee to have their child attend Bloomfield Public Schools in accordance with Board of Education Policy 5118.111, as presented.

L. Easmon	Aye
T. Mack-Mohammed	Aye
F. Bogle-Assegai	Aye
K. Dunbar	Aye
C. Jones	Aye
L. Simone	Aye

The motion passed unanimously 6-0-0.

The Board would like to revisit this policy next school year.

C. Instructional Coaches and Deans: Impact, Reflection, and Next Steps

Lisa Lamenzo, Executive Director of Teaching, Learning, and Leadership, presented an overview of the development and implementation of the district's coaching model. She emphasized that student growth is directly connected to the ongoing professional growth and development of staff.

Erin Marella, Laurel Literacy Academy Numeracy Coach, and Elka Spencer, Metacomet Elementary School Dean of Students, provided information on their respective roles and

shared examples of student interventions and staff supports. Ms. Spencer highlighted efforts related to responsive classroom practices, student engagement, staff support, and family partnerships.

The presentation concluded with a discussion of future goals, including expanding coaching cycles, enhancing data reflection practices, and deepening the district's instructional framework.

11. Board Comments

L. Simone announced that she will be resigning from her position as a Board of Education member due to her upcoming move outside the Town of Bloomfield. She expressed her appreciation for the recent presentation by the 'Dream Team' and the work they are doing to support children in Bloomfield. She also shared her pride in the accomplishments of the Board of Education and the collaborative efforts of its members.

C. Jones congratulated the student awards recipients. He is very encouraged by the presentations this evening and the next level of work. He noted he would be pleased to see an increase of 3% in the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) scores.

K. Dunbar shared that it has been a pleasure serving on the Board with Dr. Simone and wished her well. She commented on the excitement of the meeting, noting the opportunity to see students' growth and hear about their future plans. She acknowledged that the Board faced some difficult decisions this year and expressed optimism for the work ahead, as well as the opportunity to celebrate students in the coming weeks.

F. Bogle-Assegai expressed appreciation to Dr. Youngberg for her leadership, particularly in guiding curriculum development. She noted Dr. Youngberg's dedication, presence, and efforts to move the district in a positive direction. She also expressed a desire for increased collaboration between the Board of Education and the Town. She shared her joy in recognizing student achievements and hearing about students' college plans, noting the district's ability to positively impact students' futures.

T. Mack-Mohammed shared her appreciation for Dr. Simone and the collaborative relationship they developed while serving on the Board. She noted that she often looked to Dr. Simone for her educational expertise and wished her well in her future endeavors.

L. Easmon noted that this was the final regular Board meeting of the year and thanked everyone for their hard work and dedication. She expressed pride in the Board's teamwork and accomplishments, highlighting the significant progress made throughout the year and reaffirming the commitment to providing the best possible opportunities and support for Bloomfield students. She encouraged the Board member's attendance at the high school graduations on June 16, 2026. Ms. Easmon shared that she will miss Dr. Simone and the valuable perspective she brought to the Board, and expressed appreciation for her contributions and service.

12. Other Business

A. Discussion Regarding Board of Education Critical Incident Response (discussion proposed for Executive Session)

B. Discussion of the Superintendent's Evaluation for 2025-2026 (discussion proposed for Executive Session)

A motion was made by T. Mack-Mohammed and seconded by F. Bogle-Assegai for the Bloomfield Board of Education to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the Board of Education critical incident response and the Superintendent's Evaluation for 2025-2026. It was further moved to invite attorneys from the Crumbie Law Firm and Superintendent Dr. Tracy Youngberg to participate in the executive session.

L. Easmon	Aye
T. Mack-Mohammed	Aye
F. Bogle-Assegai	Aye
K. Dunbar	Aye
C. Jones	Aye
L. Simone	Aye

The motion passed unanimously 6-0-0.

The Board members convened into Executive Session at 9:56 p.m. and returned to public session at 10:32 p.m.

13. Adjournment

At 10:32 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by K. Dunbar and seconded by F. Bogle-Assegai.

The motion passed unanimously 6-0-0.

F. Bogle-Assegai, Board Secretary

T. Youngberg, Superintendent of Schools