

MINUTES
BLOOMFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, April 8, 2025 (6:00 PM)

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Tony DeHerrera Ben Woody, Jr. David Salcido Sue Finch
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:	None
INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT:	James Olivas
ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:	See Sign-In Sheet

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Determination of Quorum

The Bloomfield School District Board of Education held a board meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., in the Administration Building Boardroom, 325 N Bergin Lane, Bloomfield, NM 87413. A determination of a quorum was made followed by the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

2.0 MEETING AGENDA

2.1 Approval of Meeting Agenda

Recommendation: Interim Superintendent recommends approval of the current meeting agenda

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**David Salcido**) Moved, Member (**Sue Finch**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Interim Superintendent recommends approval of the current meeting agenda'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Tony DeHerrera Yes

Ben Woody, Jr. Yes

David Salcido Yes

Sue Finch Yes

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Approval of Consent Agenda to include Previous Meeting Minutes and Travel Requests

Minutes from March 11, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.

Travel Requests:

*March 19-22, 2025: Ron Clark Academy, Atlanta, GA

*April 8-12, 2025: NMABE, Albuquerque, NM

*April 9-11, 2025: NMASBO 2025 Spring Budget Workshop, Albuquerque, NM

*April 22-24, 2025: JOM Regional Meeting, Albuquerque, NM

*April 27-30, 2025: NM SPED Spring Academy Bridging Vision and Action, Albuquerque, NM

*May 5-7, 2025: RISE Leadership and Coaching Conference, Albuquerque, NM

*May 6-7, 2025: Spring State Attendance Conference, Santa Fe, NM

*June 12-16, 2025: Elevate Your Classroom, Nashville, TN

*June 3-6, 2025: New Mexico School Nutrition Association Conference, Santa Fe, NM

Recommendation: Interim Superintendent recommends approval of the consent agenda.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Sue Finch**) Moved, Member (**Ben Woody, Jr.**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Interim Superintendent recommends approval of the consent agenda'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Tony DeHerrera Yes

Ben Woody, Jr. Yes

David Salcido Yes

Sue Finch Yes

4.0 BUSINESS CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Approval of Business Consent Agenda

Business Consent Agenda includes Budget Increase, Decrease, Transfer and Maintenance BARs for March 2025.

Recommendation: Interim Superintendent recommends approval of the Business Consent Agenda

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Ben Woody, Jr.**) Moved, Member (**David Salcido**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Interim Superintendent recommends approval of the Business Consent Agenda'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Tony DeHerrera Yes

Ben Woody, Jr. Yes

David Salcido Yes

Sue Finch Yes

5.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/DISCUSSION

5.1 Report & Discussion of District Activities - Mr. Olivas

Mr. Olivas provided a typed report detailing District maintenance, athletics and personnel updates to Board members during the board workshop. Mr. Olivas turned the floor over to Athletic Director, Mr. Ben Tensay. Mr. Tensay reported on district athletics. He mentioned the middle school track program is doing well. They competed in Kirtland last week. The program was able to cut down on the travel time from returning at 9:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. due to the cutting down from eight school locations to two. The BHS Softball is in district playoffs this week. BHS track has qualified seven athletes for state. BHS baseball is ranked #2 in the state and have a strong schedule. The coaching staff has been doing well. He also mentions the football VICIS helmets purchase back in 2017 are now obsolete after this year and can no longer be used. Riddell will provide a rebate for the old helmets to help purchase new helmets. The NMAA update stated the possibility of having middle school championship events but actual data has not been collected. Mr. Olivas then provided updates around the district. The Blanco HVAC units are 90% complete, which included replacing three units and now waiting on electrical re-wiring on one unit. In the final stages of finishing the CYB project, which includes installing benches, gravel and grass. The BHS aquatic center panels have been delivered and received the W9 from the vendor for replacement of the panels. Should be a two or three-week process to replace the panels. BECC in the process of replacing the old cooling equipment for the walk in cooler. Central Primary still has movement of the library wall, foam has been placed in the crack to keep out the critters. The irrigation filtration system at BHS has been updated, this project is still in the works. The fire alarm replacement at BHS will require a change order due to sections of the high school not having fire alarms. The BHS AG project is moving along, the caps are installed on the wall and finalizing the drainage to the pond. The metal for the barn building is scheduled for delivery, tomorrow night. He also mentioned they are currently awaiting permits for setting the barn, then the ground work will start for the foundation. Tree trimming at the BHS baseball field is happening and a net will be installed to protect neighboring resident's property. The MAJH rolling gate for security purposes has been installed, power has been pulled, badge reader hooked up and awaiting Network cabling to finish their set up. Solar lighting at MAJH was not working so changing to wired lighting. Completed projects include wall caps at BHS installed, removed trees at CYB, maintenance on basketball goals and bleachers Rio Vista due to vandalism, completed the district wide fire alarm

inspection and the BHS legacy brick pathway that is located in front of BHS. A water heater was replaced at the home economics classroom. Mrs. Finch asked how many bricks were sold. Mr. Olivas stated that less than 100 bricks were sold. The sale of the brick will reopen in May and will be advertised during the BHS/CYB graduation ceremony.

6.0 PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Recognition Presentation - Mr. Olivas

Mr. Olivas read the significance of the Bobcat Coin, a symbol of Excellence and Pride, to all in attendance. Mr. Olivas turned the floor over to Rhonda Sharp, principal at BECC, she then called Michelle Sterling to the podium. Mrs. Sharp then stated the nomination also came from the leadership team at BECC. She stated she would like to recognize Michelle for her incredible dedication to her kindergarten classroom and creating learning experiences that meet the needs for all students. Michelle arrives early and stays late to design instruction that is engaging for everyone. A Bobcat Coins was then presented to Michelle.

7.0 INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD

7.1 National Education Association (NEA - Bloomfield)

No NEA Representative present.

7.2 Public Commentary

No Public Commentary received.

The Bloomfield School District Board of Education welcomes public comments during its regular board meetings to offer suggestions on topics relevant to the Bloomfield Schools District. Topics may include suggestions for improving district services, policies, items currently on the meeting agenda, and etc. Citizens who wish to speak during Board of Education meetings should register with the administration office by noon the day preceding the meeting by completing the Request to Address Board form. Your request must be confirmed before your name will be placed on the list of possible speakers.

8.0 ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Approval of Fundraiser Requests

Fundraiser Requests:

- *Bloomfield High School
 - Student Council: Carnival
 - Student Council: Flower Grams
 - Junior Class: Toy Duck Message
 - Band/Guitar: Apparel Store
 - JROTC: Cooler Raffle
 - Track & Field: T-Shirt Sale
 - Student Council: Movie Buyout
 - Student Council: Easter Exchange
 - Band: XGrain Apparel Store
 - Student Council: Popcorn
- *Mesa Alta Jr. High
 - Yearbook: Sticker Sale
- *Central Primary
 - Snack Sale
 - Field Day Concession

Recommendation: Interim Superintendent recommends approval of the Fundraiser Requests

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**David Salcido**) Moved, Member (**Ben Woody, Jr.**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Interim Superintendent recommends approval of the Fundraiser Requests'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was:

Aye: 4 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Tony DeHerrera Yes
Ben Woody, Jr. Yes
David Salcido Yes
Sue Finch Yes

8.2 Approval of Activity Requests

Activity Requests:

- *BHS - Geology Class: Bisti Badlands, Farmington, NM
- *BHS - Geology Class: Fort Lewis College Geology Department, Durango, CO
- *BHS - Mass Media: KOB Studios, Albuquerque, NM
- *BHS - Intro to Auto Cad: Aztec Machine Facility Tour, Aztec, NM
- *BHS - ESports: NMAA ESports State Championships, Albuquerque, NM
- *BHS - Guidance: National Signing Day at San Juan College, Farmington, NM
- *BHS - Senior Day: Main Event, Albuquerque, NM
- *BHS - History: Freshman to attend Government Day, Aztec, NM
- *BHS - Guidance: Junior Day Experience at San Juan College, Farmington, NM
- *BHS - Band: Hinkle Family Fun Center, Albuquerque, NM
- *Naaba Ani - 5th Grade (Walker): Fly High and Berg Park, Farmington, NM
- *BECC - 3Y Class: Farmington Public Library, Farmington, NM
- *BECC: Bloomfield Aquatic Center, Bloomfield, NM
- *Naaba Ani - 5th Grade: Bloomfield Aquatic Center, Bloomfield, NM
- *BHS - Theater: Hinkle Family Fun Center, Albuquerque, NM
- *Naaba Ani - 4th Grade: Farmington Museum, Farmington, NM
- *BHS - JROTC: Cadet Leadership Camp, Fort Bliss, TX

Recommendation: Interim Superintendent recommends approval of the Activity Requests

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Ben Woody, Jr.**) Moved, Member (**Sue Finch**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Interim Superintendent recommends approval of the Activity Requests'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Tony DeHerrera Yes
Ben Woody, Jr. Yes
David Salcido Yes
Sue Finch Yes

8.3 Approval of Canon Lease Continuation

Continuation of the Canon Lease

Recommendation: Interim superintendent recommends approve of the Canon Lease Continuation.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**David Salcido**) Moved, Member (**Ben Woody, Jr.**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Interim superintendent recommends approve of the Canon Lease Continuation'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Tony DeHerrera Yes
Ben Woody, Jr. Yes
David Salcido Yes
Sue Finch Yes

8.4 Approval of Greater Houston Community Foundation Donation to Central Primary

\$750 donation from Greater Houston Community Foundation to Central Primary, first grade Mrs. Valdez classroom

Recommendation: Interim superintendent recommends approval of the Greater Houston Community Foundation Donation to Central Primary

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Sue Finch**) Moved, Member (**David Salcido**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Interim superintendent recommends approval of the Greater Houston Community Foundation Donation to Central Primary'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Tony DeHerrera Yes
Ben Woody, Jr. Yes
David Salcido Yes
Sue Finch Yes

8.5 Approval of Four Corners Federal Credit Union Donation to BHS JROTC

\$1,000 donation from Four Corners Federal Credit Union to BHS JROTC

Recommendation: Interim superintendent recommends approval of the Four Corners Credit Union Donation to BHS JROTC.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Ben Woody, Jr.**) Moved, Member (**David Salcido**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Interim superintendent recommends approval of the Four Corners Credit Union Donation to BHS JROTC'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Tony DeHerrera Yes
Ben Woody, Jr. Yes
David Salcido Yes
Sue Finch Yes

8.6 Approval of Bloomfield High School Course Fees Revisions and Updates

The cost of maintaining and improving high school laboratory experiences has steadily increased. To ensure students continue to have access to high quality, hands-on learning, it has become necessary to adjust lab fees.

Recommendation: Interim superintendent recommends approval of the Bloomfield High School Course Fees Revisions and Updates.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**David Salcido**) Moved, Member (**Sue Finch**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Interim superintendent recommends approval of the Bloomfield High School Course Fees Revisions and Updates'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Tony DeHerrera Yes
Ben Woody, Jr. Yes
David Salcido Yes
Sue Finch Yes

8.7 Approval of FY24 Financial Audit

Recommendation: Interim superintendent recommends approval of the FY24 Financial Audit

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Sue Finch**) Moved, Member (**Ben Woody, Jr.**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Interim superintendent recommends approval of the FY24 Financial Audit'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Tony DeHerrera Yes
Ben Woody, Jr. Yes
David Salcido Yes
Sue Finch Yes

8.8 Approval of NM Pre-K Grant Revision

Stipend paid to NM Pre-K Grant Employees for completing additional college classes and duties.

Recommendation: Interim superintendent recommends approval of the NM Pre-K Grant Revision

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Sue Finch**) Moved, Member (**Ben Woody, Jr.**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Interim superintendent recommends approval of the NM Pre-K Grant Revision'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Tony DeHerrera Yes
Ben Woody, Jr. Yes
David Salcido Yes
Sue Finch Yes

8.9 Approval of Science K-12 Materials Adoption

This year is science curriculum adoption year. Funds will be determined this spring by NMPED. Looking to purchase curriculum K-12 to support classroom instruction.

Recommendation: Interim superintendent recommends approval of Science K-12 Material Adoption

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Ben Woody, Jr.**) Moved, Member (**David Salcido**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Interim superintendent recommends approval of Science K-12 Material Adoption'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Tony DeHerrera Yes
Ben Woody, Jr. Yes
David Salcido Yes
Sue Finch Yes

8.10 Approval of Human Resource Specialists Temporary Stipends

Additional compensation for two human resource staff to conduct the superintendent search. Cost savings to District instead of hiring an outside agency to conduct the superintendent search.

Recommendation: Interim superintendent recommends approval of the HR Specialist temporary stipends.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Ben Woody, Jr.**) Moved, Member (**David Salcido**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Interim superintendent recommends approval of the HR Specialist temporary stipends'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Tony DeHerrera Yes
Ben Woody, Jr. Yes
David Salcido Yes
Sue Finch Yes

8.11 Approval of Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) Refresher Stipend

A yearly CPI refresher is required for staff. The current CPI expires in July. CPI is a program that our district uses to provide staff with skills to recognize, prevent and respond to crises within the schools.

Recommendation: Interim superintendent recommends approval of the CPI Refresher Stipend.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Ben Woody, Jr.**) Moved, Member (**Sue Finch**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Interim superintendent recommends approval of the CPI Refresher Stipend'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Tony DeHerrera Yes
Ben Woody, Jr. Yes
David Salcido Yes
Sue Finch Yes

9.0 EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION

9.1 Convene to Closed Session. Pursuant to NMSA 1978, §10-15-1 H(2) the Bloomfield Schools Board of Education will take action to go into Closed Session to address limited personnel matters, specifically the

superintendent search. No action will be taken in Closed Session. Action, if any, will be taken when the Board reconvenes in Open Session following the Closed Session.

Authority to conduct a Special Meeting is found in NMSA 1978, §10-15-1 through 10-15-4, of the New Mexico 'Open Meetings Act'.

Recommendation: Interim Superintendent recommends convening to closed session to discuss limited personnel matters, specifically the superintendent search.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Sue Finch)** Moved, Member **(Ben Woody, Jr.)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Interim Superintendent recommends convening to closed session to discuss limited personnel matters, specifically the superintendent search'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Tony DeHerrera Yes

Ben Woody, Jr. Yes

David Salcido Yes

Sue Finch Yes

Meeting convened to closed session at 6:41 p.m.

10.0 RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION and POSSIBLE ACTION

10.1 Reconvene to Open Session. As required by Section 10-15-1(J) of the 'Open Meetings Act': The only matter discussed during the closed session was limited personnel matters, specifically the superintendent search.

Recommendation: Interim superintendent recommends reconvening to Open Session.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(David Salcido)** Moved, Member **(Ben Woody, Jr.)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Interim superintendent recommends reconvening to Open Session'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Tony DeHerrera Yes

Ben Woody, Jr. Yes

David Salcido Yes

Sue Finch Yes

Meeting reconvened to open session at 8:12 p.m.

11.0 ADVANCED PLANNING

11.1 Upcoming Events:

*May 5-9, 2025 - Teacher Appreciation Week

*May 13, 2025 - Board of Education Meeting

Mr. DeHerrera stated that a special Board meeting will be scheduled for May 3rd to conduct interviews and selection of the new superintendent.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

2.1 Approval to Adjourn Current Board Meeting

Recommendation: Interim Superintendent recommends approval to adjourn the current board meeting.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Ben Woody, Jr.)** Moved, Member **(David Salcido)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Interim Superintendent recommends approval to adjourn the current board meeting'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **4** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 4 - 0**

Tony DeHerrera Yes

Ben Woody, Jr. Yes

David Salcido Yes

Sue Finch Yes

Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

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Board Member Signature

Title

May 13, 2025
Date Approved