

MINUTES
BLOOMFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, January 12, 2021 (6:00 PM)

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dale Maes
Bruce Armenta
Veronica Tso
Joel Gunn
Tony DeHerrera

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERINTENDENT: Dr. Kimberly Mizell

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

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

The Bloomfield School District Board of Education held a board meeting on Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. by Zoom (online), with a few staff in the office, 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 6:01 p.m.

2.0 MEETING AGENDA

2.1 Approval of Current Meeting Agenda

Meeting agenda was reviewed with no changes noted.

Recommendation: Superintendent recommends approval of the current meeting agenda

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Bruce Armenta**) Moved, Member (**Veronica Tso**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Superintendent recommends approval of the current meeting agenda'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

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| Tony DeHerrera | Yes |
| Joel Gunn | Yes |
| Dale Maes | Yes |
| Veronica Tso | Yes |
| Bruce Armenta | Yes |

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes from December 8, 2020 Regular Board Meeting were reviewed with no changes noted.

Fundraiser Request:

Blanco Elementary - Donations for Scholarship Fund

Recommendation: Superintendent recommends approval of the consent agenda.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Tony DeHerrera**) Moved, Member (**Joel Gunn**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Superintendent recommends approval of the consent agenda'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

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| Tony DeHerrera | Yes |
| Joel Gunn | Yes |
| Bruce Armenta | Yes |
| Dale Maes | Yes |
| Veronica Tso | Yes |

4.0 BUSINESS CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Approval of Business Consent Agenda

Business Consent Agenda includes a Budget Decrease, Transfer and Maintenance BARs for December.

Recommendation: Superintendent recommends approval of the Business Consent Agenda

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Veronica Tso**) Moved, Member (**Joel Gunn**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Superintendent recommends approval of the Business Consent Agenda'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

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| Tony DeHerrera | Yes |
| Bruce Armenta | Yes |
| Dale Maes | Yes |
| Veronica Tso | Yes |
| Joel Gunn | Yes |

5.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/DISCUSSION

5.1 Report & Discussion of District Activities - Dr. Mizell

Dr. Mizell noted that her report was reviewed during the workshop. She also mentioned the slight push back in the decision to return to in-person learning next week. Some employees are concerned at the decision sighting that hospitals are at capacity and the cases in Bloomfield being high. With attending the county wide meetings, the hospital has stated that they are not operating at capacity and do have beds open. Also, upon researching the cases Bloomfield’s positive cases only makes 7.9% of the county’s positive cases. The District also had the built in quarantine time after the holidays to prevent the spread. Teachers across the state are in the phase 1B of vaccine dissemination.

The staff will be scheduled to receive the vaccine over a 2 day span for those opting to participate. The return to hybrid learning was sent to the State and approved by the Secretary of Education to return. Staff is concerned but overall receptive. All measures for safety are in place. The District has chosen to continue to cover those staff members who have been exposed, while at work, to prevent them from having to use sick leave.

6.0 PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Blanco Elementary - Mrs. Spencer

Mrs. Spencer began her presentation by reporting on the student enrollment and staffing. Blanco had presented to the State Department on meeting the safety guidelines in the State Mandated Toolkit for students to return. Mrs. Spencer presented to the Board the means to purify the air within the buildings as the District is still awaiting the Merv 13 air filters. She also noted the PPE required equipment, inventory requirements, and notifications of the Nurse Coordinator to each school nurse to be in compliance. As part of the requirements for students to return to in-person learning is the use of

2-ply face masks. All staff and students were provided two masks and signage is highly visible throughout the building indicating the requirement of face masks to be worn.

In Mrs. Spencer's presentation she shared images of the social distancing measures that are taking place at Blanco both in the building and around the building. The cafeteria is set up where only one student sits at a table at one time. Routine cleaning and disinfection takes place throughout the day by custodians and teachers. There are hand sanitizing stations throughout the building and reminders to students and staff of hand washing requirements. She also touched on the point of contact reporting that must take place if notified of a positive case. This includes staff rosters, class rosters as well as bus route rosters to assist in contact tracing efforts.

The instructional models were reviewed including challenges and successes for those students attending in-person learning as well as those students engaging in remote learning from home. At the conclusion of the presentation Mrs. Spencer took a minute to recognize a teacher at Blanco that did not survive the pandemic. Mrs. Sally Martinez was a beloved teacher at Blanco Elementary for many years. She was honored by a luminary glow and a scholarship fund will be set up in her honor.

6.2 Mesa Alta Jr High - Mr. Mize

Mr. Mize began by introducing himself to the School Board Members. He proceeded with giving staff and student demographics with 422 students enrolled. He presented on the social/emotional measures taking place at Mesa Alta including Habitudes and PALS time and the incorporation into the weekly attendance question.

In addressing the pass/fail rate of students, measures have been taken to benefit the students' frustration levels. First quarter included 52% of students having at least one F grade. Second quarter shows 46% of students have at least one F grade. At the end of the first semester there were only 12% of students who failed. Mr. Mize has implemented Failure Fridays where teachers must contact parents of failing students every 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month.

The accomplishment of A and A/B Honor Roll includes 34 students on the A Honor Roll and 46 students on the A/B Honor Roll. Staff professional development occurs every other Wednesday after staff meetings. PALS class teachers each have 15 students to stay in contact with. The social worker provides home visits referred from staff members. The staff collaborates on attendance and contacts. Students have their own Google Classroom in which to socialize, as it's an important part of student development and learning.

7.0 INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD

7.1 Bloomfield Association of Classroom Teachers (BACT)

No BACT Representative present.

7.2 National Education Association (NEA - Bloomfield)

No NEA Representative present.

7.3 Public Commentary

No Public Commentary was 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 Approve Policy GBED Tobacco Use by Staff Members Revisions

The Tobacco policies were reviewed and approved in February 2018 to comply with the 24/7 Campaign. However, there are a few items that need to be added in order to be compliant. These items include prohibiting tobacco advertising, referrals to cessation resources, and that the District will offer progressive and supportive discipline measures with each offense. The newest revisions were reviewed during the December board workshop.

Recommendation: Superintendent recommends approval of Policy GBED Revisions

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Bruce Armenta**) Moved, Member (**Veronica Tso**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Superintendent recommends approval of Policy GBED Revisions'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

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| Bruce Armenta | Yes |
| Joel Gunn | Yes |
| Dale Maes | Yes |
| Veronica Tso | Yes |
| Tony DeHerrera | Yes |

8.2 Approve Policy JICG Tobacco Use by Students Revisions

The Tobacco policies were reviewed and approved in February 2018 to comply with the 24/7 Campaign. However, there are a few items that need to be added in order to be compliant. These items include prohibiting tobacco advertising, referrals to cessation resources, and that the District will offer progressive and supportive discipline measures with each offense. The newest revisions were reviewed during the December board workshop.

Recommendation: Superintendent recommends approval of Policy JICG Revisions

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Tony DeHerrera**) Moved, Member (**Joel Gunn**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Superintendent recommends approval of Policy JICG Revisions'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

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| Veronica Tso | Yes |
| Dale Maes | Yes |
| Bruce Armenta | Yes |
| Tony DeHerrera | Yes |
| Joel Gunn | Yes |

8.3 Approve Policy KFAA Tobacco Use on School Premises Revisions

The Tobacco policies were reviewed and approved in February 2018 to comply with the 24/7 Campaign. However, there are a few items that need to be added in order to be compliant. These items include prohibiting tobacco advertising, referrals to cessation resources, and that the District will offer progressive and supportive discipline measures with each offense. The newest revisions were reviewed during the December board workshop.

Recommendation: Superintendent recommends approval of Policy KFAA Revisions

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Joel Gunn**) Moved, Member (**Veronica Tso**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Superintendent recommends approval of Policy KFAA Revisions'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

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| Tony DeHerrera | Yes |
| Bruce Armenta | Yes |
| Dale Maes | Yes |
| Joel Gunn | Yes |
| Veronica Tso | Yes |

8.4 Approve Contingent Local Demonstration of Competency for Cohort 2020-2021

NMPED has created an alternate local demonstration of competency (LDC) for high school seniors in cohort 2020-2021. This contingent plan requires school board approval for inclusion.

Recommendation: Superintendent recommends approval of Contingent Local Demonstration of Competency for Cohort 2020-2021

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Tony DeHerrera**) Moved, Member (**Bruce Armenta**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Superintendent recommends approval of Contingent Local Demonstration of Competency for Cohort 2020-2021'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

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| Tony DeHerrera | Yes |
| Bruce Armenta | Yes |
| Joel Gunn | Yes |
| Veronica Tso | Yes |
| Dale Maes | Yes |

9.0 EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION

9.1 Pursuant to NMSA 1978, §10-15-1 H(2) of the 'Open Meetings Act', the Board of Education will take action to go into Closed Session to address limited personnel matters. 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.

No closed session was called for.

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.

With no closed session called for, no reconvening is necessary.

11.0 ADVANCED PLANNING

11.1 Upcoming Events:

*February 9, 2021 - Board of Education Meeting

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

12.1 Approval to Adjourn Current Board Meeting

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

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Bruce Armenta**) Moved, Member (**Joel Gunn**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Superintendent recommends approval to adjourn the current board meeting'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Tony DeHerrera Yes
Veronica Tso Yes
Joel Gunn Yes
Bruce Armenta Yes
Dale Maes Yes

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

| Board Member Signature | Title | February 9, 2021 Date Approved |
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