

MINUTES
BLOOMFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, May 10, 2022 (6:00 PM)

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dale Maes
Tony DeHerrera
Joel Gunn
Ben Woody, Jr.
Darrell Nichols

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERINTENDENT: Dr. Kimberly Mizell

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, May 10, 2022 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 6:01 p.m.

2.0 MEETING AGENDA

2.1 Approval of Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda was reviewed with no changes noted.

Recommendation: Superintendent recommends approval of the current meeting agenda.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Tony DeHerrera**) Moved, Member (**Joel Gunn**) 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**

Darrell Nichols	Yes
Dale Maes	Yes
Tony DeHerrera	Yes
Ben Woody, Jr.	Yes
Joel Gunn	Yes

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA

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

Minutes from April 20, 2022 Regular Board Meeting.

Travel requests as follows:

*May 18-19, 2022: NM School Nutrition Coop Meeting, Santa Fe, NM

*June 7-9, 2022: NM School Nutrition Conference, Albuquerque, NM

*June 13-16, 2022: Roberts Bus Center IC Bus University I, Tulsa, OK

Recommendation: Superintendent recommends approval of the Consent Agenda.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Darrell Nichols**) Moved, Member (**Ben Woody, Jr.**) 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**

Darrell Nichols	Yes
Dale Maes	Yes
Tony DeHerrera	Yes
Ben Woody, Jr.	Yes
Joel Gunn	Yes

4.0 BUSINESS CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Approval of Business Consent Agenda

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

Recommendation: Superintendent recommends approval of the Business Consent Agenda

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Joel Gunn**) Moved, Member (**Tony DeHerrera**) 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**

Darrell Nichols	Yes
Dale Maes	Yes
Tony DeHerrera	Yes
Ben Woody, Jr.	Yes
Joel Gunn	Yes

5.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/DISCUSSION

5.1 Report & Discussion of District Activities

Dr. Mizell provided a typed report to Board Members during the work session detailing updates for the Maintenance Department, Athletic Events, and Personnel News. The staff has been actively recruiting and want to commend the principals on hiring early. Would like to acknowledge athletics as 23 students qualified for State in Track. The junior track team is doing very well. And congratulations to those students who have signed to play for colleges/universities. She also reported out that she was chosen to represent the county on the NMAA Board.

6.0 PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Charlie Y. Brown High School - Mr. Benavidez

Mr. Benavidez greeted the Board and presented a PowerPoint presentation. The graduation rate for CYB was 44.4%, the graduation goal for 2021 was 50%. CYB had 71.26% graduation rate for 2021! A benchmark goal was to have 31 students in cohort 2022 to have 22 credits, and the goal was met with 31 students having 22 credits as of March. Additionally, the goal was to have an increase of 6 students, to have a minimum of 36, to graduate on time with the 2022 cohort. The goal was exceeded with 40 students from the 2022 cohort graduation early or on time!

CYB will have 47 graduates; 12 students returning to BHS to graduate and 35 students graduating directly from CYB. Of the 35, there are 4 students from cohort 2021, 26 students from cohort 2022 and 5 students from cohort 2023. The PBIS rewards program is having a positive impact, which consists of root beer floats, picnic in the park, board games, and an end of year field trip. Very proud of Jaiden Williams who signed with

Bacone College for soccer, she is a senior at CYB. There were supposed to be 4 student guest speakers, however they did not attend.

There were 2 students with less than 10 credits when they began at CYB and students are expected to earn 10 credits a year, and even more to graduate. These 2 students did the additional work. CYB has the advantage of smaller classes so students get more one-on-one assistance. The teaching staff get to know the students, their families, what is going on in their lives. It creates a positive culture. They are greeted individually every morning and at the end of the day they are told good bye. We learn their likes and dislikes to create a strong culture and the students feels safe and cared about.

Dr. Mizell thanked Mr. Benavides for everything that he does, he is the heart of the school. Mr. Benavidez stated that he doesn't look at it as saving their education, but in most cases it's saving their lives. Mr. Maes noted that 4 other high schools have come to visit CYB, to see what is working so well. The graduation rates are great!

6.2 NMSBA Excellence in Student Achievement Award - Mr. Maes

This award, sponsored by the New Mexico School Board Association (NMSBA), is presented to individuals selected by the local board of education who have played an important role in improving student achievement in their local school district.

Mr. Maes spoke to the audience and commended the transportation department on their hard work and dedication to the students and the district. They work year round, delivered meals during the pandemic closures, and their routes are vast. In December the Transportation Director passed suddenly leaving grief and uncertainty in the department, yet the staff were able to continue and grow. He also noted that he had an opportunity to ride with them, it was a great experience. Mr. Maes reported that he had just recently discovered that there is a transportation employee who is retiring this year after 43 years with the district, and another with 48 years who is not retiring. Mr. Olivas will receive the award on behalf of the Transportation Department, as no one could be in attendance.

Dr. Mizell recalled going on a ride along during a food delivery run during the winter. The drivers were fierce and braved the roads to deliver meals with a smile on their faces. It was a difficult but incredible journey. There was a teenage girl who walked over a mile in the weather to get meals for several families on the rural route. The district is having a difficult time finding bus drivers

6.3 Sally Martinez Memorial Scholarships - Mrs. Spencer

The scholarships will be a one-time award. Recipients must graduate in good standing from BHS or CYB and have attended at least one year at Blanco Elementary. This scholarship is in honor of Mrs. Sally Martinez who had a love for teaching and was known for her kind heartedness.

Mrs. Spencer greeted the board and audience. She noted that Mrs. Sally Martinez was a beloved teacher at Blanco Elementary. She then introduced Mr. Martinez to speak. He went on to say that he is doing better this year than he was last year at this time, and he contributes that to the district. This is a beautiful way to honor his late wife and her joy of teaching.

Mrs. Spencer reported that there is enough in the memorial scholarship fund to award 2 seniors a year for the next 12 years. The fundraisers have been beneficial and the family has donated a lot. Any senior can apply; however, if a student attended Blanco Elementary for at least one year received additional points from the committee, comprised of one teacher, Mr. Martinez, and members of the Martinez family. The award is presented as \$1,000 checks given to 2 chosen seniors. This year the committee selected Roxy Brown and Samantha Overson. Both were in attendance to receive the awards. Congratulations to both.

6.4 IEC / JOM Member Award Presentation - Ms. Marquez

Mrs. Marquez announced that the awards being presented reflect the support given for their culturally responsive roles in the District. With the support of the Indian Education Committee (IEC) Members and Beverley Tsosie, funding received has doubled in the last 6 years. The district currently has 42% native students. She also noted that Mr. Benavidez has been an advocate for all students.

The following awards are for going above and beyond for students:

- Charlene Waddoups, IEC Vice President
- Verlynn Platero, IEC Secretary
- Beverly Tsosie, Federal Programs Office Manager
- Mary Lee Toledo, IEC President
- Alexandra Jones, New IEC Member (not present)

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 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 FY22 Financial Audit Contract with Manning Accounting and Consulting

The audit contract with Manning Accounting and Consulting has been submitted to the State Auditor's Office for approval of an additional year.

Recommendation: Superintendent recommends approval of FY22 Financial Audit Contract with Manning Accounting and Consulting.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Joel Gunn**) Moved, Member (**Tony DeHerrera**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Superintendent recommends approval of FY22 Financial Audit Contract with Manning Accounting and Consulting'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Darrell Nichols	Yes
Dale Maes	Yes
Tony DeHerrera	Yes
Ben Woody, Jr.	Yes
Joel Gunn	Yes

8.2 Approval of Preliminary FY23 Operating Budget

Recommendation: Superintendent recommends approval of Preliminary FY23 Operating Budget

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Darrell Nichols**) Moved, Member (**Ben Woody, Jr.**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Superintendent recommends approval of Preliminary FY23 Operating Budget'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Darrell Nichols	Yes
Dale Maes	Yes
Tony DeHerrera	Yes
Ben Woody, Jr.	Yes
Joel Gunn	Yes

8.3 Approval of State of NM Per Diem Rates for FY23

The State Per Diem Rates are scheduled to increase, effective July 1, 2022. The rates include increases for overnight per diem, meal reimbursement amounts, as well as partial day incremental increases.

Recommendation: Superintendent recommends approval of State of NM Per Diem Rates for FY23

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Tony DeHerrera)** Moved, Member **(Joel Gunn)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Superintendent recommends approval of State of NM Per Diem Rates for FY23'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Darrell Nichols	Yes
Dale Maes	Yes
Tony DeHerrera	Yes
Ben Woody, Jr.	Yes
Joel Gunn	Yes

8.4 Approval of Best Buddies Chapter Club at BHS

Best Buddies is a volunteer movement designed to pair non-disabled students with disabled students for improved school involvement and interaction, leadership development, one-to-one friendships, and to encourage intellectual and development skills among peers.

Recommendation: Superintendent recommends approval of Best Buddies Chapter Club at BHS

ORIGINAL - Motion

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

Darrell Nichols	Yes
Dale Maes	Yes
Tony DeHerrera	Yes
Ben Woody, Jr.	Yes
Joel Gunn	Yes

8.5 Approval of IDEA-B Application

The IDEA-B Application is an extensive yearly application that the Special Education Department must submit. The application communicates how much funding will go towards salaries, curriculum, supplies and materials for special education needs.

Recommendation: Superintendent recommends approval of IDEA-B Application

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Darrell Nichols)** Moved, Member **(Ben Woody, Jr.)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Superintendent recommends approval of IDEA-B Application'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Darrell Nichols	Yes
Dale Maes	Yes
Tony DeHerrera	Yes
Ben Woody, Jr.	Yes

Joel Gunn Yes

8.6 Approval of Track Resurfacing Contract

The track has not been fully resurfaced in over 20years. The resurfacing will include repairs, installation of new surface, and regulation striping. The Board agreed that option 3 is the best fit for the District.

Recommendation: Superintendent recommends approval of Track Resurfacing Contract, option #3.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Ben Woody, Jr.)** Moved, Member **(Tony DeHerrera)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Superintendent recommends approval of Track Resurfacing Contract, option #3'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Darrell Nichols	Yes
Dale Maes	Yes
Tony DeHerrera	Yes
Ben Woody, Jr.	Yes
Joel Gunn	Yes

8.7 Approval of Board of Education Scholarship Recipients #1 & #3

The scholarships will be a one-time award, paid directly to the student's school of choice after the students has presented proof of registration. It is the Board's belief that we need to encourage student scholarship by supporting the development of strong community members. One scholarship will be awarded to a student planning on entering any educational field. A second scholarship will be awarded to a student entering any college degree program or a technical field certification. The scholarship recipients will be announced and awarded at the May 18th BHS Assembly.

Recommendation: Superintendent recommends approval of Board of Education Scholarship Recipients #1 & #3

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Tony DeHerrera)** Moved, Member **(Ben Woody, Jr.)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Superintendent recommends approval of Board of Education Scholarship Recipients #1 & #3'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Darrell Nichols	Yes
Dale Maes	Yes
Tony DeHerrera	Yes
Ben Woody, Jr.	Yes
Joel Gunn	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's evaluation and contract. 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: Superintendent recommends convening to closed session to discuss limited personnel matters, specifically the Superintendent's Evaluation and Contract.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Ben Woody, Jr.)** Moved, Member **(Joel Gunn)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Superintendent recommends convening to closed session to discuss limited personnel matters, specifically the

Superintendent's Evaluation and Contract'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Darrell Nichols	Yes
Dale Maes	Yes
Tony DeHerrera	Yes
Ben Woody, Jr.	Yes
Joel Gunn	Yes

Meeting convened to closed session at 6:46 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's Evaluation and Contract.

Recommendation: Superintendent recommends reconvening to Open Session.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member (**Darrell Nichols**) Moved, Member (**Ben Woody, Jr.**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Superintendent recommends reconvening to Open Session'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Darrell Nichols	Yes
Dale Maes	Yes
Tony DeHerrera	Yes
Ben Woody, Jr.	Yes
Joel Gunn	Yes

Meeting reconvened to open session at 7:20 p.m.

10.2 Approval of Superintendent's Contract

The Board having met and reviewed the Superintendent's evaluation, have asked for approval.

Recommendation: Board President, Mr. Maes, recommends approval of Superintendent's Contract

ORIGINAL - Motion

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

Darrell Nichols	Yes
Dale Maes	Yes
Tony DeHerrera	Yes
Ben Woody, Jr.	Yes
Joel Gunn	Yes

11.0 ADVANCED PLANNING

11.1 Upcoming Events:

- *May 16, 2022 - Top Ten Awards
- *May 18, 2022 - BHS Assembly (Honor Roll, Scholarships, Awards, etc.)
- *May 19, 2022 - Promise to Graduate
- *May 20, 2022 - BHS & CYB Graduation
- *June 14, 2022 - Board of Education Meeting

12.0 ADJOURNMENT

12.1 Approval to Adjourn Current Board Meeting

Mr. Maes notified the Board that Mr. Nichols is resigning from his position to return home in Missouri to care for his ailing parents.

Recommendation: Superintendent recommends approval to Adjourn the Current Board Meeting.

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **(Darrell Nichols)** Moved, Member **(Ben Woody, Jr.)** 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**

Darrell Nichols	Yes
Dale Maes	Yes
Tony DeHerrera	Yes
Ben Woody, Jr.	Yes
Joel Gunn	Yes

Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

		June 14, 2022
Board Member Signature	Title	Date Approved