

MINUTES
BLOOMFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD WORKSHOP
Tuesday, July 9, 2024 (5:00 PM)

ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Dale Maes Tony DeHerrera Ben Woody, Jr. Sue Finch
BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:	David Salcido
SUPERINTENDENT:	Kevin Summers
ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:	See Sign-In Sheet

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Roll Call for Board Workshop

The Bloomfield School District Board of Education held a board workshop on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 5:00 p.m., in the Administration Building Board Room, 325 N Bergin Lane, Bloomfield, NM 87413. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

2.0 BRIEFING and APPROVAL ITEMS

2.1 Agenda for Current Board Meeting - Mr. Summers

Meeting agenda was reviewed with no changes noted.

2.2 Minutes of Previous Board Meeting - Mr. Summers

Minutes from the June 5, 2024 Special Board Meeting and the June 13, 2024 Regular Board Meeting were reviewed and no changes noted.

2.3 Travel Requests for Actual Expenses - Mr. Summers

Travel Requests:

- *Special Education 2024-2025 School Year Travel
- *June 16-21, 2024: NAU Indigenous Language Revitalization Summer Institute, Flagstaff, AZ
- *July 15-16, 2024: Structure Literacy Grant: Coaching, Albuquerque, NM
- *July 30-August 1, 2024: 2024 NOVA Conference, Albuquerque, NM
- *August 19-23, 2024: MSBS Medical Annual Conference, Albuquerque, NM
- *October 24-27, 2024: Beyond Brilliance: Mapping the Constellations of Giftedness, Albuquerque, NM

2.4 Finance Committee Briefing - Ms. Babcock

Briefing includes the Business Consent Agenda with Revenue and Expenditure Reports, Check Listing, and Credit Card Charges for June 2024. Also included is the FY25 Operating Budget that has been approved by PED on July 1st. The approved operating budget was provided to all Board Members.

2.5 Fundraiser Requests - Mr. Summers

Fundraiser Requests:

- Bloomfield High School
 - *BHS Football
 - Bobcat Lift-a-Thon
 - Chamber of Commerce Duck Race
 - Navajo Taco Dinner
 - *BHS Girls Soccer
 - Calendar Sponsors
 - Kids Soccer Skill Camp
- Naaba Ani Elementary
 - *Book Fair
 - *Fun Run
 - *Penny Wars

2.6 Activity Requests - Mr. Summers

Activity Requests:

- *Naaba Ani - Growing Forward Farm, Aztec, NM
- *Naaba Ani - First Quarter AR Students, Allen Theaters, Farmington, NM
- *Naaba Ani - Second Quarter AR Students, Allen Theaters, Farmington, NM
- *Naaba Ani - Third Quarter AR Students, Allen Theaters, Farmington, NM

2.7 Policy Revision BBA Board Powers and Responsibilities - Mr. Summers

Policy Advisory 238 – BBA (B-0200) Board Powers and Responsibilities. As explained in the Discussion related to Section 5 of SB 137, school board member training requirements will now be spelled out in statute rather than PED regulation. Existing B-0200 BBA sets out board member training requirements by reciting from NMAC 6.29.1.9(A)(3)’s obsolete language. It is anticipated that PED will amend NMAC 6.29.1.9(A)(3) to account for the new statutory training requirements. For that reason, Policy Service deleted the old training requirements language from the portion of BBA dealing with the Board’s powers and duties as set forth in the Administrative Code while retaining the language that the Board will “ensure that each member of the Board participates in a planned program of training which will assist in the performance of specified duties. The new statutory training requirements were then placed at the end of BBA.

2.8 Policy Revisions BE School Board Meetings - Mr. Summers

Policy Advisory 239 – BE (B-1400) School Board Meeting. Existing B-1400 BE addresses school board meetings generally and includes the Open Meetings Act requirements that meetings be open to the public, so this policy is the appropriate policy to address the new requirement that school board meetings be webcast live. B1400 BE also states requirements for items to be included in meeting notices so a provision was added to require notices to inform the public how they may view the live webcast.

2.9 Policy Revisions BECE Executive Sessions/Open Meetings - Mr. Summers

Policy Advisory 240 - BECE-E (B-1581) Executive Sessions/Open Meetings. SB 137 does not change the Open Meetings Act’s list of reasons a Board may meet in closed session but in reviewing policies for the purpose of this Advisory, it was noticed that the Exhibit at B-1581 BECE-E omitted a valid reason for closed session (collective bargaining strategy and negotiations) and omitted an important limitation on the discussion of pending threatened litigation (i.e., that it be a meeting “subject to the attorney-client privilege). Policy Service took this opportunity to remedy those omissions.

2.10 Policy Revisions BEDA Notification of Board Meetings - Mr. Summers

Policy Advisory 241 – BEDA (B-1650) Notification of Board Meetings. Because this policy stated that meeting notices include the time and place of meetings, Policy Service added a sentence to state that meeting notifications shall include a link or shall otherwise provide information to enable the public to access the live audio and video webcast of the meeting.

2.11 Policy Revisions BEDBA Agenda Preparation and Dissemination - Mr. Summers

Policy Advisory 242 – BEDBA (B-1750) Agenda Preparation and Dissemination. Because this policy reiterates that meeting notices include the time and place of meetings and spells out requirements for inclusion on the agenda, Policy Service added a sentence to state that meeting notifications and agendas shall include a link or

shall otherwise provide information to enable the public to access the live audio and video webcast of the meeting.

2.12 Policy Revisions BEDG Minutes - Mr. Summers

Policy Advisory 243 - BEDG (B-2100) Minutes. Because this policy spells out statutory requirements related to board meeting minutes, it was the appropriate policy to address the new requirement that minutes be posted to the district website within one week of approval and retained for a minimum of three years.

2.13 Policy Revisions BEDH Public Participation at Board Meetings - Mr. Summers

Policy Advisory 244 – BEDH (B-2150) Public Participation at Board Meetings. Until now, there has never been a legal requirement to allow public comment in New Mexico school board meetings. Despite that, virtually all districts allow public comment at in-person meetings and policy B-2150 BEDH provides a fairly specific set of procedures governing in-person public comment. With respect to public comment, SB 137’s only requirement is that the live audio and video webcast of the meeting through the district’s website “include a user interface that allows members of the public to submit written or verbal comments.” Policy Service anticipates that District will vary widely on 1) how they wish to comply with that requirement and 2) the technology available to do so. For that reason, Policy Service opted against providing a detailed procedure for online public comment and instead left it to district administration to develop the procedures for how the public may submit written or verbal comments during an online meeting. It should be noted that the same constitutional requirements of viewpoint neutrality and free speech will apply the same to online public comments as they do to in-person public comments.

2.14 Policy Revisions CB Superintendent - Mr. Summers

Policy Advisory 245 – CB (C-0100) Superintendent. As mentioned in the Discussion, existing Policy C-0100 CB contains a section addressing the Superintendent’s Contract which includes provisions that the Board will take action on an existing Superintendent’s contract in February of the year the contract expires and that the Board may extend the contract in intervening years of a multiple year contract. Because SB 137 limits the Board’s ability to extend, renew, and terminate (without cause) the Superintendent’s contract, this policy was the appropriate place to address that limitation. It should be noted that nothing in the law requires the Board to take action on a Superintendent’s contract in February (or any other month) of the year in which the contract expires. Despite that, Policy Service has elected to retain that provision in the master policy.

2.15 IDEA-B Application - Mrs. Benavidez

The SY24-25 IDEA Application will show monies that will go towards salaries, curriculum, supplies and material to special education. Mrs. Benavidez stated the award letter was received and she will start the phase three process. Phase three includes an agenda and the Board meeting minutes upon approval.

2.16 Additional Special Education Teacher at BHS - Mrs. Benavidez

BHS has four case managers that are over 1.0 FTE. Special Education classes have a minimum of 15 students. An extra case manager will reduce class sizes to help students get individual support in their special education classes. Case managers FTE will also be closer to 1.0. Mrs. Benavidez stated this position will be out of 24106 budget.

3.0 DISCUSSION and REVIEW ITEMS

3.1 Equity Council Update - Mr. Summers

Equity Council Members include: Kevin Summers, Dale Maes, Tony DeHerrera, Ben Woody, Jr., David Salcido, Sue Finch, Desiraye Benavidez, Patricia Marquez and Verlynn Platero. All were in attendance except David Salcido and Verlynn Platero. Mr. Summers turned the floor over to Patricia Marquez. Ms. Marquez mentioned that the state of New Mexico is revamping the Equity Council initiative and the Board of Education is the equity council to also include the PAC members. She also stated she attended the Government 2 Government meeting. She mentioned many area superintendents attended. Mrs. Marquez invited the Board to attend at least one Government 2 Government meeting which is scheduled twice a year.

3.2 Report & Discussion of District Activities - Mr. Summers

Mr. Summers provided a typed report to Board Members detailing updates for the maintenance department, District athletics and personnel news. Mr. Summers mentioned many projects in the works throughout the District to include the BHS boneyard clean up, met with contractors and Envirotech is still doing some sample

work. There is a lot of junk at the boneyard including buried tires. Mr. Summers shared a map showing the location of the barn, raised garden beds and greenhouses. The retaining wall has collapsed in several locations and will need to be rebuilt. The quote for this project was \$350k. Mr. Summers mentioned the shade structure for the MAJH outdoor learning project was installed this week. The audio enhancement at Central Primary will be completed in August and Naaba Ani will be next on the project. The employment vacancy list is dropping, CYB applications are being scheduled for interviews this week. Mr. Summers mentioned principals and assistant principals are attending the NMCEL Summer Leadership Conference July 15-18, 2024 in Albuquerque, NM. New teachers to report on August 1st. He also mentioned Board Members are invited to the District Convocation on August 7th to be held at Bloomfield High School. Cabinet to serve lunch at the convocation. Transitional student to arrive on campuses on August 8th. Mr. Summers mentioned the District moving forward with the marketing campaign for the Bond Election. KOB to start an OTTC (Over The Top Campaign) on their website and advertise six times a week in different time slots. Planning for a social media campaign, starting with endorsements. Mr. Summers mentioned he will meet with anyone who may have questions or concerns about the Bond Election. He also mentioned the Ron Clark expenses, bought whole sale t-shirts and lanyards. Spent \$20k and saved \$40k. T-shirts were around \$6 each. Will be sending a team to Ron Clark Academy in September.

4.0 ADJOURNMENT

4.1 Adjourn Board Workshop

Meeting was adjourned at 5:53 p.m.