

**MINUTES**  
**BLOOMFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, January 11, 2022 (6:00 PM)**

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**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, January 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Building Board Room, 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 6:07 p.m.

**2.0 ADMINSTERING OATH OF OFFICE**

**2.1 Judge to Administer Oath of Office to Tony DeHerrera, Darrell Nichols and Ben Woody, Jr.**

Mr. Maes read the School Board Member Oath of Office aloud. Then the Honorable Judge Cynthia Wagoner administered the Oath of Office to returning Board Member, Tony DeHerrera, and newly elected Board Members, Darrell Nichols and Ben Woody, Jr.

**3.0 MEETING AGENDA**

**3.1 Approval of Meeting Agenda**

**Recommendation:** Superintendent recommends approval of the Current Meeting Agenda

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

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

**4.0 BOARD REORGANIZATION**

**4.1 Approval of Board Reorganization**

The meeting shall be called to order by the President of the Board. The Board, at the first regular meeting in January, will administer the Oath of Office to newly elected members and elect from its membership a President, Vice-President and Secretary.

**Recommendation:** Superintendent recommends Board Reorganization

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Tony DeHerrera)** Moved, Member **(Joel Gunn)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Superintendent recommends Board Reorganization'. 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

**4.2 Approval of School Board President**

Mr. Tony DeHerrera recommended Mr. Dale Maes as School Board President. Mr. Darrell Nichols seconded and all agreed.

**Recommendation:** Superintendent recommends approval of School Board President nominee, Mr. Dale Maes.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Tony DeHerrera)** Moved, Member **(Darrell Nichols)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Superintendent recommends approval of School Board President nominee, Mr. Dale Maes'. 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

**4.3 Approval of School Board Vice-President**

Mr. Joel Gunn recommended Mr. Tony DeHerrera as School Board Vice-President. Mr. Dale Maes seconded and all agreed.

**Recommendation:** Superintendent recommends approval of School Board Vice-President nominee, Mr. Tony DeHerrera

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Joel Gunn)** Moved, Member **(Dale Maes)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Superintendent recommends approval of School Board Vice-President nominee, Mr. Tony DeHerrera'. 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

**4.4 Approval of School Board Secretary**

Mr. Dale Maes recommended Mr. Joel Gunn as School Board Secretary. Mr. Tony DeHerrera seconded and all agreed.

**Recommendation:** Superintendent recommends approval of School Board Secretary nominee, Mr. Joel Gunn  
**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Dale Maes)** Moved, Member **(Tony DeHerrera)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Superintendent recommends approval of School Board Secretary nominee, Mr. Joel Gunn'. 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 CONSENT AGENDA**

### **5.1 Approval of Consent Agenda to include Previous Meeting Minutes and Travel Requests**

Minutes from December 13, 2021 Board Meeting.

Travel requests as follows:

- \*January 13-14, 2022: Public Facilities Management Meeting, Albuquerque, NM
- \*February 3-5, 2022: NMSBA Board Member Institute, Santa Fe, NM
- \*February 16-18 2022: NMASBO Winter Conference – Albuquerque, NM
- \*February 17-18, 2022: WIDA Workshop, Gallup, NM
- \*April 1-2, 2022: NMAEYC Annual Conference – Albuquerque, NM
- \*April 6-8, 2022: NMASBO Spring Budget Workshop – Albuquerque, NM
- \*June 2-4, 2022: NMSBA School Law Conference – Albuquerque, NM

**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**

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

## **6.0 BUSINESS CONSENT AGENDA**

### **6.1 Approval of Business Consent Agenda**

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

**Recommendation:** Superintendent recommends approval of the Business Consent Agenda

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Joel Gunn)** Moved, Member **(Darrell Nichols)** 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

## **7.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/DISCUSSION**

### **7.1 Report & Discussion of District Activities - Dr. Mizell**

Dr. Mizell distributed a typed report detailing District activities, athletics and personnel updates to Board members during the Board Workshop. The District's Plan for Implementation of Identity, Equity, and Transformation was shared with the Board during the December workshop and then submitted and cleared by the state department. The District is moving forward with training and excited about the monthly recognition of diversity. We enjoy our multi-cultural community. Diversity will further be addressed during the strategic planning process which gives the District's perspective for the next 3 years.

Dr. Mizell turned the floor over to Mr. James Olivas for updates on the maintenance throughout the District. Mr. Olivas reported on the roof leaks at Naaba Ani as well as the fire damage repair taking place. Phase I of the Mesa Alta project has been completed with the building being cleared for phase II. The bat problem at BHS has been taken care of with all classrooms back in place. The intercom system at BHS is still being reviewed by insurance. The soccer field is ready to be planted once water returns.

Dr. Mizell then reported on athletics going well. The schedules have been posted. New rules will include the usage of aluminum bats instead of wood as well as the possible addition of a shot clock for basketball. Also, the 30-day legislative session is set to begin with many issues being addressed which could affect funding, instructional days and contract days.

## **8.0 PRESENTATIONS**

### **8.1 New Mexico School Board Association Certificates**

Mr. Maes presented Board Members with the New Mexico School Board Association training certificates earned for successful training hours completed within the program/training year.

- Mr. Joel Gunn – Level I Leadership Achievement Award
- Mr. Tony DeHerrera – Level II Outstanding Leadership Award

## **9.0 INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD**

### **9.1 Bloomfield Association of Classroom Teachers (BACT)**

No BACT Representative present.

### **9.2 National Education Association (NEA - Bloomfield)**

No NEA Representative present.

### **9.3 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.

## **10.0 ACTION ITEMS**

### **10.1 Approval of Fundraiser Requests**

Fundraiser Requests:

Central Primary

- Book Fair

Bloomfield High School

- Baseball – Enchilada Dinner
- Baseball – Hit-A-Thons

**Recommendation:** Superintendent recommends approval of the Fundraiser Requests

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Tony DeHerrera**) Moved, Member (**Darrell Nichols**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Superintendent recommends approval of the Fundraiser Requests'. 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

### 10.2 Approval of Activity Requests

Activity Requests:

\*January 26-30, 2022 - BHS FFA: Leadership Conference, Albuquerque, NM

\*February 4-5, 2022 - BHS Band: Ft. Lewis Honor Band, Durango, CO

\*February 12, 2022 - NA Robotics: State Robotics Tournament, Albuquerque, NM

**Recommendation:** Superintendent recommends approval of the activity requests

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Joel Gunn**) Moved, Member (**Tony DeHerrera**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Superintendent recommends approval of the activity requests'. 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

### 10.3 Approval to Auction and/or Disposal of Maintenance Items

Items are being stored and no longer being used. Asking for approval to auction off or dispose of listed items.

**Recommendation:** Superintendent recommends approval to Auction and/or Disposal of Maintenance Items

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Tony DeHerrera**) Moved, Member (**Darrell Nichols**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Superintendent recommends approval to Auction and/or Disposal of Maintenance Items'. 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

### 10.4 Approval of Response to Suicidal Statements and Behaviors Policy and Protocol

There is no current policy on staff responses to students who are presenting suicidal statements or behaviors. The threat risk assessment was being used which is not applicable to suicidal risk. The Policy and protocol for working with students who have presented suicidal statements or behaviors was presented at the December Board Workshop.

**Recommendation:** Superintendent recommends approval of Response to Suicidal Statements and Behaviors Policy and Protocol

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Darrell Nichols)** Moved, Member **(Ben Woody, Jr.)** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Superintendent recommends approval of Response to Suicidal Statements and Behaviors Policy and Protocol'. 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 EXECUTIVE/CLOSED SESSION

**11.1 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. 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'.

No closed session was called for.

## 12.0 RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION and POSSIBLE ACTION

**12.1 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.

Having no closed session, no reconvening was called for.

## 13.0 ADVANCED PLANNING

### 13.1 Upcoming Events:

\*February 3-5, 2022 - MMSBA Board Member Institute

\*February 8, 2022 - Board of Education Meeting

## 14.0 ADJOURNMENT

### 14.1 Approval to Adjourn Current Board Meeting

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

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Tony DeHerrera)** Moved, Member **(Darrell Nichols)** 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 6:42 p.m.

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Board Member Signature	Title	February 8, 2022 Date Approved
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