

**MINUTES**  
**BLOOMFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**Tuesday, May 14, 2019 (6:00 PM)**

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**ROLL CALL**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dale Maes  
Cecilia (Elizabeth) Lier (Gomez)  
Veronica Tso  
Tony DeHerrera  
Bruce Armenta

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**SUPERINTENDENT:** Dr. Kimberly Mizell

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** See Sign-In Sheet

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

**1.1 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**

The Bloomfield School District Board of Education met on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Building Board Room, 325 N. Bergin Lane, Bloomfield, NM 87413. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. following the roll call, invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**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 (**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**

Bruce Armenta	Yes
Tony DeHerrera	Yes
Cecilia (Elizabeth) Lier (Gomez)	Yes
Dale Maes	Yes
Veronica Tso	Yes

**3.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Meeting Minutes from the April 9, 2019 regular Board Meeting were reviewed with no changes noted.

Travel requests were reviewed as follows:

- \*Tech Time Conference
- \*Habitudes Intensive Training & Principals Roundtable
- \*Annual National PSUG Event (PowerSchool)
- \*2019 NMCEL Summer Conference

**Recommendation:** Superintendent recommends approval of the consent agenda.

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Tony DeHerrera**) Moved, Member (**Bruce Armenta**) 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**

Dale Maes	Yes
Veronica Tso	Yes
Bruce Armenta	Yes
Tony DeHerrera	Yes
Cecilia (Elizabeth) Lier (Gomez)	Yes

## **4.0 BUSINESS CONSENT AGENDA**

### **4.1 Approval of Business Consent Agenda**

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

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

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Cecilia (Elizabeth) Lier (Gomez)**) 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**

Cecilia (Elizabeth) Lier (Gomez)	Yes
Tony DeHerrera	Yes
Dale Maes	Yes
Bruce Armenta	Yes
Veronica Tso	Yes

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

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

Dr. Mizell distributed a typed report indicating the maintenance projects, athletics progress and the personnel report of vacancies and new hires. The maintenance projects include an update on the water damage to the BHS auditorium and to Naaba Ani. The facilities and grounds crews are working diligently to get the grounds looking well, especially after facing irrigation issues. Summers is a very busy time for the maintenance and custodial staff as they clean and repair the schools.

Athletics is coming to an end with Track State Finals happening this weekend. The awards banquet was held Monday night honoring the Senior athletes. Track is going to state with 19 students qualifying.

The Personnel report lists posted openings. Hiring is always a challenge; however a lot have been hired already for the 2019-2020 school year.

## **6.0 PRESENTATIONS**

### **6.1 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. This year's award was presented to Linda Gutierrez from Blanco Elementary. Mrs. Spencer, Principal at Blanco, spoke in favor of Mrs. Gutierrez, beginning with stating how experienced and intelligent she is. It's been a very difficult year for her as her mother just passed away a month ago. She's been instrumental in the Robotics program in Blanco event taking students to Texas to the National Competition. Dr. Mizell commented on Mrs. Gutierrez's commitment to kids and commended her on her voice at the State level.

## **6.2 Bloomfield Board of Education Scholarships - Mr. Maes**

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.

This year's scholarship recipients are:

- Lauren DeHerrera – who plans to attend Fort Lewis College for a degree in Secondary Education and major in History
- Micailah Pablo – who plans to attend the University of New Mexico to major in Architecture.

## **6.3 Bloomfield High School - Mr. Burkholder**

Mr. Burkholder began by congratulating the two scholarship recipients. He went on to commend Mrs. Amy Florez for her work at BHS. She has been inspirational in getting students to apply for scholarships and to enroll in Advanced Placement (AP) courses. There have been 214 AP courses taken this school year in 13 subject areas, surpassing last year's total of 151 exams in 8 subject areas. He went on to acknowledge 3 outstanding students from BHS.

Branden Brown, ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in the Senior class. He is a QuestBridge Scholar, National Hispanic Scholar, and plans on attending Colby College in the Fall. He scored 34 on the ACT, with a perfect score being a 35. He also completed 4 AP exams.

Kamea Wheeler, ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Senior class. She has had the highest GPA in her class all 4 years of high school, as well as having perfect attendance all 4 years. She was voted Ms. BHS by the staff and Administrators. She is a member of the National Honor Society, has completed 4 AP exams and plans on attending Brigham Young University (BYU) in the Fall.

Mykala Thomas, ranked 14<sup>th</sup> in the Senior class. She was the Battalion Executive Officer (XO) for BHS JROTC. She also competed in the State JROTC Drill Meet as the Girls Raider Team Member, placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the sit-up competition and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the flexed arm hang. She will be leaving for basic training in July and has enlisted in the U.S. Army as a 68-W Combat Medic Specialist.

Mr. Burkholder continued with student achievements at BHS, including the two students, Elaine Belin and Masen Jensen, who will be attending the 2019 DreamKeepers Summer Program at NMSU in June. There are two students, Amaris Sutter and Vachelle Slivers, which are finalists for the 2019 Chief Manuelito Scholarship. There are 7 students who will be receiving the Bilingual Seal: Stephanie Zambrano, Linda Villalbos, Eddi Rebecca Villalobos, Vanessa Delatorre, Sergio Cruz, Evelyn Cereceres, and Itzel Camacho.

The BHS Theatre had a successful production of 'Rock of Ages' which ran May 2-5<sup>th</sup>. The Bobcat Football team was the 2018 NM 4A State Runner Up. Angelo Atencio will be attending ENMU in the fall on a football scholarship. Luke Whitley was the 2018 4A State Wrestling Champion (152 lbs.). Tylee Velasquez was the 2019 FFA Livestock Judging State Champion. There are 17 BHS students in the running for the perfect attendance awards, with the ceremony being held on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. There are 135 BHS Seniors graduating on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m. GO BOBCATS!

## **6.4 Charlie Y. Brown High School - Mr. Benavidez**

Mr. Benavidez began by thanking the School Board and the Superintendent for their support of CYB. There are 21 students graduating with 5 returning to BHS to graduate and another 5 on Thursday, with a total of 31 graduating students. There will be 4 students graduating in June. He had 3 students attend to share their story of how they were able to achieve what they've achieved.

Cody Yazzie began with stating how much he has grown over the years. He figured he would just drop out, but the teachers at CYB were great. Ms. Daniels made him feel welcomed. Mr. Benavidez kept on him and now he's going to graduate.

Nicole Thompson started at BHS for 2 years, but it didn't go well. It was a roller coaster. She dropped out for a year when she turned 18 and then she returned. She only had 9 credits when she returned. She really pushed

herself. It was a huge struggle. She had her doubts, but the teachers really pushed her and encouraged her. "CYB is a great place to go to make up credits!"

Jerry Moreno started by thanking Mr. Benavidez. His experience was great. He only had 1 credit when he went to CYB and now he's graduating early. He's very thankful to the people and the teachers! Mr. Benavidez said that everyone feels like outcasts, but they all come together. They all get along.

### 6.5 Imagine Learning – Ms. Schoellkopf

Ms. Andrea Schoellkopf presented the National Imagine Award to Blanco Elementary. The School of Excellence Award is given to the top schools in each product category based on usage, implementation, and other exacting criteria. For the 2018–2019 school year, 116 schools received the School of Excellence award out of 23,000 schools utilizing Imagine Learning.

## 7.0 INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD

### 7.1 Bloomfield Association of Classroom Teachers (BACT)

No BACT Representative was present.

### 7.2 National Education Association (NEA - Bloomfield)

No NEA Representative was present.

### 7.3 Public Commentary

Board Secretary, Veronica Tso, asked the Navajo Nation Council Delegate, Mark Freeland, to speak. He was appointed in January from Crownpoint. There is a lot of territory to cover so there is a lot of traveling involved. He believes in partnerships and wants to thank the District for their partnership. Education is very important, driving to success. He is currently focusing on the Impact Aid and the Yazzie vs. Martinez case, which will place emphasis on language and culture. He wanted to let the Board know that the Navajo Nations is here to help, offer support, grow the relationship, and support the youth and children. There is a lot of need and pride.

## 8.0 ACTION ITEMS

### 8.1 Approval of the Preliminary 2020 Operating Budget

The Preliminary 2020 Operating Budget was reviewed by the Budget Committee and was presented during a Public Budget Meeting.

**Recommendation:** Superintendent recommends approval of the Preliminary 2020 Operating Budget

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Bruce Armenta**) Moved, Member (**Tony DeHerrera**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Superintendent recommends approval of the Preliminary 2020 Operating Budget'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Tony DeHerrera	Yes
Cecilia (Elizabeth) Lier (Gomez)	Yes
Bruce Armenta	Yes
Dale Maes	Yes
Veronica Tso	Yes

### 8.2 Approval to Adopt the Resolution for SB 9 Ballot Question

Resolution/Proclamation calling for the question of renewing the Public School Capital Improvements Tax to be submitted to the qualified electors of the Bloomfield School District at the regular local election on November 5, 2019.

**Recommendation:** Superintendent recommends approval to adopt the Resolution for SB 9 Ballot Question

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Tony DeHerrera**) Moved, Member (**Veronica Tso**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Superintendent recommends approval to adopt the Resolution for SB 9 Ballot Question'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Tony DeHerrera	Yes
Cecilia (Elizabeth) Lier (Gomez)	Yes
Veronica Tso	Yes
Dale Maes	Yes
Bruce Armenta	Yes

### **8.3 Approval of Activity Requests**

Activity Requests were reviewed as follows:

\*BHS Guidance - College and Career Fair September 2019

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

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Veronica Tso**) Moved, Member (**Bruce Armenta**) 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**

Bruce Armenta	Yes
Tony DeHerrera	Yes
Cecilia (Elizabeth) Lier (Gomez)	Yes
Veronica Tso	Yes
Dale Maes	Yes

### **8.4 Approval of Fundraiser Requests**

Fundraiser Requests were reviewed as follows:

Bloomfield High School

\*Football - 7 on 7 Tournament, June 2019

\*Cheer - Fan Gear and Fan Clothing Sales, 2019-2020

\*Cheer - Car Wash and Bake Sale, June 2019

\*Cheer - Mini Cheer Camp, July 2019

\*Cheer - Chic-fil-a Breakfast, June-August 2019

\*Cheer - Color Run, September 2019

\*Cheer - Mini Cheer Clinics, fall 2019 & spring 2020

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

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Cecilia (Elizabeth) Lier (Gomez)**) Moved, Member (**Tony DeHerrera**) 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**

Dale Maes	Yes
Cecilia (Elizabeth) Lier (Gomez)	Yes
Bruce Armenta	Yes
Tony DeHerrera	Yes
Veronica Tso	Yes

### **8.5 Approval of 2019-2020 Academic Calendar**

The 2019-2020 school calendar was approved during the April meeting, however BECC is requesting the calendar be revised due to a portion of House Bill 2 being vetoed by Governor Lujan Grisham. She vetoed the section stating Pre-K must operate their programs on the same schedule as K-12. This allows districts to

schedule PreK programs to meet the needs of their communities. BECC is requesting to maintain the four day a week schedule for the 2019-2020 school year.

**Recommendation:** Superintendent recommends approval of the 2019-2020 Academic Calendar

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Bruce Armenta**) Moved, Member (**Veronica Tso**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Superintendent recommends approval of the 2019-2020 Academic Calendar'. 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
Dale Maes	Yes
Cecilia (Elizabeth) Lier (Gomez)	Yes
Bruce Armenta	Yes

**8.6 Approval of Hiring of Signing EA for Student Needs - Mrs. Hernandez**

A student, currently at BECC, requires sign language to communicate. The hiring of a signing EA will meet the IEP goals as the student transitions to other schools.

**Recommendation:** Superintendent recommends approval of hiring a signing EA for student needs

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

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

Tony DeHerrera	Yes
Bruce Armenta	Yes
Dale Maes	Yes
Veronica Tso	Yes
Cecilia (Elizabeth) Lier (Gomez)	Yes

**8.7 Approval of Computer Science Courses for SY2019-20**

Computer Science courses have not been offered in the past. In building a Program of Study (POS) these courses are needed, starting with 7th grade, culminating in either/or Advanced Placement (AP) or Dual Credit (DC).

**Recommendation:** Superintendent recommends approval of Computer Science Courses for SY2019-20

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Tony DeHerrera**) Moved, Member (**Cecilia (Elizabeth) Lier (Gomez)**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Superintendent recommends approval of Computer Science Courses for SY2019-20'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Tony DeHerrera	Yes
Dale Maes	Yes
Veronica Tso	Yes
Bruce Armenta	Yes
Cecilia (Elizabeth) Lier (Gomez)	Yes

**8.8 Approval of IDEA-B Grant Submission**

The grant application has been released and is ready for submittal. The draft was presented to the Board at the April work session.

**Recommendation:** Superintendent recommends approval of the IDEA-B Grant submission

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

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

Cecilia (Elizabeth) Lier (Gomez)	Yes
Bruce Armenta	Yes
Tony DeHerrera	Yes
Dale Maes	Yes
Veronica Tso	Yes

### **8.9 Approval of Superintendent's Contract Extension**

The Board met in closed session during the April meeting to discuss the Superintendent's contract. They agreed to extend the contract for an additional year, making the contract end date June 30, 2022.

**Recommendation:** Board President recommends approval of the Superintendent's contract extension for an additional year

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member (**Tony DeHerrera**) Moved, Member (**Cecilia (Elizabeth) Lier (Gomez)**) Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Board President recommends approval of the Superintendent's contract extension for an additional year'. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: **5** Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 5 - 0**

Tony DeHerrera	Yes
Dale Maes	Yes
Cecilia (Elizabeth) Lier (Gomez)	Yes
Bruce Armenta	Yes
Veronica Tso	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. 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 needed.

## **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 needed, no reconvening was called for.

## **11.0 ADVANCED PLANNING**

### **11.1 Upcoming Events:**

- \*May 17, 2019 - Retiree Social
- \*May 23, 2019 - BHS & CYB Graduation
- \*May 27, 2019 - Memorial Day (District Closed)
- \*June 11, 2019 - School Board Meeting
- \*June 14-15, 2019 - NMSBA School Law Conference

## **12.0 ADJOURNMENT**

### **12.1 Approval to Adjourn Current Board Meeting**

With all items having been discussed, requesting to adjourn the current board meeting.


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

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **(Cecilia (Elizabeth) Lier (Gomez))** Moved, Member **(Bruce Armenta)** 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**

Cecilia (Elizabeth) Lier (Gomez)	Yes
Bruce Armenta	Yes
Tony DeHerrera	Yes
Dale Maes	Yes
Veronica Tso	Yes

Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

		June 11, 2019
Board Member Signature	Title	Date Approved