



Virtual Meeting Minutes
7:00 pm, Monday, January 12, 2026

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Co-Presidents Report**
 - Sign up genius: check for upcoming volunteer opportunities. Also dates of some events have been changed, please check your emails for updates. Zumba, Game Night & the Talent Show dates have all been changed & updated on signup genius
 - Virtual backpack: requests need to be received by Mrs. Getic by Tuesday, to be included in that week's edition.
 - Open positions: please reach out to our co-presidents if you are interested in any standing or event chairperson positions. The Co-President position will be open for next school year, please reach out to me if you'd like to discuss the role!
 - HSA basketball- we are still looking for a volunteer to step up and run the townwide HSA program for next season. Also, we will announce the dates that we need parent volunteers to assist at Demarest for 3 dates to assist w the flow throughout the day.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report**

Account Balances:

 - a. LGCCC: \$2670.00
 - b. Primary Checking: \$96,148.08
 - c. HSA Savings: \$ 25,613.95
 - d. Playground Savings: \$32,910.18
- V. **Secretary's Report: Please** be sure to complete the custodian's building use form when you are requesting to use Demarest facilities.
- VI. **Board of Education Representative's Report-Mrs. Greene (attached)**
- VII. **Principal's Report-Mr. Sullivan**

Congratulations to Justin Bissett for his winning design for the Sixth Grade Legacy Tile that will memorialize the Class of 2026 for future generations of Bengals!

Congratulations to Sofia Mercedes for her contributions to Bloomfield winning 1st place at the Essex County Forensics Competition.

Thank you to all the volunteers who made our HSA Basketball Pep Rally a success last week. This event fostered school spirit and charged up our players for a great start to the basketball season!

Our fourth-grade classes will be having an afternoon of peace and diversity in which students will learn about the accomplishments of Martin Luther King Jr. and discuss ways in which they can also contribute to their community.

Speaking of MLK-schools will be closed on January 19th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

We look forward to our Lunar New Year Dance Assembly on January 29th.
- VIII. **Teacher's Report**
 - a. Next month, the clues will go live to help students guess the title of this year's One Book. The title will be revealed on February 27th. Families are encouraged to read the book with their students. One Night is scheduled for March 24th.
- IX. **Committee Chairperson's Reports**
 - a. 6th Grade- 50/50 Raffle is Going on! - tickets are \$5. To purchase please see any 6th grade student or committee member. As a reminder, we're asking for each 6th grader to



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sell their book of tickets that were distributed before break. Ticket stubs and cash can be sent to the office. If you need any additional tickets, please reach out to the committee. Jackie Burns will be collecting the stubs and cash and have the books. If anyone does not wish to participate, please return the ticket books to the front office so that they can be redistributed. Any unsold tickets should also be returned. by Feb27th. The raffle will be drawn at the March HSA meeting. (we've sold over 100 tickets so far!)

We are still collecting baby and candid photos. Please note that candid photos are to be from Demarest events/classrooms only. We are hoping for any outstanding photos ASAP so we can begin working on the yearbook.

6th grade families, please be on the lookout for t-shirt design contest and sweatshirt orders. More info to come.

- b. **Basketball**
 - i. Wizards-The event was a huge success.
 - ii. HSA Basketball- Volunteers are needed to assist with directing traffic in and out of the games. In our experience you only need 2-3 people per shift to keep the traffic moving properly, and that was really all we did. Just let folks know where they could sit, where to exit at the end of the game to keep traffic patterns clear, and let people know where the bathrooms were. The attendees were all very understanding and helpful in the process. The busiest times are about 15-20 minutes before the start of a game when all the players/families for the next game rolled in. We found it helpful to designate two spots in the hallway for each team to gather and stretch with their coaches and try to let the parents find seating inside if there is room. Some parents/families prefer to wait in the hallway for their game to start and we just asked them to keep the entryway clear. Everyone was very understanding what was being asked of them, even in the rain with a long walk back to their cars after the games. The vests truly made a difference as they clearly identified us as volunteers who were there in an official capacity to just keep things moving.
- c. **Class Parents- Class Parents:** next class party is Valentines Day, on 2/13. An email will be sent out this week to all parents who have signed up to volunteer for this class party. Once this email is received you can begin to coordinate with the other class parents for your grade to decide on an activity. Activities must be consistent throughout the grade. Snacks are determined by class & need to be approved by our nurse, Mrs. Rosant. All ingredient labels must be sent to Mrs. Rosant by Wednesday 2/4. All activities and snacks should also be approved by the classroom teacher, please reach out to your classroom teacher by 2/4 to confirm times & specifics for the party.
- d. **Holiday Shop-**Final funds earned are still pending.
- e. **Hospitality-** In December, hospitality provided a teacher's holiday breakfast and escorted Santa around the school with small gifts for the students. Next on our agenda is planning school counselors and crossing guard appreciation gifts.
- f. **Mini Fundraising-January 21st -Chipotle**
- g. **Paint Night-** A big thank you to all the volunteers that helped make this event such a fun evening. Thank you to my husband, Dave, who does SO much behind the scenes and personally drew all 60+ canvases for the kids to paint. We were able to raise \$1,387. My husband and I are more than happy to continue running this event but could benefit from a third helper. Please reach out if you're interested in joining us for another great event next year!
- h. **Game Night-** Date changed last minute pulling it up to Friday, Feb 27.
We are so excited to offer a new event this winter. \$5 suggested donation per family to come and play your favorite board or card game with the Demarest community. Bring a game or learn a new one, bring your dinner and enjoy a fun-filled evening. Snacks and



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drinks will be for sale. Volunteers are always needed for set up, to tear down, and snack sales. Set up is 5-6 with event starting at 6 and ending at 8 with clean up until 9 pm.

- i. Pep Squad-Our Squad finally got their jackets! The jackets will be part of the team's uniform for performances. The team is very excited about them but also very sad they didn't get to keep them. We will utilize them each season so long as they remain in good condition. Thank you to those that volunteered to help the Pep Squad at the Basketball Pep Rally! Thank you, Shelly, for MCing the event!
 - j. Talent Show-**NEW DATE Friday, March 20th**
- X. **Old Business**
 - XI. **New Business**
 - XII. **Announcements**-Next meeting virtually, Monday, February 2, 2026
 - XIII. **Adjournment**



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January 2026 HSA Talking Points

- **Congratulations to Our Board of Education Members**

- We extend our heartfelt congratulations to our newly elected and returning Board of Education members. We are pleased to welcome Kerri Joyce, Andrew Lamonte, and Deanna Wilson to the board.
- We also extend our best wishes to Kasey Dudley on her reappointment as Board President, and to Michael Heller, who has been appointed as Vice President. We look forward to collaborating to enhance educational opportunities for all Bloomfield students.

- **PowerSchool Reminder**

- Please take a moment to ensure your contact information in PowerSchool is up to date. Accurate information is essential for emergency alerts and district-wide updates. Keeping your profile current helps us maintain a safe and well-informed school community.

- **Budget Season Update**

- We have successfully concluded our internal department meetings for the 2026-2027 budget. The process now moves to public presentations and discussions. A calendar of these budget events will be posted on the district website shortly.

- **School News**

- We are proud to congratulate our BHS seniors who have begun receiving college and university acceptance letters. This is a significant milestone, and we wish them continued success as they navigate the next steps of their academic journeys.
- We encourage seniors and their families to monitor our district's social media platforms for frequent updates regarding available scholarship opportunities.
- We are thrilled to celebrate excellence in our classrooms. Congratulations to all our schools' [Teachers and Service Professionals of the Year!](#) We are deeply grateful for your dedication and the incredible impact you have on our students every day.

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- Kudos to the staff and students who made our winter performances truly outstanding. Our Fine Arts Department enjoyed a wonderful holiday season, and we thank everyone for sharing their incredible talents with our community.
- A sincere thank you to all our HSA's for their enthusiastic participation in the Harlem Wizards basketball event. Your hard work and dedication made this highly successful evening possible, bringing together students, families, and staff for a memorable celebration of school spirit. It was a fantastic experience for everyone involved.
- Join the Bloomfield BOE Community Engagement Committee, Bloomfield DEI Network, and the Black Citizens of Bloomfield for the 2nd annual Martin Luther King Jr Day of Service and contest. Please see the [flyer](#) for details.
- Huge congratulations to BHS wrestlers [Leanna and Saharia](#), who both achieved their 100th career victory during the same match. Reaching this milestone is a testament to years of hard work, discipline, and perseverance.
- BHS Unified Coach Megan Leonard has been named a [NY Jets 'Inspire Change' Changemaker!](#) In recognition of her incredible work with our students, Ms. Leonard was presented with a \$10,000 donation for the charity of her choice by Jets Defensive Tackle Harrison Phillips. To further celebrate her impact, Ms. Leonard will be attending the upcoming Super Bowl in California as an honored guest. Congratulations, Ms. Leonard, on this well-deserved national recognition!
- **[Board of Education Recognition Month](#)**
 - January is Board of Education Recognition Month, a time to honor the volunteers who lead our district. We are incredibly grateful for our board members' selfless service and dedication. Their vital role in our schools helps build a brighter future for all our students.
- **Important Dates to Remember**
 - January 19, 2026 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Schools will be closed in observance of this important day.
 - January 27, 2026- Board of Education Meeting
 - [Bloomfield School District Master Calendar of Events](#)