



## Meeting Minutes

7:00 pm Monday, September 8, 2025

- I. Call to Order 7:06 pm**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Co-Presidents Report**

1. Welcome Back - Introduce new Board Members & thank our previous board members
2. Committee Chairs/Open Committee Positions - will have a copy of the current excel sheet at the meeting for committee members to check if their contact information is correct & be able to identify open positions
3. Committee Chair Event Guide Updates to Guideline Review: Will discuss the updated custodial event form, universal sign-up genius, universal event check in for volunteers  
(I will have copies of the custodial event form & QR codes for sign-up genius & event check in)
4. Reminders for Social Media, Translation, & Virtual Backpack  
Social media - send correct formatted flyer 3 days prior to desired date to be posted.  
Translation - all flyers/social media posts must be translated. Please submit it to translation committee 1 week prior to distributing flyer/social media posts.  
Virtual Backpack - Ms. Getic requires all VB entries be received the Tuesday before Thursday Distribution

### **Treasurer's Report**

#### **a. Account Balances**

1. Main Checking- \$65043.18
2. LGCCC Checking Balance-1750
3. Savings Balance-\$25,612.24
4. Playground Acct.-\$32,904.68
5. Reminder to please submit all forms and receipts in a timely fashion.
6. Vote on the reallocation of funds-Emergency budget line

### **IV. Secretary's Report**

- a. Building Use Forms as well as the custodial forms must be filled out PRIOR TO EVERY EVENT
- b. Committees must submit updates or agenda items before the HSA meeting to have them included in the agenda. The HSA secretary will send reminders to committee members a week before the meeting.



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### V. Board of Education Representative's Report

#### District

- Welcome Back to the 2025-26 School Year
- [We had a fantastic start to the school year](#)
  - We held several events to kick off the new school year. The Administrators' Retreat provided a valuable opportunity for our leadership team to plan and align on our goals. Following that, we welcomed our newest educators during New Teacher Orientation, helping them get ready for the year ahead. Finally, our annual Convocation brought all staff together to celebrate the start of a new and exciting academic year.
  - All of our schools had a great first few days
    - Check out all [social media pages](#) of each school
  - Sandy Hook Promise-Start with Hello Week 9/15-9/19
- [Bloomfield Parent Academy](#)
  - Check out Website throughout the year
- [PowerSchool](#)
  - Please update you contact information
- [LUNCH APPLICATIONS](#)-please see district website for more information
  - Every family must submit this form yearly
  - Can pick up paper copy at admin office in black mailbox outside the front door
  - Also being sent home in virtual backpack
- The district has completed several facility projects over the summer in anticipation of the 2025-2026 school year.
- Thank you to our custodial and maintenance staff for their hard work over the summer to make our buildings so beautiful to open school.
- After 50 years of dedicated service to the Bloomfield School District, Superintendent Goncalves has announced his retirement, effective June 30, 2026. We extend our sincerest gratitude for his leadership and commitment and wish him all the best in his retirement. We look forward to a successful school year and will provide updates on the search for a new superintendent as they become available.

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#### BHS/BMS

- The current BMS schedule, now in its second year, is being updated to include more student learning opportunities. A big thank you to everyone who helped make this happen!
- What a fantastic start to the fall sports season! Our athletes have already displayed tremendous effort and skill. We're looking forward to an exciting season filled with excitement.
  - The Bloomfield Bengals football team's season is off to a 1-1 start. They won their home opener against Newark Central but lost a tough game to their rival, Nutley, with a final score of 21-14.

#### Elementary

- Our summer kindergarten playdates were a huge success. It was wonderful to see our newest students getting to know each other and making new friends before the school year even begins. Thank you to everyone who helped make these events so special.



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### VI. Principal's Report

- Congratulations to Supt. Goncalves on his pending retirement.
- Thank you to the Demarest custodians, specifically Ruben Cortez.
- Construction projects started today, windows will be completed by the end of September. HVAC completion before 2027 due date.
- NJSLA testing improving and showing growth across all grades.
- HSA Pep Rally scheduled for Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Picture Day, September 11<sup>th</sup>
- Back to School night, 7pm on September 18<sup>th</sup>
- Start with Hello Week, Week of September 15
- Community Kickball game, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>
- September 23<sup>rd</sup>, schools closed for Rosh Hashanah

### Teacher's report

- K-3 will have library every week.
- Chromebooks stay in school.
- 4-6 will have library bi-weekly.
- Chromebooks go back and forth from school.
- Chromebook insurance explained and discussed.

### VII. Committee Chairperson's Reports

- a. Membership-Complete membership form and pay dues. Must be a paid HSA member to be a class parent.
- b. Class Parents-Will use Google form, starting September 19<sup>th</sup>-Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>.
  - i. Eligibility requirements discussed.
  - ii. Class parent meeting in October prior to the HSA meeting.
- c. Spirit wear-Our school store is currently open. The website can be currently accessed through our social media page, and we aim to send flyers home by the second week of school. There are new products and designs available! The store will be open until Sunday 9/21, and products should be delivered during the week of 10/6. Thanks so much! Hope you enjoy the rest of your summer!
- d. Pep Squad- 99% of our squad is returning, and we had a wait list and so this year it will be difficult to accept new applicants.

We have our first event on Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, The Back-to-School Pep Rally, and we will be having our first practice on September 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be using Game Changer this year, parents have been sent a link to join.

- e. 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents- please look out for important information that will be sent out. Please ensure you pay your HSA dues so that your Graduate receives their yearbook and Graduation T-Shirt. These are just some of the perks of participating in and paying your HSA Dues. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents please look out for important information that will be sent out. Please ensure you pay your HSA dues so that your Graduate receives their yearbook and Graduation T-Shirt. These are just some of the perks of participating in and paying your HSA Dues.

Ice Pop Sales- Every Friday in September. 9/5, 9/12, 9/19 and 9/26

Clothing Drive and Car Wash is scheduled for September 6<sup>th</sup>.

- f. Community Events- First annual community kickball game to take place September 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00, with funds raised going to the playground fund. More info to follow. Rain date September 21.



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- g. Pumpkin Patch-October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Sign up to volunteer on Sign up Genius.
  - h. Mini Fundraising- Ashley Farms pie sales will open October 1<sup>st</sup> with orders due October 22 and pick up November 17 at dismissal. For Back to School Night, Angelo's will give a percentage of carry-out and delivery orders.
  - i. Beautification-Townwide clean up starts at 9am on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Sign up to volunteer on Sign up Genius.
  - j. Fall Social and Trunk a Treat  
Planning for the 2025 Trunk or Treat event is well underway with a detailed schedule, new features, and a strong volunteer committee in place to ensure a fun and memorable evening for families.
- **Event schedule and logistics:** The event is set for Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 to 8:30 PM, with a rain date on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Car arrivals begin at 5:00 PM, followed by lighting setup and a breakdown period after the event ends.
  - **Committee and volunteer team:** A diverse group of parents and alumni is actively involved, managing various roles such as decorations, check-in, story time, and food service, supported by Girl Scouts volunteers.
  - **New features and improvements:** This year introduces a \$7 admission fee per child with free entry for families who decorate, card-only payments for food via Square, added apple cider and donut tables, pizza partnerships, and a live story time performance. The DJ is booked for an extended set, and the flyer distribution is planned early in the school year.
  - **Ongoing preparations and calls to action:** Final tasks include flyer printing, snack donations, decoration inventory, prize organization, and recruiting additional volunteers. The committee encourages members to confirm availability and contribute to setup, station management, or donations.

K, social media- Please submit requests at least three to five days prior to needing to be post. Please utilize the Canva, Instagram templates to build your post and submit with the approved Spanish translation version.

I. Community Service-Implementing a Google doc where people can discreetly request assistance. The form will go to the school counselor, Ms. Beesley, and anonymous requests is sent to the community to administer assistance. As we did last year, we will ask for used Spirit wear donations to be distributed through Ms. Favato and Ms. Beesley. In addition, Community Service will collect gently used Demarest spirit wear to donate to those families in need. Looking forward to having new volunteers to assist.

- VIII. **Old Business-** The vote to reallocate the emergency funds unanimously passed 13-0.
- IX. **New Business-N/A**
- X. **Announcements**
- XI. **Adjournment: 8:23 pm**



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HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



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For all your Volunteering Needs

