

REGULAR  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
August 28, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

President Michael Lenisa called the regular meeting of the Board of Education in Bloomingdale Elementary School District 13 to order at 7:01 p.m. on Monday, August 28, 2023 in an in person and virtual setting. The District invited the public to join the School Board this evening by Zoom webinar platform.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Marc Kapral, Mr. Terry McKeown, Ms. Tamara Peterson, Mrs. Linda Wojcicki, Mrs. Kari Zehme, Mr. Michael Lenisa

Absent:

Others Present: Dr. Jon Bartelt, Shannon Whitaker, Valerie Varhalla, Nicole Gabany, Rick McCall, Nicole Majewski, Mike Majewski, Renee Bunko, Pawel Bunko, Tino Simon, Cathy D'Agostini, Racquel Morelos, Rocky Morelos

**Oath of Office**

Board President, Michael Lenisa administered the Oath of Office to newly installed board member, Nicole Majewski

**Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mr. Kapral to approve the items in the Consent Agenda which included Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on 6-26-23, the Closed Session Board Meeting held on 6-26-23, the Special Board Meeting held on 8-14-23, the Special Board Meeting held on 8-22-23 and the Closed Session Board Meeting held on 8-22-23. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$663,064.11; the Operations and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$376,301.57; Debt Service in the amount of \$0.00; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$66,661.39; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; and Tort Fund in the amount of \$148,088.00; Payroll (7-10-2023) in the amount of \$389,388.28, (7-25-2023) in the amount of \$395,787.50, and (8-10-23) in the amount of \$387,426.72 as shown in (F.D. 8/28/23-1); the Fund Balance Report as shown in (F.D. 8/28/23-2); the Balance Sheet as shown in (F.D. 8/28/23-3); the Revenue Report as shown in (F.D. 8/28/23-4); the Expenditure Report as shown in (F.D. 8/28/23-5); and Activity Report as shown in (F.D. 8/28/23-6); **New Hires**, Jessica Erickson, Teacher at DuJardin for a salary of \$56,361.00, Terri Alexander, Teacher at DuJardin for a salary of \$57,681.00, Irene Makropoulos, Teacher at Erickson for a salary of \$64,052, Noelle Menos, Math Interventionist at the District for a salary of \$67,129, Lenore Hayes, Teacher at Westfield for a salary of \$51,760, Tetiana Khromei, Paraprofessional at Erickson for a salary of \$17.00/Hr., Camryn Whitaker, Paraprofessional at DuJardin for a salary of \$17.00/Hr., Leaette Caravello, School Nurse at Erickson for a salary of \$39.00/Hr., Bozena Manko, Paraprofessional at DuJardin for a salary of \$16.00/Hr., Cheryl Kiple, School Secretary at Erickson for a

salary of \$19.50/Hr., Dawn Rider, School Nurse at Westfield for a salary of \$37.00/Hr., Laura Muys, Long Term Substitute at Westfield for a salary of \$290.00/Day, Victoria Cimino, Contracted Speech Pathologist at Westfield and Erickson for a salary of \$72.00/Hr., Nyani Chambliss, Contracted Paraprofessional at Erickson for a salary of \$43.00/Hr., Lauren Faile, Contracted Paraprofessional at DuJardin for a salary of \$48.00/Hr., Jordan Gonzini, Contracted Paraprofessional at DuJardin for a salary of \$43.00/Hr., Komal Patel, Contracted Paraprofessional at Erickson for a salary of \$45.00/Hr.; **Resignations/Retirements**, Barbara Naumiec, School Secretary at Erickson effective 9/1/23, Beth Jones, School Nurse at Westfield effective 7/27/23, Jill Whelan, School Nurse at Erickson effective 7/28/23, Christopher Shamet, Paraprofessional at Westfield effective 8/7/23, Megan Pawelkiewicz, Paraprofessional at Westfield effective 8/8/23, Juan Reyes, Custodian at Westfield effective 8/7/23, Chanell Lopez, Payroll/Benefits Coordinator at the District effective 8/28/23, Vicki Flaws, Paraprofessional at Erickson effective 8/22/23; **Re-Hires**, Bethany Hudnut, Paraprofessional at Erickson for a salary of \$16.00/Hr.; **Change of Position**, Tina Martin, Paraprofessional at DuJardin to Paraprofessional at Westfield, Cari Cook, Kindergarten Teacher at Erickson to 5th Grade Teacher at Erickson, Wendy Palazon, Library Clerk at Westfield to .5 Librarian/.5 Paraprofessional at DuJardin.

#### Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Wojcicki, Kapral, McKeown, Peterson, Zehme, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: Majewski

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 1

### **Superintendent's Report**

#### Debt Profile and Financing

Elizabeth Hennessey from Raymond James reviewed the District's debt profile and financing options as planning begins on how to implement a full day kindergarten program, renovation projects at Westfield Middle School and explore additional curricular programming.

#### 2023 IAR Results

Mrs. Gabany presented the preliminary results of the 2023 Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) assessments by grade level and answered questions from the board.

#### Finance Committee of the Whole

Dr. Bartelt indicated that there would be a special meeting on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. for the board to tour the buildings with Mr. Rosales to review summer work that has been completed. Following the tour, the Board will meet in the Boardroom to review the FY2024 Budget with Ms. Varhalla.

**Public Comment**

Renee Bunko inquired about the correlation between low math scores and common core.

Racquel Morelos inquired about what grade IAR testing starts.

Cathy D'Agostini requested that the board review her hourly rate because she feels there are inconsistencies between her rate and other staff members performing similar duties.

Racquel Morelos spoke in support of Cathy D'Agostini.

Rocky Morelos spoke in support of Cathy D'Agostini.

Tino Simon spoke about the bullying that his son experienced last year. In addition he would like to know what the average class sizes have been over the past five years.

**Board Reports and Requests**

BIG – Mr. Lenisa reported that the Fire Department took possession of their new fire truck, and roofing repairs are being done at the firehouse. He also indicated that the assessor's office is now using new software for providing tax bills in DuPage County. The next meeting is scheduled for October..

CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition – Mrs. Wojcicki reported that Dr. Bartelt was honored at their recognition breakfast on August 12th. The CHARACTER COUNTS! celebration night will be held on October 3, 2023.

Education Foundation – Mrs. Zehme indicated that there was a meeting earlier that day, where they worked on the fundraiser that is scheduled for October 25th at the Bloomingdale Golf Club. The next meeting is scheduled for September 27th.

LEND - Mrs. Zehme informed the group that there was no meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for September 22nd.

NDSEC – Mr. Kapral indicated that they met in August where they approved the fiscal year budget. At the meeting, new Executive Director, Todd Putnam shared his transition plan.

Bloomingdale Council of Teachers – Mr. Lenisa stated that they met earlier this month to discuss opening day speeches and establish a schedule for monthly meetings.

**Freedom of Information Act Requests**

Mr. Lenisa indicated that there were four FOIA requests that were summarized in the Board packet.

**Action Items**

Resolution in Support of CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition (F.D. 8/28/23-7)

A motion was made by Mr. McKeown and seconded by Mrs. Zehme for the Board to approve the Resolution in Support of CHARACTER COUNTS!

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: McKeown, Zehme, Kapral, Peterson, Wojcicki, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: Majewski

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 1

Second Reading of Amendments to Board Policies (F.D. 8/28/23-8)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mr. Kapral for the Board to approve the amendments to the Policies identified as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Wojcicki, Kapral, McKeown, Peterson, Zehme, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: Majewski

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 1

Approval of Community Engagement Proposal (F.D. 8/28/23-9)

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board to approve the contract for consulting services from EOSullivan Consulting for the total not to exceed \$85,000, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Peterson, Wojcicki, Kapral, McKeown, Zehme, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: Majewski

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 1

Approval of Threat Assessment Plan (F.D. 8/28/23-10)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mr. McKeown for the Board to approve the Threat Assessment Plans for 2023-2024 as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Wojcicki, McKeown, Kapral, Peterson, Zehme, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: Majewski

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 1

**Discussion Items**

FY2024 Budget

Director of Finance, Valerie Varhalla reviewed the 2023-2024 tentative budget with the Board ahead of the Finance Committee of the Whole on September 11, 2023.

K-8 Foreign Language Programming

Dr. Bartelt shared the results from the focus group that was developed during an earlier cycle of the District's Strategic Plan to examine the viability of offering K-8 Foreign Language Programming to students in the District.

Strategic Plan Initiatives for 2023-2024

Dr. Bartelt reviewed the strategic plan initiatives with the Board. These initiatives will be brought back for approval at the September 25th Board meeting.

**Superintendent Performance Goals**

Dr. Bartelt shared his performance goals with the Board, and indicated that he will be working with a sub-committee of the Board to address the job description goal within his evaluation.

**4th Quarter Financial Reports**

Ms. Varhalla reviewed the 4th Quarter Financial Reports with the Board, and answered questions that were raised.

**Topic(s) for Future Agendas**

Possible change for the monthly enrollment report that would include a staff to student ratio.

MTSS Refresher

Bullying

**For Information**

**Enrollment Update**

Available for review in the Board packet.

**NDSEC Profile**

Available for review in the Board packet.

**Salary Compensation Report**

Available for review in the Board packet.

**Adjourn to Closed Session**

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. Kapral for the Board to adjourn to closed session at 9:29 p.m. to discuss the employment/evaluation /compensation of personnel.

**Roll Call Vote**

Ayes: Peterson, Kapral, McKeown, Wojcicki, Zehme, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: Majewski

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 1

President Michael Lenisa called the regular meeting of the Board of Education in Bloomingdale Elementary School District 13 back to order at 10:16 p.m.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mr. Kapral to adjourn the meeting. All ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

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Michael Lenisa, President

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Linda Wojcicki, Secretary