

REGULAR  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
February 27, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

President Matt Boebel called the regular meeting of the Board of Education in Bloomingdale Elementary School District 13 to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 27, 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. Patrick Devitt, Mr. Terry McKeown, Ms. Tamara Peterson, Mrs. Linda Wojcicki, Mrs. Kari Zehme, Mr. Matt Boebel

Absent: Mr. Michael Lenisa

Others Present: Dr. Jon Bartelt, Shannon Whitaker, Valerie Varhalla, Nicole Gabany, Rick McCall, Veronica Archacki, Tia Tenneti, Steve Morley, Mary Jo Morley

**Above and Beyond** – Board Member Linda Wojcicki recognized this month's Above and Beyond recipients, Lehka Ghandi (DuJardin), Madison Danek (Erickson) and Jacob Kane (Westfield).

**Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Devitt and seconded by Ms. Peterson to approve the items in the Consent Agenda which included Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on 1-23-23 and Minutes from the Closed Board Meeting held on 1-23-23. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$571,032.83; the Operations and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$68,867.56; Debt Service in the amount of \$1,864.30; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$64,220.91; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; and Tort Fund in the amount of \$0.00; Payroll (1-25-2023) in the amount of \$412,227.80 and (2-10-2023) in the amount of \$489,098.14, as shown in (F.D. 2/27/23-1); the Fund Balance Report as shown in (F.D. 2/27/23-2); the Balance Sheet as shown in (F.D. 2/27/23-3); the Revenue Report as shown in (F.D. 2/27/23-4); the Expenditure Report as shown in (F.D. 2/27/23-5); and Activity Report as shown in (F.D. 2/27/23-6); **New Hires**, Amy Riemenschneider, Lunch Supervisor at DuJardin for a salary of \$15.00/Hr., Bailey Ekstrand, Paraprofessional at DuJardin for a salary of \$15.27/Hr.; **Resignations/Retirements**, Suzanne Stankoskey, Teacher at Erickson effective 6/30/24, Susan Metzger, Teacher at Westfield effective 6/30/24; **Change of Position**, Tom Williams, Day Custodian at DuJardin to Maintenance Technician at the District, Manuela Anta, Paraprofessional at Erickson to .5 EL Teacher/.5 Paraprofessional at Erickson.; **Leaves**, Kelly Rizza, Maternity Leave effective 11/2/22, Kelly Rizza, Parental Leave effective 8/1/23, Jennifer Koziol, Parental Leave effective 8/1/23, Jeremy Gabriel, Paternity Leave effective 2/24/23, Marlynn Reuter, FMLA Leave effective 2/17/23.

## Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Devitt, Peterson, McKeown, Wojcicki, Boebel

Nays: None

Abstained: Zehme

Motion Carried: 5 – 0 – 1

## **Superintendent's Report**

### Insightex Presentation

Mrs. Nicole Gabany, Director of Teaching and Learning, shared the results of the District's Insightex survey tool from Humanex which was used to survey employee satisfaction with the organization.

### MTSS Update

Dr. Bartelt announced that the MTSS report was being postponed until the March meeting, when Mrs. Samia Hefferan, Director of Student Services is back in the office to present.

### School Improvement Plan Update

School Principals, Mr. Haugens, Mrs. Johnston, and Mr. Larsson provided a progress report on the goals of their buildings, and answered questions from the Board.

## **Public Comment**

None

## **Board Reports and Requests**

BIG – Dr. Bartelt indicated that the last meeting was held on January 26. Topics of discussion were new businesses coming to the village, Chamber of Commerce scholarships and College of DuPage's Andy Warhol exhibit. D13 talked about snow days, the safety preparedness seminar and the early childhood grant.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition – Mrs. Wojcicki reported that they were trying to get a date together for their breakfast in August. Their next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 2.

Education Foundation – Mrs. Wojcicki shared that there was no February meeting.

LEND - Mrs. Zehme reported that they met this past Friday and discussed ISBE updates and retired staff coming back for up to 120 days being extended to 2026. The next meeting is March 17th. The group is looking for Executive Committee members.

NDSEC – Ms. Peterson stated that there was an operational meeting on February 13 where they approved the assistant director and the assistant to the executive director. She also indicated that their transportation contract was extended for 2 years.

Bloomington Council of Teachers – Mrs. Nicole Gabany, presented the School Board-Bloomington Council of Teachers shared goal as it aligns to the Strategic Plan.

School Reports – Student Ambassador, Tia Tenneti shared news from Westfield Middle School, and Student Ambassador Veronica Archacki reported on happenings at DuJardin and Erickson Elementary Schools. In addition, Tia spoke to the board about the possibility of getting the middle school students the chance to participate in the Science Olympiad, an event where students compete in 23 science related events. Dr. Bartelt indicated that he would reach out to his colleagues from the feeder districts to see if they might be able to organize an event locally.

#### **Freedom of Information Act Requests**

Mr. Boebel indicated that there were five FOIA requests that were summarized in the Board packet.

#### **Action Items**

##### **Approval of 2023-2024 School Fees (F.D. 2/27/23-7)**

A motion was made by Mr. Devitt and seconded by Mr. McKeown for the Board to approve the District Fees for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented.

##### **Roll Call Vote**

Ayes: Devitt, McKeown, Peterson, Wojcicki, Zehme, Boebel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Approval of NDSEC Classroom Lease Agreement (F.D. 2/27/23-8)

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board to approve the classroom lease agreement with NDSEC, as presented

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Peterson, Wojcicki, Devitt, McKeown, Peterson, Zehmei, Boebel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Approval of Superintendent Contract Extension (F.D. 2/27/23-9)

A motion was made by Mr. McKeown and seconded by Mrs. Zehme for the Board to Approve the Resolution and Exhibits to extend the contract of Dr. Jon Bartelt, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: McKeown, Zehme, Devitt, Peterson, Wojcicki, Zehme, Boebel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

**Discussion Items**

Literacy Curriculum

Mrs. Gabany presented an overview of the findings of the Literacy Committee after examining new resources for teachers to use as part of the District's regular curriculum renewal cycle.

Summer Projects

Mr. Marcos Rosales presented the proposed projects for the District for the Summer of 2023 and answered questions from the Board.

**Topic(s) for Future Agendas**

CKLA - talking points

**For Information**

NDSEC Profile

Available for review in the Board packet.

Enrollment Update

Available for review in the Board packet.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. Devitt and seconded by Ms. Peterson to adjourn the meeting. All ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Matt Boebel, President

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Linda Wojcicki, Secretary