

REGULAR
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
October 25, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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, October 25, 2021 in an in person and virtual setting. The District invited the public to join the School Board this evening by Zoom webinar platform.

Roll Call

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

Absent:

Others Present: Dr. Jon Bartelt, Shannon Whitaker, Nicole Gabany, John Reiniche, Rick McCall, Patrick Devitt, Ashley Harsila, Angel Frattinger, Mary Frattinger, McKay Frattinger, Alesa Andrews, Dick Gibbs, Marty Frattinger, Vicki Flaws, Frank Flaws, Stacy Johnston, Marcin Kapral, Fina Klco, Andy Mace, Stefan Larsson, Patrick Haugens, Kapil Aggarwal

Oath of Office

Board President, Matt Boebel administered the Oath of Office to newly installed board member, Patrick Devitt.

Recognition of Exemplars

Mr. McKeown presented Exemplar Certificates to Evelyn Voytek as Student Exemplar, Mrs. Angel Frattinger as Staff Exemplar, and Mrs. Fina Flco as Community Exemplar.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Ms. Peterson to approve the items in the Consent Agenda which included Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on 9-27-21, Special Board Meetings held on 10-05-21 and 10-18-21 and the Closed Session Board Meeting held on 10-18-21. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$160,726.65; the Operations and Maintenance Fund for in the amount of \$149,440.42; Debt Service in the amount of \$1,947.66; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$12,147.66; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; and Tort Fund in the amount of \$175.00; Payroll (10-08-2021) in the amount of \$488,227.43 and (10-25-2021) in the amount of \$448,202.73 as shown in (F.D. 10/25/2021-1); the Fund Balance Report as shown in (F.D. 10/25/2021-2); the Balance Sheet as shown in (F.D. 10/25/2021-3); the Revenue Report as shown in (F.D. 10/25/2021-4); the Expenditure Report as shown in (F.D. 10/25/2021-5); and Activity Report as shown in (F.D. 10/25/2021-6); **New Hires**, Mckenzie Kibbie, Paraprofessional at DuJardin for an hourly rate of \$13.52/hr., effective 10/12/21; **Resignations/Retirements**, Jamie Mathy, Paraprofessional at Erickson effective 9/24/21, Paul Paoletti, Custodian at Westfield effective 10/18/21; **Leaves**, Amanda Gunther Maternity effective 9/16/21.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Superintendent's Report

School Improvement Goals

DuJardin Principal, Patrick Haugens and Erickson Principal, Stacy Johnston presented the improvement goals for the two elementary schools in the district. They stated that they were working together to unite the two schools, using the same format that has been used by the middle school the past few years. They will be focusing on goals in three categories, Student Academic Success, Standards-Based Grading & Reporting and Social Emotional Learning. They further explained how they would be measuring the success of each of those goals. Next, Westfield Principal, Stefan Larsson presented the improvement goals for the middle school. He stated that while their format is similar to that which was presented by the elementary principals, their number one focus this year will be on social emotional wellness for all students and staff. Mr. Boebel indicated that he would like to see the principals report back to the board later in the year on the progress and tracking of the goals that were presented.

Presentation of the FY21 School District Audit

Andy Mace from the District's Auditing Firm Wipfli, LLP was present at the meeting to share the results of the FY2021 Audit. Mr. Mace indicated that there were no surprises found during the audit. In addition, he said that District 13 takes the additional step of procuring a comprehensive annual financial report. Only about 5% of districts in the State of Illinois take this step. Mr. Mace also stated that this report has been submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association and the Association of School Business Officials International for consideration of the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. This will be the second time the District has been an applicant for this prestigious award. Mr. Mace concluded that this was a very positive report and the district is managing its finances in an excellent manner. The Board will be asked to vote on the audit later in tonight's meeting.

Fall MAP Results

Mrs. Gabany indicated that MAP measures academic progress three times per year, Fall, Winter and Spring, and that it is in adaptive assessment, which means when the student answers a question correctly, the level of questions increases, and if they answer incorrectly, the level of questions decreases. The RIT score that is provided to the teachers is actually informs the teacher what they are ready for next. Results from Fall 2021 vs. Fall 2020 show that students are performing above the norm for both Math and Reading.

State School Report Cards

Mrs. Gabany informed the Board that the IAR data is under embargo until October 29th. There will not be any summative designations awarded this year. Dr. Bartelt indicated that when the information is provided, it will be shared with the Board.

Return to Learn Plan

Dr. Bartelt indicated that Moderna was approved last week as a booster for our staff, as was mix and match. Lake Park High School has organized a booster clinic on Saturday, October 30th. In addition, we are expecting an announcement from the CDC that a pediatric vaccine will be released shortly. A message was put out today by Dr. Bartelt that vaccinations for children will still be parents' choice and not mandated by the district. The district is looking into testing options. We would like to have something to talk about hopefully in December to perform voluntary testing in the schools once we are able to gather more information.

Public Comment

Kapil Aggarwal, a parent of children in the district addressed the board regarding the use of lockers at the schools. He asked when they would be available for use by students due to the weight of the backpacks that the students are carrying to and from school as well as at school. Dr. Bartelt indicated that the lockers are available for use at the schools at this time. Principal, Stacy Johnston also indicated that students are allowed to leave things in their desks at the school also.

Marcin Kapral, a parent of children in the district expressed that he had several questions he felt had not been answered at previous board meetings. He stated that feels that the district is not making adequate use of social media to promote board meetings. He is unhappy with the layout of the website and has difficulty finding information for meetings, as well as having issues with links that are not working for minutes and agendas. Mr. Kapral does not understand why the district does not have a social media monitor to handle these types of issues. Mr. Kapral also indicated that he would like more information on newly appointed board member, Patrick Devitt. Mr. Kapral touched on the return to learn plan and wanted to revisit the masking of students in the district. He does not feel that there is enough mask-free time during the day for students, and that his son only got 15 minutes of mask-free time during the lunch hour. Finally, he asked if there was someone that he could send his questions to that would send a response back to him. Dr. Bartelt indicated that his questions could be emailed directly to him for a response.

Board Reports and Requests

BIG – Mr. Lenisa gave a brief overview of his first BIG meeting. He indicated that many local groups gave updates about their organizations such as the library, park district, township board, chamber of commerce, fire department. He indicated that about 40% of the attendees of this meeting are from school districts, so it was good to hear what other districts are experiencing in relation to ours. He said perhaps the biggest issue that was discussed was the potential uses of the former Indian Lakes property.

Characters of D13 – Mrs. Wojcicki stated that they would be meeting again next week.

Education Foundation – No Report.

LEND - Ms. Zehme indicated that she will be attending the next meeting on Friday.

NDSEC – Ms. Peterson indicated that there was an Operating Board meeting. Dr. Bartelt said that the annual audit was presented but will be brought to the November meeting for formal approval.

Bloomington Council of Teachers – Mr. Boebel indicated that there is a mock draft of what they have been working on in all of the board members' blue folders showing the district's information in a brief brochure form.

School Reports – Student Board Ambassadors, Eshaan Aggarwal and Cheyenne Pavia reported that DuJardin held their PTO sponsored jog-a-thon.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

Dr. Bartelt indicated that the District received two Freedom of information Requests, and both were responded to within the timeline parameters under the Freedom of Information Act for non-commercial requests.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of the FY 2021 School District Audit (F.D. 10/25/21-7)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Ms. Peterson for the Board to approve the FY 2021 School District Audit as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 - 0

Approval of the Superintendent's Performance Goals (F.D. 10/25/21-8)

A motion was made by Mr. McKeown and seconded by Mr. Lenisa for the Board to approve the Superintendent's Performance Goals as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Approval of the Transportation Extension (F.D. 10/25/21-9)

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mrs. Zehme for the Board to approve the Transportation Extension, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Tentative Tax Levy

Mr. Reiniche gave a brief description of what a levy is, and indicated that we are proposing to levy a 2.94% increase to the 2020 extension. In accordance with DuPage County's current tax capped extension procedure, he is estimating that the County will extend approximately 1.45%. The tax levy for 2021 will be presented to the School Board with a recommendation for adoption at the regular meeting on December 20, 2021.

1st Quarter Budget Performance and Investment Report

Mr. Reiniche gave an overview of the district's investment position for the 1st Quarter. He provided the Board with two reports, the first, an overview of the District's investment portfolio, and the second, a detailed listing with all of the pertinent information relative to policy 4:30

Joint Annual Conference Preparations

Dr. Bartelt recognized Mrs. Wojcicki and Mr. McKeown for maintaining their Master School Board Member status. He also informed the Board that the 2021 Resolutions Committee Report was sent out electronically. Mr. McKeown gave a brief overview of the proposed resolutions that the Delegate Assembly will be voting on at the Joint Annual Conference and asked the board to submit any input they may have on these

resolutions to him so that he can adequately represent the District's Board at the Delegate Assembly meeting on November 20, 2021. Dr. Bartelt reviewed Policies 2:105 regarding Ethics and Gift Bans and 2:125 regarding Board Member Compensation and Expenses with the Board. He noted that per these policies, parking downtown for the Joint Annual Conference will be reimbursable, and also that it is unacceptable to accept gifts exceeding a \$100 threshold. Dr. Bartelt indicated that mitigations at the conference include hotels requiring masking at all times.

Topic(s) for Future Agendas

None

For Information

Mr. Boebel noted that the following reports are included in the board packet for review: Enrollment Report, NDSEC Profile and IMRF Compensation Report.

Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by Mr. McKeown and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki to adjourn to closed session to discuss the employment/evaluation/compensation of personnel and collective bargaining. All ayes.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 p.m.

Matt Boebel, President

Linda Wojcicki, Secretary