

REGULAR
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
January 23, 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, January 23, 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. Michael Lenisa, Mr. Terry McKeown, Ms. Tamara Peterson, Mrs. Linda Wojcicki, Mr. Matt Boebel

Absent: Mrs. Kari Zehme

Others Present: Dr. Jon Bartelt, Shannon Whitaker, Valerie Varhalla, Nicole Gabany, Rick McCall, Grace Archacki, Venky Tenneti, Ali Ventrella, Samantha Johnson, Katie Smith, Larry Helms, Candy Helms, Matt Mele, Jessica Mele, Jelena Magazin

Above and Beyond – Board Member, Michael Lenisa recognized this month's Above and Beyond recipients, Grace Mele (DuJardin), Hudson McGrath (Erickson) and Tia Tenneti and Veronica Archacki (Westfield).

Welcome Student Ambassadors

Westfield Middle School Students, Tia Tenneti and Veronica Archacki were welcomed as Student Ambassadors to the Board of Education.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Devitt and seconded by Mr. Lenisa to approve the items in the Consent Agenda which included Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on 12-19-22. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$155,148.07; the Operations and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$163,498.31; Debt Service in the amount of \$1,864.30; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$127,367.75; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; and Tort Fund in the amount of \$150.00; Payroll (12-20-2022) in the amount of \$463,506.90 and (1-10-2023) in the amount of \$419,289.10, as shown in (F.D. 1/23/23-1); the Fund Balance Report as shown in (F.D. 1/23/23-2); the Balance Sheet as shown in (F.D. 1/23/23-3); the Revenue Report as shown in (F.D. 1/23/23-4); the Expenditure Report as shown in (F.D. 1/23/23-5); and Activity Report as shown in (F.D. 1/23/23-6); **New Hires**, Jessica Rosero, School Nurse at Erickson for a salary of \$37.00/Hr., Christine Winger, Paraprofessional at Erickson for a salary of \$15.27/Hr., Jill Whelan, School Nurse at Erickson for a salary of \$37.00/Hr., Stephanie Danek, Paraprofessional at Erickson for a salary of \$15.27/Hr.;

Resignations/Retirements, Julia Hall, Paraprofessional at Westfield effective 12/19/22, Maxwell Arnold, Paraprofessional at Westfield effective 12/29/22, Laura Mills, School Nurse at the District effective 1/9/23, Sanela Kerimi, Paraprofessional at DuJardin

effective 1/9/23; **Re-Hires**, Megan Pawelkiewicz, Paraprofessional at Westfield for a salary of \$15.27/Hr.; **Leaves**, Sarah Crossley, Parental Leave effective 8/1/23, Lauren Ott, Maternity Leave effective 3/15/23, Lauren Ott, Parental Leave effective 8/1/23.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Devitt, Lenisa, McKeown, Peterson, Boebel

Nays: None

Abstained: Wojcicki

Motion Carried: 5 – 0 – 1

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Goals Midterm Report

Dr. Bartelt presented an update of the progress being made towards his performance goals for the school year.

Roselle Library Presentation

Mrs. Katie Smith, President of the Roselle Library Board and Mrs. Samantha Johnson, the Executive Director of the Roselle Library presented the proposed changes to the Roselle Library facilities to the board.

Technology Plan Update

Mr. Rick McCall provided an update on the progress made on the Technology Plan that was shared with the Board at the June 2022 meeting.

Public Comment

None

Board Reports and Requests

BIG – Mr. Lenisa indicated that there was no meeting this month.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition – Mrs. Wojcicki indicated that they were working on the recognition breakfast, and celebration night on October 3. Nomination forms will be coming out soon with a May 25th deadline.

Education Foundation – Mrs. Wojcicki shared that the Education Foundation is working on grants. The next meeting is February 13. The Foundation has received 30 grant requests from staff. The Education Foundation's spring event is scheduled for April 27th. This is the Foudation's 25th Anniversary.

LEND - Dr. Bartelt reported that LEND has not met. They will be meeting on Friday, January 27.

NDSEC – Ms. Peterson stated that there was no meeting since the last board meeting.

Bloomington Council of Teachers – Mr. Boebel indicated that the Bloomington Council of Teachers did not have a meeting this month.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

Mr. Boebel indicated that there was one FOIA request that was summarized in the Board packet.

Action Items

Closed Session Minutes Review and Digital Recording Erasure (F.D. 1/23/23-7)

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board to approve the continued unavailability of closed session minutes, and the destruction of closed session audio tape or digital recordings for the board meeting 18 months or older.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Approval of Fee Collection Agency (F.D. 1/23/23-8)

A motion was made by Mr. Devitt and seconded by Mr. McKeown for the Board to Approve the Rozlin Financial Group, Inc., as presented

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Approval of MySchoolBucks (F.D. 1/23/23-9)

A motion was made by Mr. Devitt and seconded by Ms. Peterson for the Board to Approve MySchoolBucks for the electronic collection of fees for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Approval of Demographer (F.D. 1/23/23-10)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mr. Devitt for the Board to Approve the proposal for the demographic report by Dr. John Kasarda not to exceed \$20,000, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Second Reading of Amendments to Board Policy (F.D. 1/23/23-11)

A motion was made by Mr. Devitt and seconded by Mr. Lenisa for the Board to Approve the amendments to the policies identified above as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Roselle School District 12 (F.D. 1/23/23-12)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mr. Devitt for the Board to approve the intergovernmental agreement with Roselle School District 12, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Discussion Items

School Fees 2023-2024

Ms. Valerie Varhalla shared the proposal for District fees for the 2023-2024 school year. She indicated that registration fees will not increase this year, however, the early bird discount will be removed. In addition, transportation fees will increase due to inflation, and facility rental fees will increase to cover operating costs.

Student Enrollment Projections

Ms. Valerie Varhalla presented the enrollment projections with the board. She indicated that overall, the cohort projections show stability for District 13's enrollment through 2023-2024. Enrollment projections with graphs were shared in the board packet.

Topic(s) for Future Agendas

None

For Information

Second Quarter Budget Performance Report

Available for review in the Board packet.

Enrollment Update

Available for review in the Board packet.

Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by Mr. McKeown and seconded by Ms. Peterson for the Board to adjourn to closed session at 7:58 p.m. to discuss the employment/evaluation/compensation of personnel..

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

President Matt Boebel called the regular meeting of the Board of Education in Bloomingdale Elementary School District 13 back to order at 8:34 p.m.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Matt Boebel, President

Linda Wojcicki, Secretary