

REGULAR
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
December 20, 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, December 20, 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. Patrick Devitt, 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, Greg Leyden

Recognition of Exemplars – Board President, Matt Boebel recognized the parents of District 13 as the Exemplars for December. He acknowledged their commitment during the challenging times of the pandemic; adjusting their work schedules to accommodate their children’s learning from home and showing flexibility in meeting with staff through electronic platforms. He indicated that many parents were also involved in the development of the return to learn plan. Board Members Kari Zehme, Michael Lenisa and Tamara Peterson also shared examples of the many ways that District parents were supportive of both students and staff over the past year.

Hearing on Tentative Tax Levy

A motion was made by Mr. Devitt and seconded by Ms. Peterson to open the hearing for the proposed 2021 Tax Levy. Voice Vote: all eyes

A budget hearing was held to present the proposed 2021 Tax Levy and allowed for public comment. Mr. Reiniche indicated that at the October 25th Board meeting, he presented the tentative levy. We are seeking a 2.84% increase from the prior year extension, but the tax caps will come in to play, and the District will probably end up with 1.4% new money from the prior year. A notice was published in the paper on December 9th in the Daily Herald.

No public comments were made.

A motion was made by Mr. Devitt and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki to close the hearing for the proposed 2021 Tax Levy. Voice Vote: all eyes

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

11-22-21 and the Closed Board Meeting held on 11-22-21. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$187,007.54; the Operations and Maintenance Fund for in the amount of \$55,112.78; Debt Service in the amount of \$1,864.30; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$84,572.63; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; and Tort Fund in the amount of \$0.00; Payroll (12-10-2021) in the amount of \$516,470.75 and (12-24-2021) in the amount of \$425,460.51 as shown in (F.D. 12/20/2021-1); the Fund Balance Report as shown in (F.D. 12/20/2021-2); the Balance Sheet as shown in (F.D. 12/20/2021-3); the Revenue Report as shown in (F.D. 12/20/2021-4); the Expenditure Report as shown in (F.D. 12/20/2021-5); and Activity Report as shown in (F.D. 12/20/2021-6); **New Hires**, Andrea Thanos, Long Term Sub at Westfield for a daily rate of \$290.00/day, Heather Shermak, Long Term Sub at DuJardin for a daily rate of \$290.00/day; **Resignations/Retirements**, Kathleen Reich, Paraprofessional at DuJardin effective 12/02/21, Jessica Malpede, Paraprofessional at Erickson effective 12/02/21, Dominic Segatti, Paraprofessional at Westfield effective 12/03/21, Irvin Gerts, Custodian at Westfield effective 12/13/21, Scott Koehn, Maintenance at the District effective 05/20/22, Lisa Thompson, Paraprofessional at DuJardin effective 06/07/22, Susan Hanneman, Paraprofessional at DuJardin effective at the end of the 21/22 School Year, Kimberly Paleczny, Teacher at DuJardin effective at the end of the 21/22 School Year, Shari Aldous, Paraprofessional at Erickson effective at the end of the 21/22 School Year, Greg Leyden, Director of Buildings and Grounds effective 06/30/22, Geralyn Zanoni, Payroll Coordinator effective 6/30/22; **Re-Hire**, Michael Kepchar, Custodian at DuJardin for an hourly rate of \$17.75/hr., effective 12/27/2021; **Change of Position**, Nicholas Salloum to Custodian at Westfield effective 12/27/21; **Leaves**, Gia Thime, Medical effective 11/20/21, Tiffany Denning, Medical effective 12/03/21, Brittany O'Brien Maternity effective 02/11/22.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Superintendent's Report

Board Annual Calendar

Dr. Bartelt indicated that he had provided the Board advanced copies of the Board Annual Calendar so that they could see how things fall in the course of the year. He received no emails with questions or concerns. Dr. Bartelt explained that this calendar helps guide what our agendas look like on a monthly basis.

Joint Committee on RIF Update

Dr. Bartelt reported that he had his statutory meeting with the teachers' union regarding the Joint Committee on Reductions in Force indicating that there's a strong possibility that we may have to reduce some of the extra teachers that we brought on board to

deal with the classrooms we had to add due to the social distancing requirements that we had in the beginning of the year, and the square footages of our classrooms. Dr. Bartelt will have more information regarding reductions in staff at the February Board meeting when the staffing plan is presented.

Return to Learn

On Friday, Dr. Bartelt met with other state superintendents with the Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health, Dr. Ezike. She indicated that current mitigation efforts don't look like they will be going anywhere, anytime soon. Dr. Bartelt indicated that he had received feedback on messages that he has sent to parents. One parent asked if their student is fully vaccinated and asymptomatic if they still need to quarantine if they are a close contact. Dr. Bartelt explained that if a student is fully vaccinated and asymptomatic, they do not need to quarantine unless they started developing symptoms, at which point the student would need to be tested to determine if those symptoms were related to COVID. He also received questions about the test to stay agreement. He was asked if the lab will be in our buildings or will the school nurses be swabbing. Dr. Bartelt clarified that it is strictly our nurses in the buildings that will be doing the swabbing. In addition, parents have to opt in for this testing. Parents have to give permission for their children to be tested in school. Dr. Bartelt also shared that Northshore Clinical Labs would not be administering vaccines.

Public Comment

None.

Board Reports and Requests

BIG – Mr. Lenisa indicated that BIG has not had a meeting in December. The next meeting will be in January.

CCTS! – Mrs. Wojcicki indicated that there was no meeting in December.

Education Foundation – Mr. Reiniche stated that applications were sent out to staff on December 16th, with a response date of January 31st. Our goal is to present the awards at the Spring Fling.

LEND - Mrs. Zehme shared that they discussed the Illinois State Assessment Taskforce and what they are looking to do, as well as House Bill 2778 that they are trying to get vetoed.

Bloomington Council of Teachers – Mr. Boebel indicated that the union submitted their letter to negotiate and we are trying to coordinate dates for the training. There is agreement to use interest based bargaining along with a hybrid version of the affinity model of bargaining.

NDSEC – Ms. Peterson indicated that there was no Governing Board meeting, but that the Operating Board met. Dr. Bartelt stated that there were no action items on the agenda for that meeting, but there was discussion that the program enrollment reflects

two additional students who qualify for the ALSP class. These two additional students would put the number of students in the class over the recommended size of the class at DuJardin. They approached us about splitting that class into two different classes, so we are working with NDSEC to try to accommodate this.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

None.

Action Items

Certificate of Tax Levy (F.D. 12/20/21-7)

A motion was made by Mr. McKeown and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board to certify compliance with the Truth in Taxation Act, approve the Certificate of Tax Levy, authorize the Board President and secretary to sign the necessary documents, and authorize the Finance Director to deliver these to the County Clerk's office by the last Tuesday in December.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 - 0

Board of Education Meeting Schedule (F.D. 12/20/21-8)

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. Devitt for the Board to approve the Board of Education meeting schedule for 2022 as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Approval of 2022-2023 School Calendar and Amended 2021-2022 Calendar (F.D. 12/20/21-9)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mr. Devitt for the Board to approve the 2022-2023 School Calendar and the 2021-2022 Amended Calendar, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Approval of Northshore Clinical Labs Testing Agreement (F.D. 12/20/21-10)

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board of Education to approve the agreement with Northshore Clinical Labs, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Resolution to Prohibit Sexual Harassment (F.D. 12/20/21-11)

A motion was made by Mr. Devitt and second by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board to approve the attached resolution to prohibit sexual harassment in the workplace, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Discussion Items

School Fees 2022-2023

Mr. Reiniche reported that in preparation for registration in February, we are keeping fees flat for the upcoming year. We will also be bring building use fees for board approval, although we are not currently allowing outside agencies to use the facilities.

First Reading of Amendments to Board Policy

Dr. Bartelt gave an overview of the proposed amendments to our board policies that the Board is being asked to review. The policies will be brought back next month for a second reading and approval by the Board.

Topic(s) for Future Agendas

Ms. Peterson requested information on how neighboring districts are handling COVID. Dr. Bartelt will gather the information and report on it at the January meeting.

For Information

Enrollment Update

Available for review in the Board packet.

NDSEC Profile

Available for review in the Board packet.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Matt Boebel, President

Linda Wojcicki, Secretary