REGULAR
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
July 27, 2026, 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 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 27, 2026.

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Marcin Kapral, Mr. Eric Kowalik, Mr. Sam Menton, Mrs. Raffaella Spilotro, Mrs. Linda Wojcicki, Mr. Michael Lenisa

Absent: Mrs. Nicole Majewski

Others Present: Dr. Vicki King, Shannon Zinner, Nicole Gabany, Valerie Varhalla

Mr. Lenisa introduced Dr. King and welcomed her to her first board meeting as Superintendent.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Kowalik and seconded by Mr. Kapral to approve the items in the Consent Agenda which included Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on 6/22/26. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of $97,003.34; the Operations and Maintenance Fund in the amount of $43,630.48; Debt Service in the amount of $0.00; Transportation Fund in the amount of $1,382.64; Capital Projects in the amount of $0.00; Referendum Fund in the amount of $4,259,384.66; Tort Fund in the amount of $141,656.00 and Health Life Safety Fund in the amount of $2,663,240.11; Payroll (6/25/2026) in the amount of $491,456.91, (7/10/2026) in the amount of $432,876.85; and the Financial Reports; **New Hires,** Danielle Flores, Resource Teacher at Erickson effective 9/4/26, Jennie Cerami, Library Teacher at DuJardin effective 9/4/26, Aubrey Cameron, Structured Special Education Teacher at Westfield effective 9/4/26, Michelle Reyes, Operations Administrative Assistant at the District Office, effective 8/3/2026; **Change of Position,** Bethany Hudnut from Paraprofessional at Erickson to 4th Grade Teacher at DuJardin.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Kowalik, Kapral, Menton, Spilotro, Wojcicki, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

District Highlights/Presentations

What Do You Do All Summer?
Dr. King presented a video of staff members throughout the district that work over the summer months, that showcases the duties they perform during the summer months to get the buildings ready for the upcoming school year.

Public Comment

A community member addressed the Board to extend a warm welcome to Dr. King as she joins the community.

Liaison Update

Bloomingdale Intergovernmental Group (BIG)
Topics at the July 23, 2026 BIG meeting included Carol Stream & Bloomingdale Park District Pool Usage, National Night Out at Springfield Park on August 4, 2026, Back to School Bash at Circle Park on September 4, 2026 and Septemberfest parade and festivities on September 12, 2026 at Old Town.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

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

Discussion Items

Bulley & Andrews Presentation
Ben Steele of Bulley & Andrews and Ryan Kelley of DLA Architects shared a slide show presentation highlighting the progress that is being made at all three buildings. They indicated to the board that all projects are on schedule and predicted to meet their completion deadlines.

Board/Superintendent Expectations
The Board of Education and Superintendent reviewed governance expectations emphasizing proactive communication, transparency in public decision-making, and open communication among board members.

To support these expectations and strengthen governance practices, the District will establish Superintendent-led committees focused on finance; educational review; community engagement and communications; buildings, grounds, and safety; operational technology and cybersecurity; and strategic planning. These committees will provide opportunities for Board members to collaborate with District leadership on matters within each respective area.

Strategic Plan Process
The Board of Education was informed that District 13 will begin the process of updating its Strategic Plan. A representative stakeholder team will guide the process by conducting a strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) analysis; identifying three to five core goal areas; and developing tactical action plans to support implementation. Information regarding stakeholder participation and opportunities for involvement will be shared as recruitment and invitations begin.

District Committees
The Superintendent presented information to the Board of Education regarding the establishment of Superintendent-managed committees intended to provide Board members with opportunities to gain a deeper understanding of District operations outside of regular Board meetings. Committee meeting schedules will be determined by District leadership based on each committee's goals and may evolve throughout the strategic planning process. The Superintendent noted that the committees are not Board-directed bodies, but are intended to support Board members' understanding of District processes and the practical implementation of policy and governance decisions.

Committee areas will include Buildings, Grounds, and Safety; Policy, Legal, and Human Resources; Finance; Educational Review; Community Engagement and Communications; Operational Technology and Cybersecurity; and Strategic Planning. Areas of focus will include facilities, maintenance, safety, policy compliance, personnel matters, finances, curriculum and student achievement, community outreach, communications, technology infrastructure, data privacy, cybersecurity, and long-term strategic alignment.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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Michael Lenisa, President Linda Wojcicki, Secretary