

SPECIAL
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
September 14, 2026, 5:30 p.m.

President Michael Lenisa called the regular meeting of the Board of Education in Bloomingdale Elementary School District 13 to order at 5:32 p.m. on Monday, September 14, 2026.

Roll Call

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

Absent: Mr. Marcin Kapral

Others Present: Dr. Vicki King, Shannon Zinner, Valerie Varhalla, Maureen Kidd

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Menton and seconded by Mrs. Spilotro to approve the items in the Consent Agenda which included the approval of the Contractual Staffing Agreement for the 2026-2027 School Year.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Public Comment

None

Action Items

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mr. Kowalik to approve Policy 7:180 - Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment and Policy 7:70 - Absenteeism and Truancy as reviewed with no changes.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Superintendent-Led Committee Discussion Items

FY2027 Budget Presentation

Ms. Valerie Varhalla presented the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget overview to the Board of Education, reviewing key financial data including revenue sources, property taxes, capital reserve investments, fund expenditures, and upcoming budget adoption timeline.

Policy, Legal, & Human Resource Committee

Michael Lenisa and Eric Kowalik presented the Policy, HR, and Legal Committee update from the August 28, 2026 meeting, covering three key areas. First, regarding Policy 2:140 on board communications, we are moving communications off personal accounts to official channels and establishing a standard auto-reply protocol with a defined escalation path. Second, for the grievance policy, complaint managers are in place, and it is recommended that a clear path for complaints against the Superintendent or a Board member to go through the District attorney to avoid reporting line conflicts. Third, under Policy 1:20, the committee reviewed the intergovernmental agreements portfolio and proposed sharpening the renewal review process and terms before signing agreements.

Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mrs. Spilotro to adjourn to closed session at 6:27 p.m.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Nicole Majewski, Vice President

Linda Wojcicki, Secretary