

REGULAR
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
August 24, 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 7:02 p.m. on Monday, August 24, 2026.

Roll Call

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

Absent: Mrs. Raffaella Spilotro

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. Menton and seconded by Mrs. Majewski to approve the items in the Consent Agenda which included Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on 7/27/26. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$649,866.74; the Operations and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$25,442.65; Debt Service in the amount of \$0.00; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$12,463.71; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; Referendum Fund in the amount of \$3,312,553.02; Tort Fund in the amount of \$0.00 and Health Life Safety Fund in the amount of \$2,159,531.75; Payroll (7/24/2026) in the amount of \$434,793.33, (8/10/2026) in the amount of \$436,201.14; and the Financial Reports, Food Service Management Agreement; **New Hires**, Tiffany Stahr, Paraprofessional at Westfield effective 9/4/26, Heather Pransky, Paraprofessional at Westfield effective 9/4/26, Anthony Doughty, Paraprofessional at Westfield effective 9/4/26, Mark Tobolski, Paraprofessional at Westfield effective 9/4/26, Gianna Chiappetta, Paraprofessional at DuJardin effective 9/4/26, Lydia Bonnette, Paraprofessional at DuJardin effective 9/4/26, Maria Basile, Paraprofessional at DuJardin effective 9/4/26, Pamela Kiefer, Substitute Nurse at Erickson effective 9/4/26; **Resignations/Retirements**, Karen Lehman, Paraprofessional at Erickson effective 8/17/26; **Re-Hire**, Jake Wagner, Paraprofessional at DuJardin effective 9/4/26, Miguel Estefania, Custodian at DuJardin effective 9/1/26, Manuel Palencia, Custodian at DuJardin effective 9/1/26; **Change of Position**, Samantha Messamore from 5th Grade Long-Term Sub at DuJardin to EL Long-Term Sub at DuJardin, Matthew Lents, Seasonal Technology Assistant at the District to Technology Full-Time Technician at the District.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

District Highlights/Presentations

NDSEC - Extended School Year

ESY Coordinator, James Zinni presented an update on the North DuPage Special Education Cooperative (NDSEC) Extended School Year (ESY) program. He was joined by students Milliana Marthaler, Louis (Louie) Madon, and Victoria Galasso, who shared their personal experiences with the program. The presentation highlighted that ESY services are provided to eligible students based on their Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) to help them maintain skills learned during the school year and reduce regression.

Public Comment

None

Liaison Update

NDSEC

Board member Marc Kapral and Superintendent Dr. Vicki King reported on their attendance at the recent North DuPage Special Education Cooperative (NDSEC) meeting. It was noted that both the Operational and Governing Boards successfully adopted the FY2027 budget, and the strategic plan for the 2026-2027 school year will focus on "Communication and Collaboration" and "Fiscal Responsibility and Accountability."

Character Counts

Board member Linda Wojcicki and Superintendent Dr. Vicki King provided an update on the Character Counts Coalition. They shared that planning is currently underway for the Celebration Night on October 6th and the Adult Pillar Award presentation, which is targeted for September 9th. Additionally, the Coalition will staff a booth at the Children's Expo on October 29th, with further meetings planned in the weeks ahead.

Superintendent-Led Committee Updates & Discussion

Educational Review Committee

Board member Marc Kapral provided an update on the Educational Review Committee meeting held on August 18, 2026. The committee discussed the Blended Preschool program at Erickson, acknowledging that the district has struggled to maintain the required 70/30 ratio of general education to IEP students. To address this, the committee reviewed several recommendations, including strengthening general-education recruitment, ending partial-day enrollments to stabilize daily ratios, rethinking section groupings, and evaluating tuition adjustments—such as introducing a tuition-free pathway for at-risk students—to improve program accessibility and compliance.

Buildings, Grounds, and Safety Committee

Board members Sam Menton and Linda Wojcicki provided an update on the Buildings, Grounds, and Safety Committee meeting held on August 20, 2026. The committee reported on site walkthroughs at DuJardin Elementary and Westfield Middle School, confirming that construction progress is on schedule for the first day of school. They commended the Facility and Technology departments for ensuring campuses remain clean, safe, and operational, and recognized the quality workmanship provided by construction manager Bulley and Andrews and the building trades. Additionally, the committee initiated preliminary discussions regarding long-range facility planning to support future district needs.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

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

Action Items

First Reading of Policy Amendments Issue 122

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mr. Kapral to approve the first reading of policy amendments under Issue 122. This approval encompassed policies 3:70, 4:175, 5:70, 5:110, 5:140, 7:80, 8:10, 5:40, 8:70, 7:30, 6:70, 6:80, 7:130, 5:240, and 7:180.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Approval of Policy Amendments Issue 122

A motion was made by Mr. Kapral and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki to approve the amendments to the following policies: 3:70, Succession of Authority; 4:175, Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications; 5:70, Religious Holidays; 5:110, Recognition for Service; 5:140, Solicitations By or From Staff; 7:80, Release Time for Religious Instruction/Observance; 8:10, Connection with the Community; 5:40, Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease; 8:70, Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities; and 7:30, Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer.

Additionally, it was noted that the policies listed on slide 13—6:70, Teaching About Religions; 6:80, Teaching About Controversial Issues; 7:130, Student Rights and Responsibilities; 5:240, Suspension; and 7:180, Bullying Policy—will be presented for a second reading at the September 28th meeting.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Informational Items

The board packet for the August 24, 2026, meeting included three informational items for the Board of Education's review: the Staffing Update, the Annual EIS Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report, and the Public Disclosure of IMRF Total Compensation Packages Exceeding \$75,000.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Nicole Majewski, Vice President

Linda Wojcicki, Secretary