

REGULAR  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
April 28, 2025, 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, April 28, 2025.

Roll Call

Present: Ms. Monika Cuellar, Mr. Marcin Kapral, Mrs. Nicole Majewski, Mr. Terry McKeown, Ms. Tamara Peterson, Mrs. Linda Wojcicki, Mr. Michael Lenisa

Absent:

Others Present: Dr. Jon Bartelt, Shannon Zinner, Nicole Gabany, Valerie Varhalla, Sam Menton, Raffaella Spilotro, Eric Kowalik

**Above and Beyond**

Board Member Terry McKeown recognized this month's Above and Beyond recipients, Ava Mock (DuJardin), Jack Messamore (Erickson) and Vihan Shah (Westfield).

**Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. McKeown to approve the items in the Consent Agenda which included Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on 3-24-25. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$753,577.66; the Operations and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$225,035.23; Debt Service in the amount of \$24,000.00; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$133,104.22; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; and Tort Fund in the amount of \$150.00; Payroll (3-25-2025) in the amount of \$483,392.69 and Payroll (4-10-2025) in the amount of \$500,247.63; the Financial Reports as shown in (F.D. 4/28/2025-2); **Change of Positions**, Jennifer Koziol, Teacher at Erickson to Teacher at DuJardin effective 8/11/25, Sydney Cihak, Paraprofessional at Westfield to Teacher at Westfield effective 8/11/25.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Peterson, McKeown, Cuellar, Kapral, Majewski, Wojcicki, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

## **Superintendent's Report**

### Student Presentation

Students from Westfield Middle School, along with their teacher, Patti Edwards presented their STEM project from their robotics unit.

### Student Ambassador Report

8th Grade students, Evelyn Voytek and Jacob Kane provided the Board with an update on upcoming and past events at each of the three schools. They shared information regarding upcoming field trips, MAP testing, Career Day and Senior Clap Out.

### 8th Grade Graduation

Dr. Bartelt shared with the Board that the 8th Grade Graduation ceremony will be taking place on Wednesday, May 28th at 6:00 p.m. at the Lake Park West Campus.

### Public Comment

None

### Board Reports and Requests

BIG – Ms. Peterson shared that Stratford Square Mall is gone, and that infrastructure for a new development will be starting in the fall. A national chain has shown interest in the Indian Lakes Hotel site. Ms. Peterson also shared that the township will be hosting a series of recycling events this spring and that the Bloomingdale Public Library is celebrating its 50th anniversary with an event in early June.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition – Mrs. Wojcicki shared that their recognition breakfast will take place on Saturday, May 3 at Erickson Elementary School.

Education Foundation – Mrs. Wojcicki indicated that the foundation gave out approximately \$11,000 in grants to District teachers at Spring Fling.

LEND - Mrs. Majewski shared information from their last meeting including discussions about suspension and mascot bills, tuition waivers and a FAFSA bill.

NDSEC – Mr. Kapral indicated that there was no governing board meeting this month. At next month's meeting they will be seating the new operational and governing board members.

Bloomingdale Council of Teachers – Mr. Lenisa shared that there was no meeting this month due to Spring Break.

IASB - Mr. McKeown indicated that resolutions for the delegate assembly are due by June 26th.

**Freedom of Information Act Requests**

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

**Action Items**

**Second Reading of Amendments to Board Policies (F.D. 4/28/2025-3)**

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Ms. Cuellar for the Board to approve the amendments to the policies identified, as presented.

**Roll Call Vote**

Ayes: Wojcicki, Cuellar, Kapral, Majewski, McKeown, Peterson, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

**Resolutions of Appreciation for Teachers, PTO's Secretaries and School Nurses (F.D. 4/28/25-4)**

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mr. McKeown for the Board to approve the resolutions of appreciation and sign said resolutions.

**Roll Call Vote**

Ayes: Wojcicki, McKeown, Cuellar, Kapral, Majewski, Peterson, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Amend 2024-2025 School Calendar (F.D. 4/28/25-5)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mr. McKeown for the Board to approve the amendments to the 2024-2025 School Calendar, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Wojcicki, McKeown, Cuellar, Kapral, Majewski, Peterson, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Approval of District Consolidated Grant Plan (F.D. 4/28/25-6)

A motion was made by Mrs. Majewski and seconded by Mr. Kapral for the Board of Education to approve the District Consolidated Grant Plan, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Majewski, Kapral, Cuellar, McKeown, Peterson, Wojcicki, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Certify Results of the Election (F.D. 4/28/25-7)

A motion was made by Mr. McKeown and seconded by Mr. Kapral for the Board to approve and certify the results of the April 1 Consolidated Election.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: McKeown, Kapral, Cuellar, Majewski, Peterson, Wojcicki, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

## **Discussion Items**

### **Building Projects**

Dr. Bartelt provided an update on the work of DLA Architects and Bulley and Andrews since last month. The projected schedule for the projects, along with a Spring Project Update and a Summer Project Update were included in the board packet. Mr. Rosales was present to answer any questions the Board may have.

### **Student Transportation Service Renewal**

Ms. Varhalla made a brief presentation on the extension of the student transportation services with First Student. This will come back as an action item at the May 19 Board of Education meeting.

### **Third Quarter Budget and Investment Report**

Ms. Varhalla shared highlights from the third quarter financial and investment review of the FY 2025 budget.

## **Adjournment Sine Die**

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. Kapral to adjourn the meeting Sine Die. All ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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Michael Lenisa, President

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Linda Wojcicki, Secretary

## **Oath of Office**

Board President, Michael Lenisa, administered the Oath of Office to newly elected board members, Eric Kowalik, Sam Menton, Raffaella Spilotro, and Nicole Majewski.

**Call to Order**

President Michael Lenisa called the special organizational meeting of the Board of Education in Bloomingdale Elementary School District 13 to order at 8:30 p.m. on Monday, April 28, 2025.

**Roll Call**

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

Absent:

Others Present: Dr. Jon Bartelt, Shannon Zinner, Nicole Gabany, Valerie Varhalla

**Action Items**

**Resolution for Terms of Office (F.D. 4/28/25-8)**

A motion was made by Mr. Kapral and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board of Education to adopt the Resolution for Terms of Office and authorize the Board President and Secretary to sign it.

**Roll Call Vote**

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

**Election of Officers**

Mrs. Majewski nominated Mr. Lenisa to serve as Board President. Mr. Lenisa accepted the nomination. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Mrs. Wojcicki nominated Mrs. Majewski to serve as Board Vice President. Mrs. Majewski accepted the nomination. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Mrs. Majewski nominated Mrs. Wojcicki to serve as Board Secretary. Mrs. Wojcicki accepted the nomination. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Appointment of Liaisons

Mr. Kapral will serve as primary for B.I.G. with Mr. Menton as an alternate.

Mrs. Wojcicki will serve as primary for the Education Foundation with Mrs. Spilotro as an alternate.

Mr. Lenisa will serve as the IASB representative.

Mrs. Spilotro will serve as primary for CCTS! with Mr. Menton as an alternate.

Mr. Kapral will continue to serve as primary for NDSEC with Mrs. Wojcicki as an alternate.

Mrs. Majewski will continue to serve as primary for LEND with Mr. Lenisa as an alternate.

Mr. Lenisa and Mrs. Majewski will continue to serve as the Board Representatives for the Bloomingdale Council of Teachers.

Mrs. Majewski and Mr. Kowalik will serve as Board Representatives for the Bloomingdale Council of Paraprofessionals.

Establish Regular Meeting Dates, Time and Place (F.D. 4/28/25-9)

A motion was made by Mrs. Majewski and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board of Education to approve its meeting dates, time, and location as the Fourth Monday of the Month at 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room for regular meetings, unless otherwise noted on the schedule presented in the board packet.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Topic(s) for Future Agendas

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EL Programs

Reading and Book Selection

PTO Presentations/Overview

**For Information**

Enrollment Report

Available for review in the Board packet.

NDSEC Profile

Available for review in the Board packet.

Annual Calendar of Events

Available for review in the Board packet.

**Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

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Michael Lenisa, President

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Linda Wojcicki, Secretary