

REGULAR  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
January 26, 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, January 26, 2026.

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Marcin 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, Ethan Dworianyn

**Above and Beyond**

Board Member Marc Kapral recognized this month's Above and Beyond recipients, Erica Wiora (DuJardin), Levi Austin (Erickson) and Emma Rojba (Westfield).

**Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Mrs. Majewski and seconded by Mr. Kowalik to approve the items in the Consent Agenda which included Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on 12/15/25, the Closed Board Meeting on 12/15/25, and the Special Board Meeting on 12/16/25 . Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$366,163.13; the Operations and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$111,943.62; Debt Service in the amount of \$400.00; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$251,217.83; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; Referendum Fund in the amount of \$1,080,104.08; Tort Fund in the amount of \$150.00 and Life Safety Fund in the amount of \$103,007.87 (F.D. 1/26/26-1); Payroll (12/19/2025) in the amount of \$480,040.99, (01/09/26) in the amount of \$503,733.63 and (01/23/2026) in the amount of \$484,123.06; the Financial Reports as shown in (F.D. 1/26/26-2). **Resignations/Retirements**, Tina Paoletti, Paraprofessional at Erickson effective 12/15/25, Kim Paleczny, Paraprofessional at DuJardin effective 12/19/25; **Change of Position**, Abby Manning from Paraprofessional at DuJardin to Long-Term Substitute 4th Grade Teacher at DuJardin, effective 2/9/26, Christy Silva from Paraprofessional at Westfield to Long-Term Substitute 7th Grade ELA Teacher at Westfield, effective 2/24/26; **Leaves**, Penny Carpenter, Paraprofessional at Westfield effective 1/12/26 - 4/6/26, Natalie Czesak, Teacher at Westfield effective 2/24/26 - 9/4/26, Weronika Polinski, Speech Language Pathologist at DuJardin, effective 9/4/26 - 8/1/27, Heather Del Giudice, 4th Grade Teacher at DuJardin, effective 9/4/26 - 8/1/27.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays:

Abstained:

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

**Superintendent's Report**

Program Review - Interventions and Supports

Teri Burritt, Aaron Jura, Noelle Menos and Dionysia Panagiotopoulos provided an overview of the interventions and support options available to students, and answered questions for the Board.

Student Ambassadors

8th grade student ambassador Ethan Dworianyn provided an update on activities of each school including a Super Bowl Food Drive, Junior Achievement visit from Lake Park High School on 2/6/26 and Bingo Night on 2/7/26 at DuJardin; a spelling bee, musical auditions and new yoga and arts and craft lunch groups at Erickson. At Westfield, the Boys 8th grade basketball team has a 5-0 record, the Poms team placed 4th at the Wood Dale Junior High Poms competition and the Cheerleading team will be competing at the Cheer Xplosion competition at Medinah Middle School on January 31. The Westfield Talent Show is being held on February 19.

Building Projects Update

Dr. Bartelt gave a brief update on construction-related activities happening at each of the buildings.

Insightex Report

Mrs. Gabany shared the results of the Insightex survey given to staff, students and parents.

Enrollment and Staffing Update

Ms. Varhalla shared projections in student enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year and along with Dr. Bartelt offered ideas on the implications the data will have upon staffing decisions.

**Public Comment**

None

### **Board Reports and Requests**

BIG – Mr. Kapral indicated that they met last Thursday where they discussed The President’s Cup in September, fire fighter staffing, the status of 7 Brew and Andy’s Custard, and a new sports facility that will be breaking ground in the next few months.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition – Mrs. Spilotro shared that they met on January 8th. They are hosting their annual breakfast on May 2 at Erickson. Nominations are due by February 27.

Education Foundation – Mrs. Wojcicki shared that grant applications are due by February 17, and announced that they will be contributing to a new digital school sign for Westfield.

LEND - Mr. Lenisa and Mrs. Majewski attended the LEND meeting on January 23. There are 3 bills that they are currently watching, the World Language Bill, The Cell Phone Ban, and Student Records Bill.

NDSEC – Mr. Kapral indicated that there was no meeting this month. The next operational meeting is in March.

Bloomington Paraprofessional Council - Mrs. Majewski indicated that there was no meeting in January.

Bloomington Council of Teachers - Mr. Lenisa indicated that there was no meeting in January.

IASB - Mr. Lenisa shared that today is the final day to register for the DuPage Division meeting.

### **Freedom of Information Act Requests**

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

**Action Items**

Approve Superintendent's Contract (F.D. 1/26/2026-3)

A motion was made by Mr. Menton and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board to approve the three-year Superintendent Contract with Dr. Vicki King beginning July 1, 2026, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Menton, Wojcicki, Kapral, Kowalik, Majewski, Spilotro, Lenisa  
Nays: None  
Abstained: None  
Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Resolution for the Designation of Person to Prepare the Budget (F.D. 1/26/2026-4)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mrs. Majewski for the Board to approve the resolution to designate Valerie Varhalla to prepare the budget for the FY 2026-2027 and authorize its officers to sign the resolution, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Wojcicki, Majewski, Kapral, Kowalik, Menton, Spilotro, Lenisa  
Nays: None  
Abstained: None  
Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Closed Session Minutes Review and Digital Recording Erasure (F.D. 1/26/2026-5)

A motion was made by Mr. Kapral and seconded by Mr. Kowalik for the Board to approve the continued unavailability of closed session minutes, and the destruction of closed session audio tape or digital recordings for the board meeting 18 months or older..

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Kapral, Kowalik, Majewski, Menton, Spilotro, Wojcicki, Lenisa  
Nays: None  
Abstained: None  
Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Approve Authorization to Sign Property Lease (F.D. 1/26/2026-6)

A motion was made by Mr. Menton and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board to authorize the Superintendent to sign the property lease for 255 Lake Street, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Menton, Wojcicki, Kapral, Kowalik, Majewski, Spilotro, Lenisa  
Nays: None  
Abstained: None  
Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Board Member Reimbursements (F.D. 1/26/2026-7)

A motion was made by Mrs. Majewski and seconded by Mrs. Spilotro for the Board to approve the reimbursement requests from Member Kowalik and Member Kapral, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Majewski, Spilotro, Majewski, Menton, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: Kapral, Kowalik

Motion Carried: 5 – 0 – 2

**Discussion Items**

School and Facility Usage Fees for 2026-2027

Ms. Varhalla shared the proposal for District fees for the 2026-2027 school year.

**Topic(s) for Future Agendas**

None

**For Information**

Enrollment Report

Available for review in the Board packet.

FY 2026 Second Quarter Budget Performance

Available for review in the Board packet.

**Adjourn to Closed Session**

A motion was made by Mr. Kapral and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board to adjourn to closed session at 8:44 p.m. to discuss matters related to appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

**Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

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Michael Lenisa, President

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Linda Wojcicki, Secretary