

REGULAR
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
September 25, 2023, 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 7:01 p.m. on Monday, September 25, 2023 in an in person and virtual setting. The District invited the public to join the School Board this evening by Zoom webinar platform.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Marc Kapral, Mrs. Nicole Majewski, Mr. Terry McKeown, Ms. Tamara Peterson, Mrs. Linda Wojcicki, Mrs. Kari Zehme, Mr. Michael Lenisa

Absent:

Others Present: Dr. Jon Bartelt, Shannon Whitaker, Valerie Varhalla, Rick McCall, Cathy D'Agostini, Anna Cinquepalmi, Rosario Santiago

Budget Hearing

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki to open the hearing for the FY24 Budget. Voice Vote: all ayes

A budget hearing was held to present the FY24 Budget and allowed for public comment.

A motion was made by Mrs. Zehme and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki to close the hearing for the FY24 Budget. Voice Vote: all ayes

Above and Beyond

Board Member Kari Zehme recognized this month's Above and Beyond recipients, Mateo Vasquez (DuJardin), Alexandra Cinquepalmi (Erickson) and Evelyn Voytek (Westfield).

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. Kapral to approve the items in the Consent Agenda which included Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on 8-28-23, the Closed Session Board Meeting held on 8-28-23, and the Special Board Meeting held on 9-11-23. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$211,035.42; the Operations and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$88,818.54; Debt Service in the amount of \$800.00; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$3,800.00; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; and Tort Fund in the amount of \$0.00; Payroll (8-25-2023) in the amount of \$393,782.26 and (9-8-2023) in the amount of \$462,756.68 as shown in (F.D. 9/25/23-1); the Fund Balance Report as shown in (F.D. 9/25/23-2); the Balance Sheet as shown in (F.D. 9/25/23-3); the Revenue Report as shown in (F.D. 9/25/23-4); the Expenditure Report as shown in (F.D. 9/25/23-5); and Activity Report as shown in (F.D. 9/25/23-6); **New Hires**, Kassandra Lethert, School Nurse at Erickson for a salary of \$39.00/Hr; **Resignations/Retirements**, Leaette Caravello, School Nurse at

Erickson effective 8/25/23, Wendy Palazon, .5 Librarian/.5 Paraprofessional at DuJardin effective 9/4/23, Bozena Manko, Paraprofessional at DuJardin effective 9/19/23;
Change of Position, Kevin Delgado, Part-Time Technician at the District to Full-Time Technician at the District.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Superintendent's Report

Institute Day

Dr. Bartelt shared that Friday, October 6, District 13 will have a designated Teacher Institute Day, one of four that school districts can take throughout the year.

Suburban School Superintendents Conference

Dr. Bartelt indicated that each year, he has the opportunity to attend a national conference. This year, that conference will be the Suburban School Superintendents Conference in Palm Springs, California from Wednesday, November 8 to Friday, November 10.

Community Collaboration Group

Dr. Bartelt reported that on Tuesday, September 19 at 6:00 p.m. the first meeting of the newly comprised Community Collaboration Group was held. Topics discussed included the Strategic Plan, Student Bullying and Discipline policies. To avoid confusion going forward, this group will be known as the Citizen's Advisory Council.

Public Comment

Cathy D'Agostini expressed her disappointment in not receiving a salary adjustment after her public comment to the board at the August board meeting.

Tino Simon requested that the Board send him data he is requesting regarding bullying and student discipline.

Board Reports and Requests

BIG – Ms. Peterson indicated that there was no meeting this month. The next meeting will be at the end of October.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition – Dr. Bartelt reported that the group discussed preparations for Character Counts night. Other topics included training, and setting up a nomination committee for officers.

Education Foundation – Mrs. Zehme indicated that the group is continuing to prepare for their 25th anniversary fundraising event on October 26th.

LEND - Mr. Lenisa reported that the group met last Friday. Topics discussed included polling place legislation, bus legislation and the creation of a dual language sub committee. Senator Seth Lewis was at the meeting for dialogue.

NDSEC – Mr. Kapral indicated that there was an operational meeting two weeks ago where the budget was discussed. The next meeting for the governing board is in early 2024.

Bloomington Council of Teachers – Mr. Lenisa stated that they met with council members this month and discussed strategic planning. They will continue meeting on a monthly basis. Next month they will be reviewing ABC Candidates.

IASB - Mr. McKeown indicated that he received the resolutions to be voted on at the IASB Delegate Assembly in November. He will provide further information to the Board to discuss.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

Mr. Lenisa indicated that there was one FOIA request that was summarized in the Board packet.

Action Items

Approval of the FY 2024 Budget (F.D. 9/25/23-7)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mrs. Majewski for the Board to approve the FY 2024 Budget, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Resolution for Certification of Previous Serious Safety Hazard Findings (F.D. 9/25/23-8)

A motion was made by Mr. McKeown and seconded by Ms. Peterson for the Board to approve the attached resolution, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Resolution in Support of School Principals (F.D. 9/25/23-9)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Ms. Peterson for the Board to approve the attached resolution, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Strategic Plan Initiatives for 2023-2024 (F.D. 9/25/23-10)

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mrs. Majewski for the Board to approve the Strategic Plan Initiatives for 2023-2024 as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Approval of Superintendent Performance Goals for 2023-2024 (F.D. 9/25/23-11)

A motion was made by Mr. Kapral and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board to approve the superintendent's performance goals for 2023-2024 as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Discussion Items

Data Overview on D13 Enrollment

Dr. Bartelt shared data from each school regarding their enrollment by grade level with the number of instructional classrooms for the elementary buildings, with Westfield Middle School's organized based on the number of subject matter sections needed at each grade level.

Topic(s) for Future Agendas

None

For Information

Enrollment Update

Available for review in the Board packet.

NDSEC Profile

Available for review in the Board packet.

IMRF Compensation Report

Available for review in the Board packet.

Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by Mr. McKeown and seconded by Ms. Peterson for the Board to adjourn to closed session at 7:49 p.m. to discuss the employment/evaluation /compensation of personnel.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: McKeown, Peterson, Kapral, Majewski, Wojcicki, Zehme, Lenisa
Nays: None
Abstained: None
Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

President Michael Lenisa called the regular meeting of the Board of Education in Bloomingdale Elementary School District 13 back to order at 8:56 p.m.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Michael Lenisa, President

Linda Wojcicki, Secretary