

REGULAR  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
October 24, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

President Matt Boebel called the regular meeting of the Board of Education in Bloomingdale Elementary School District 13 to order at 7:01 p.m. on Monday, October 24, 2022 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. Patrick Devitt, Mr. Michael Lenisa, Mr. Terry McKeown, Ms. Tamara Peterson, Mrs. Linda Wojcicki, Mrs. Kari Zehme, Mr. Matt Boebel

Absent:

Others Present: Dr. Jon Bartelt, Shannon Whitaker, Valerie Varhalla, Rick McCall, Carol Ehrhardt, Jelena Magazin, Marc Kapral, Kristina Unzicker, Mary Kathryn Warco

**Above and Beyond** – Board President, Matt Boebel recognized this month's Above and Beyond recipients, Shain Patel (DuJardin), Diya Aggarwal, Hannah Joseph and Zahra Shakeel (Erickson) and Kateryna Pryshliak (Westfield).

**Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Devitt and seconded by Ms. Peterson to approve the items in the Consent Agenda which included Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on 9-26-22 and Closed Session Meeting held on 9-26-22. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$170,156.60; the Operations and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$53,693.76; Debt Service in the amount of \$1,864.30; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$88,020.33; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; and Tort Fund in the amount of \$150.00; Payroll (10-7-2022) in the amount of \$482,332.38 as shown in (F.D. 10/24/22-1); the Fund Balance Report as shown in (F.D. 10/24/22-2); the Balance Sheet as shown in (F.D. 10/24/22-3); the Revenue Report as shown in (F.D. 10/24/22-4); the Expenditure Report as shown in (F.D. 10/24/22-5); and Activity Report as shown in (F.D. 10/24/22-6); **New Hires**, Ursula Garcia, Long Term Substitute at Westfield for a salary of \$290/Day, Dionysia Panagiotopoulos, Accelerated Teacher at the District for a salary of \$61,866, James Aiello, PT Technology Assistant at the District for a salary of \$63,114, Matthew Welch, Music Teacher at Erickson for a salary of \$19.00/Hr., Jeffrey Fisher, Custodian at DuJardin for a salary of \$16.25/Hr., Kevin Delgado, PT Technology Assistant at the District for a salary of \$19.00/Hr., Ryan Schreiber, PT Technology Assistant at the District for a salary of \$19.00/Hr., Alisa Hasler, Lunchroom Supervisor at Erickson for a salary of \$15.00/day; **Re-Hires**, Heather Shermak, Long Term Substitute at the District for a salary of \$290/Day; **Change of Position**, Ryan Litavec, Long Term Substitute at Erickson to P.E. Teacher at Erickson for a salary of \$50,745; **Leaves**, Rachel Sliwa, Maternity Leave effective

8/22/22, Nicole Gabany, Maternity Leave effective 9/21/22, Caitlin Garstka, Maternity Leave effective 9/26/22, Sanela Kerimi, Maternity Leave effective 10/6/22, Barbara Naumiec, FMLA effective 10/17/22, Sarah Crossley, Maternity Leave effective 2/1/23

#### Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Devitt, Peterson, Lenisa, McKeown, Wojcicki, Zehme, Boebel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

### **Superintendent's Report**

#### School Improvement Goals

Dr. Bartelt indicated that the School Improvement Goals were embedded in the board packet for review and that the principals will be back to present a progress report in February.

#### Fall MAP Data

Dr. Bartelt shared that the link to the Fall MAP Data could also be found in the board packet. He reviewed the data with the Board.

#### State School Report Cards

Dr. Bartelt announced that the Illinois State School Report Cards will be released on October 27 at 9:00 a.m. He noted that until that time, the District may not release any information contained within the report card.

#### 2022 Student Interventions

Dr. Bartelt reported that the District is utilizing an Elementary Mathematics Interventionist this year. He also indicated that the District still utilizes Paper, an online tutoring service to support students inside and outside of school primarily in writing and mathematics. In addition, the MTSS team introduced AIMSWEB assessments in fluency and mathematics to progress monitor students during the school year.

#### Early Childhood Construction Grant

Dr. Bartelt indicated that earlier this month, the District submitted a grant application to the Illinois Capital Development Board for the purpose of acquiring funds to build an Early Childhood Center to serve the needs of prekindergarten and kindergarten students. If the grant is awarded to the District, it would allow for full day kindergarten to be offered.

### **Public Comment**

Marc Kapral asked if there is a way to compare how the District's current MAP Scores as they line up against national standards versus how they have performed in the past.

He indicated that he would like to see how we compare to 2018, 2019 and 2020. Mr. Kapral also indicated that he was pleased to hear about the potential development of the Early Childhood Center, but questions if the District can afford the associated expenses on an ongoing basis. Finally, Mr. Kapral indicated that he had no idea of what Paper was, and suggested that if the District would like to see higher participation, it should be better advertised to District parents.

Mary Kathryn Warco also expressed her hope that the District has a plan to maintain a new Early Childhood Center that does not taxpayers additional money. Ms. Warco also expressed that she felt that security measures were lacking in the schools when a student is signed out during the school day and needed to be addressed.

Kristina Unzicker requested to be copied on the response to Mr. Kapral regarding the MAP comparisons. She would also like to know if it is possible to get information on how many kids are meeting their growth goals.

### **Board Reports and Requests**

BIG – Mr. Lenisa indicated that the BIG's next meeting is on Thursday, October 27 and will be hosted by District 13.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition – Mrs. Wojcicki reported that there was no meeting this month.

Education Foundation – Mrs. Wojcicki indicated that they are in the process of planning their wine tasting fundraiser which will take place on a Thursday evening in April.

LEND - Mrs. Zehme reported that LEND's next meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 28 virtually. There will be around 12 legislators attending and the meeting will be broken out into smaller groups so that members can talk with the legislators.

NDSEC – Ms. Peterson stated that there was an operational meeting, but not a governance meeting. Dr. Bartelt added that they talked a little bit about some contracts and grants that they put forth and they approved a school maintenance project grant.

Bloomington Council of Teachers – Ms. Peterson shared that they had their monthly meeting last Tuesday. She indicated that they are holding off on setting up a goal for the board and the union to reach until Nicole Gabany returns from leave and can offer her input and leadership on the goal. The group came to an agreement on staff recognition which will most likely take place on a quarterly basis. However there are other more school level means of teacher recognition that happen throughout the year. The Council has been working to highlight what they feel are District 13's differences that can be highlighted as a promotional tool for the District to help with recruitment and retention of staff. The Council will not be meeting in November due to parent teacher conferences and the holiday.

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

Mr. Boebel indicated that there were no FOIA requests.

### **Action Items**

#### **Authorization of the School Maintenance Grant Application (F.D. 10/24/22-7)**

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mr. McKeown for the Board to Authorize the Board President to sign the application for the School Maintenance Project Grant requesting the full amount of the grant, \$50,000.00, from the Illinois State Board of Education.

#### **Roll Call Vote**

Ayes: Wojcicki, McKeown, Peterson, Devitt, Lenisa, Zehme, Boebel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

### **Discussion Items**

#### **Tentative Tax Levy**

Ms. Valerie Varhalla, Director of Finance presented the Tentative Tax Levy to the Board. A Truth in Taxation Hearing and formal approval of the 2022 Tax Levy will take place at the December regular meeting.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Budget Performance and Investment Report**

Ms. Varhalla shared the highlights from the first quarter performance report of the FY 2023 Budget and the first quarter investment report and responded to questions from the Board.

#### **Policy Review 7:30 and School Board Member Handbook**

Dr. Bartelt indicated that at the September Board Meeting, Mr. Lenisa requested a review of Policy 7:30. The Board discussed the policy and requested a change notifying parents as to when the deadline is to indicate the maintenance of the agreement. Dr. Bartelt will make that change, and will bring the policy back for first reading at the November Board meeting. Dr. Bartelt also addressed the School Board Members Handbook and stated that there is a need for some minor editing to be done to the document in preparation for the potential onboarding of new members of the Board in the coming spring following the April election.

**Resolutions Committee**

Mr. McKeown gave the Board an overview of the resolutions that will be voted upon at the Delegate Assembly at the Joint Annual Conference on Saturday, November 19.

**Joint Annual Conference Preparations**

Dr. Bartelt shared details of the timeline of events for the upcoming Joint Annual Conference that will take place in Chicago from Friday, November 18 – Sunday, November 20.

**Topic(s) for Future Agendas**

Ms. Zehme asked if the District could look into new neon green crosswalks like Winnebago recently got.

**For Information**

**Enrollment Update**

Available for review in the Board packet.

**NDSEC Profile**

Available for review in the Board packet.

**Adjourn to Closed Session**

A motion was made by Mr. Devitt and seconded by Ms. Peterson to adjourn to closed session at 8:37 p.m. to discuss the employment/evaluation/compensation of personnel, collective bargaining, and potential litigation.

**Roll Call Vote**

Ayes: Devitt, Peterson, Lenisa, McKeown, Wojcicki, Zehme, Boebel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

President Matt Boebel called the regular meeting of the Board of Education in Bloomington Elementary School District 13 back to order at 9:01 p.m.

**Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

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Matt Boebel, President

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Linda Wojcicki, Secretary