

REGULAR
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
April 24, 2023, 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 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 24, 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. 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, Nicole Gabany, Rick McCall, Matt Puchalski, Claudine Scanlon

Above and Beyond – Board Member Matt Boebel recognized this month's Above and Beyond recipients, Julia Garrett (DuJardin), Ari Patel (Erickson) and Ava Shah (Westfield).

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Devitt and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki to approve the items in the Consent Agenda which included Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on 3-27-23 and Minutes from the Special Board Meeting held on 4-17-23. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$123,616.93; the Operations and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$68,347.37; Debt Service in the amount of \$1,864.30; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$97,362.68; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; and Tort Fund in the amount of \$0.00; Payroll (3-24-2023) in the amount of \$462,838.38 and (4-10-2023) in the amount of \$455,076.96, as shown in (F.D. 4/24/23-1); the Fund Balance Report as shown in (F.D. 4/24/23-2); the Balance Sheet as shown in (F.D. 4/24/23-3); the Revenue Report as shown in (F.D. 4/24/23-4); the Expenditure Report as shown in (F.D. 4/24/23-5); and Activity Report as shown in (F.D. 4/24/23-6); **Resignations/Retirements**, Gina Kurdziel, Teacher at the District effective 6/8/23, Robyn Palermo, Paraprofessional at Erickson effective 4/3/23, Michael Dolar, Paraprofessional at Westfield effective 4/12/23; **Leaves**, Beth Jones, FMLA effective 4/3/23, Sarah Hellstrom, Maternity Leave effective 8/21/23, Heather Del Giudice, Maternity Leave effective 8/21/23.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Superintendent's Report

MTSS Presentation

Director of Student Services, Samia Hefferan provided an update to the District's implementation of the Multi-Tiered Systems of Support program that helps staff support student academic and developmental growth and answered questions presented by the Board.

Community Collaboration Group

Dr. Bartelt informed the Board that the Community Collaboration Group met on Tuesday, April 18, and shared a summary of topics that were presented to the group.

Board Reorganization Meeting

Dr. Bartelt indicated that the Board of Education will conduct a meeting to canvass the results of the April 4 Consolidated Election on Monday, May 1, at 7:00 p.m.

Eighth Grade Graduation

Dr. Bartelt shared that on Tuesday, June 6, the Class of 2023 will engage in their graduation ceremony at Lake Park West High School's football field. The ceremony will begin at 6:00 p.m. and in the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be relocated to the auditorium.

Public Comment

Matt Puchalski addressed the Board to indicate his concern about 4th and 5th grade teachers who will no longer be teaching at Erickson next year. He indicated that he would like to know why the decision was made to eliminate some of those positions as well as any future plans to replace these teachers. Mr. Puchalski would also be interested in what expenses are involved in adding a new classroom to a building. In addition, Mr. Puchalski questioned why there are less paraprofessionals, how many do we currently employ in the district and what are the educational requirements to be a paraprofessional. Mr. Puchalski will submit his questions in writing to Dr. Bartelt for a response.

Claudine Scanlon also indicated concern about the teachers who will no longer be at Erickson, and is unhappy that class sizes will be increasing. She would like to know if there will be more support staff such as paraprofessionals placed in those classrooms.

Board Reports and Requests

BIG – Mr. Lenisa indicated that there were no updates, but their next scheduled meeting is this coming Thursday at the library.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition – Mrs. Wojcicki reported that their next meeting is May 4. The recognition breakfast will be held in August, and applications have been sent out for nominations.

Education Foundation – Mrs. Wojcicki shared that the Ed Foundation awarded approximately \$12,000 in teacher grants at Spring Fling. She also indicated that their Beer and Wine fundraiser has been scheduled for October 26th at the Bloomingdale Golf Club.

LEND - Mrs. Zehme indicated that the next LEND meeting is on Friday, and that Lobby Day has been postponed.

NDSEC – Ms. Peterson stated NDSEC had an operational meeting. Dr. Bartelt added that they gave updates on staffing patterns, renewal of life and health insurance and their teaching contract renewal.

Bloomingdale Council of Teachers – Mr. Boebel stated that the Bloomingdale Council of Teachers did not meet this month.

School Reports – Tia Tenneti provided the Board of recent happenings at DuJardin and Erickson Elementary Schools and Veronica Archacki updated the Board of activities that have been taking place at Westfield Middle School since the last Board Meeting.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

Mr. Boebel indicated that there were three FOIA requests that were summarized in the Board packet.

Action Items

Approval of the FY2022-2023 School Calendar (F.D. 4/24/23-7)

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board to approve the final 2022-2023 School Calendar, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Approval of Resolutions of Appreciation for Teachers, PTO's, Secretaries and School Nurses (F.D. 4/24/23-8)

A motion was made by Mr. Lenisa and seconded by Mr. Devitt for the Board to approve the resolutions of appreciation and sign said resolutions.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Approval of Resolution to Dismiss Educational Support Personnel (F.D. 4/24/23-9)

A motion was made by Mr. Devitt and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board to Approve the attached resolution regarding the dismissal of an Educational Support Personnel member, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Discussion Items

Third Quarter Budget and Investment Report

Director of Finance, Valerie Varhalla shared highlights from the 3rd Quarter Financial and Investment Review and answered questions presented by the Board.

First Reading of Amendments to Board Policies and Student Handbooks

Dr. Bartelt shared that the policies and handbooks attached in the board packet contain amendments that will be voted on at the regular meeting of the Board of Education meeting in May.

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.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Matt Boebel, President

Linda Wojcicki, Secretary