

REGULAR
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
November 27, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

President Michael Lenisa called the regular meeting of the Board of Education in Bloomington Elementary School District 13 to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 27, 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, Ms. Tamara Peterson, Mrs. Linda Wojcicki, Mrs. Kari Zehme, Mr. Michael Lenisa

Absent: Mr. Terry McKeown

Others Present: Dr. Jon Bartelt, Shannon Whitaker, Nicole Gabany, Valerie Varhalla, Samia Hefferan, Brennan Shannon, Sloan Voytek, Kristine Puchalski

Above and Beyond

Board Member Michael Lenisa recognized this month's Above and Beyond recipients, Nicholas Malizzio (DuJardin), Therese Baylosis (Erickson) Gabriella Graham (Westfield).

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki to approve the items in the Consent Agenda which included Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on 10-23-23. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$476,897.40; the Operations and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$49,604.99; Debt Service in the amount of \$0.00; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$82,220.81; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; and Tort Fund in the amount of \$0.00; Payroll (10-25-2023) in the amount of \$457,357.35, (11-10-2023) in the amount of \$453,277.70 and (11-21-2023) in the amount of \$512,490.02 as shown in (F.D. 11/27/23-1); the Fund Balance Report as shown in (F.D. 11/27/23-2); the Balance Sheet as shown in (F.D. 11/27/23-3); the Revenue Report as shown in (F.D. 11/27/23-4); the Expenditure Report as shown in (F.D. 11/27/23-5); and Activity Report as shown in (F.D. 11/27/23-6); **New Hires**, Selina Vela, Custodian at Westfield for a salary of \$16.50; **Change of Position**, Laura Muys, Long-Term Substitute at Westfield to Paraprofessional at Westfield for a salary TBD.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Superintendent's Report

Illinois School Report Card

Nicole Gabany, Director of Teaching and Learning shared the results of the 2023 Illinois School Report Card, which contained the compiled results of the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) and the 5Essentials that were taken or administered last spring to selected students, and answered questions from the Board of Education.

MTSS Presentation

Samia Hefferan, Director of Student Services shared an update on the work completed by the Multi Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) team and a projection of the work they will complete this year, and answered questions from the Board of Education.

Community Coffees

Dr. Bartelt indicated that the next Community Coffee with the Superintendent is scheduled for Saturday, January 20, 2024 at Westfield Middle School's Media Center/Library from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m.

Public Comment

Tino Simon asked if due to the increase in bullying incidents at Erickson, there has been any training given to staff in response to that increase. Mr. Simon also inquired about the grading policy and wanted to know why the district has lowered its grading standards.

Board Reports and Requests

BIG – Ms. Peterson stated that at the meeting, the Park District indicated that it has renovated Stratford Park. District 87 cited that they had a large influx of ELL students and that they are struggling with how to handle that influx. The township announced that it has programs available to assist people who are struggling with their bills

CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition – Mrs. Wojicki stated that they held their annual meeting on November 2nd, and that their holiday meeting will take place in December.

Education Foundation – Mrs. Zehme indicated that the Foundation raised \$6,500 from the fundraiser in October. The group is in discussions to have a spring fundraiser such as a dine and donate.

LEND - Mrs. Zehme reported that there was a speaker at their meeting at the end of October who spoke about possible changes to the TRS retirement age. Other items

discussed were new bills, social security for teachers, and religious accommodations. Their next meeting is scheduled for January.

NDSEC – Mr. Kapral indicated that there was no meeting this month, but that there will be a special meeting in 2 weeks which will be held at the Lincoln Academy, where there will be a presentation of their annual report.

Bloomington Council of Teachers – Mr. Lenisa stated that the group is continuing to meet monthly and is still working to streamline the ABC Award nomination process.

IASB – Ms. Peterson reported on the IASB Delegate Assembly for Mr. McKeown, indicating that all recommendations passed handily.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

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

Action Items

None

Discussion Items

First Reading of Amendments to Board Policy

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

Architect's Options for District Programming

The members of the board discussed the options that were presented by DLA Architects at the October board meeting. Members shared their thoughts and preferences on the options. Representatives from DLA Architects, Ed Sullivan Consulting and Raymond James will be at the December 18 regular meeting to answer more specific questions, and share additional information with the Board.

2024-2025 School Calendar Draft

The Board was provided with a draft of the 2024-2025 School Calendar for consideration. The calendar will be brought for Board approval at the regular meeting in December.

Joint Annual Conference Reports

Members of the Board of Education shared the highlights of the Joint Annual Conference and spoke about the sessions that they attended.

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.

Westfield Suspension Report

Available for review in the Board packet.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

Michael Lenisa, President

Linda Wojcicki, Secretary