

REGULAR
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
November 28, 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 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 28, 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, Marc Kapral, Kristina Unzicker

Above and Beyond – Board Member, Terry McKeown recognized this month's Above and Beyond recipients, Madison Majewski (DuJardin), Iliyah Albano (Erickson) and Gauri 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 10-24-22 and Closed Session Meeting held on 10-24-22. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$441,292.30; the Operations and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$68,217.48; Debt Service in the amount of \$1,864.30; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$115,379.42; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; and Tort Fund in the amount of \$0.00; Payroll (10-25-2022) in the amount of \$449,122.30, (11-10-2022) in the amount of \$447,866.09, and (11-23-2022) in the amount of \$488,207.03, as shown in (F.D. 11/28/22-1); the Fund Balance Report as shown in (F.D. 11/28/22-2); the Balance Sheet as shown in (F.D. 11/28/22-3); the Revenue Report as shown in (F.D. 11/28/22-4); the Expenditure Report as shown in (F.D. 11/28/22-5); and Activity Report as shown in (F.D. 11/28/22-6); **New Hires**, Michael Knitter, Paraprofessional at Westfield for a salary of \$16.03/Hr., Maxwell Arnold, Paraprofessional at Westfield for a salary of \$16.03/Hr., Marlynn Reuter, Paraprofessional at Westfield for a salary of \$15.27/Hr., Julia Hall, Paraprofessional at Westfield for a salary of \$15.27/Hr., Syeda Jaffery, Paraprofessional at DuJardin for a salary of \$15.27/Hr., Emma Arriagada-Avello, Paraprofessional at Westfield for a salary of \$15.27/Hr.; **Resignations/Retirements**, Melissa Oneal, Payroll/Benefits Coordinator at the District Office effective 11/15/22; **Change of Position**, Angela Margelos, Paraprofessional at DuJardin to Paraprofessional at Erickson.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Superintendent's Report

Fall MAP Data and IAR Summary

In response to requests from community members at the October Board of Education Meeting, Dr. Bartelt reviewed the MAP Fall 2021-Fall 2022 Data and IAR 2022 Data with those in attendance at the meeting. Dr. Bartelt highlighted how the District performed in comparison to previous years, as well as how the District performed as compared to the other feeder districts to Lake Park High School. In addition, he explained what NWEA MAP Norms are and how they are determined, as well as how annual summative designations are calculated. Dr. Bartelt indicated that two of the District's schools received a designation of exemplary and the other received a designation of commendable.

Student Check Out Procedures

Dr. Bartelt shared that after discussions were held regarding student check out procedures, it was determined that procedures at Westfield will remain the same with the exception that students will only be allowed to leave the building unless a parent/guardian rings the outside buzzer to let them know they are there to pick up their child.

School Calendar Survey Results

Dr. Bartelt reviewed the results of the surveys sent to staff and families. Per the survey results, the District's 2023-2024 school year will begin a week after Lake Park High School starts to help prevent transportation issues since we share a bussing company. In addition, next year's winter break will align with LPHS.

Public Comment

Kristina Unzicker indicated that she appreciates the MAP data that was shared earlier during the meeting, however, she would like to see year to year data going back to 2017. Kristina would also still like information on how many kids are meeting their personal growth goals, as well as an explanation for why the state rankings for DuJardin and Erickson have gone down.

Marc Kapral agreed with Ms. Unzicker's remarks and said that he worries that Erickson was downgraded from exemplary to commendable and would also like to see how the growth has changed over the past five years.

Board Reports and Requests

BIG – Mr. Lenisa indicated that at BIG’s meeting last month, they discussed the State Report Cards. In addition, they discussed new home developments that were planned that would feed into District 13, that are now currently on hold.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition – Mrs. Wojcicki reported that they had a very successful Socktober, with District students collecting hundreds of pairs of socks.

Education Foundation – Mrs. Wojcicki indicated that there was no meeting in November, but that their big fund raising event has been scheduled for April 20, 2023 at the Bloomingdale Golf Club.

LEND - Mrs. Zehme reported that LEND’s last meeting was held on Friday, October 28 virtually. There were 12 legislators in attendance. Discussions centered around graduation rates, bus driver/teacher/staff shortages, and the Right to Read Act. The next meeting is scheduled for January.

NDSEC – Ms. Peterson stated that there was a special meeting held on November 14th where Todd Putnam was approved as the new Executive Director, beginning July 1, 2023.

Bloomingdale Council of Teachers – Mr. Boebel indicated that there was no meeting held in November.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

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

Action Items

Resolution in Appreciation of District 13 Administration and Staff (F.D. 11/28/22-7)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Ms. Peterson for the Board to Approve the attached resolution honoring District 13 faculty, staff and administration as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Resolution Authorizing IMRF Agent (F.D. 11/28/22-8)

A motion was made by Mr. McKeown and seconded by Mrs. Zehme for the Board to Approve the resolution to name Ms. Valerie Varhalla as the District's IMRF Authorized Agent, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Discussion Items

Joint Annual Conference Reports

Dr. Bartelt and members of the Board of Education shared their experiences from the Joint Annual Conference, including highlights on workshop sessions they attended.

First Reading of Amendments to Board Policy

Dr. Bartelt indicated that proposed changes to Policy 1:30, Policy 7:30 and the School Board Member Handbook are shown in red. These policies, along with the handbook will be brought forth at the December Board Meeting for second reading and approval.

2023-2024 School Calendar Draft and 2022-2023 Amended Calendar

Dr. Bartelt indicated that the 2022-2023 Amended Calendar only reflects a mathematical error in the calculation of days. The Board will be asked to approve the final calendar in April. The 2023-2024 School Calendar Draft includes the changes made per the survey sent to staff and parents to more closely align District 13's calendar with Lake Park High School.

Infographic Preview

Mr. Rick McCall, Director of Technology shared with the Board the mailer that will be sent out to all Bloomingdale residents in the coming weeks. In addition, he reviewed the online version of the infographic that contains clickable links to allow readers to take a deeper dive into the information provided. A QR code will appear on the mailer that when used, will direct readers to the online version.

Fee Collection Agency

Ms. Valerie Varhalla, Director of Finance indicated that the District has a large number of outstanding fees dating back several years to present. Ms. Varhalla is investigating a new software system for future fee collection, as well as determining whether outstanding fees should be turned over to a collection agency.

Topic(s) for Future Agendas

Ms. Peterson proposed discussion about student building representatives being reinstated.

For Information

Enrollment Update

Available for review in the Board packet.

NDSEC Profile

Available for review in the Board packet.

Annual Statement of Affairs

Available for review in the Board packet.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Matt Boebel, President

Linda Wojcicki, Secretary