

REGULAR
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
September 22, 2025, 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 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 22, 2025.

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Marcin Kapral, Mrs. Nicole Majewski, Mr. Sam Menton, Mrs. Linda Wojcicki, Mr. Michael Lenisa

Absent: Mr. Eric Kowalik, Mrs. Raffaella Spilotro,

Others Present: Dr. Jon Bartelt, Shannon Zinner, Nicole Gabany, Valerie Varhalla, Ethan Dworianyn, Alisha Kshatriya, Corinne Principe, Janine Rosenberg, Sara Dworianyn, Melissa Graham, Ryan Kelley, Ed Wright, Ben Steele

Above and Beyond

Board Member Linda Wojcicki recognized this month's Above and Beyond recipients, Maddie Barnes (DuJardin), Ailyn Lazaro (Erickson) and Sammy Casaccio (Westfield).

Public Hearing - FY 2026 Budget

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mrs. Majewski to open the public hearing for the FY 2026 Budget. Voice Vote: all ayes

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mrs. Majewski to open public comment for the FY 2026 Budget. Voice Vote: all ayes

A public hearing was held to allow for public comment on the FY 2026 Budget. There were no comments.

A motion was made by Mrs. Majewski and seconded by Mr. Menton to close public comment for the FY 2026 Budget. Voice Vote: all ayes

A motion was made by Mrs. Majewski and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki to close the public hearing for the FY 2026 Budget. Voice Vote: all ayes

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mr. Menton to approve the items in the Consent Agenda which included Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on 8/25/25, Closed Meeting Minutes on 8/25/25, Special Meeting Minutes on 9/8/25 and Closed Meeting Minutes on 9/8/25. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$193,404.13; the Operations and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$111,897.77; Debt Service in the amount of \$400.00; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$62,561.46; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; Referendum Fund in the amount of \$0.00; Tort Fund in the amount of \$0.00 and Life Safety Fund in the amount of \$0.00

(F.D. 09/22/25-1); Payroll (8/23/2025) in the amount of \$455,206.76, (9/10/2025) in the amount of \$503,520.62; the Financial Reports as shown in (F.D. 09/22/25-2); **New Hires**, Tina Paoletti, Paraprofessional at Erickson effective TBD; **Change of Position**, Stephanie Danek, Paraprofessional at Erickson to Long-Term Substitute Art Teacher at Erickson, effective 9/15/2025, Laura Muys, Paraprofessional at Westfield to Long-Term Substitute 6th Grade Math Teacher at Westfield, effective 1/05/2026; **Leaves of Absence**, Layne Barnett, Teacher at Erickson Elementary, Parental Leave effective August 2026 - August 2027.
Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Wojcicki, Menton, Kapral, Majewski, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 5 – 0 – 0

Superintendent's Report

Program Review - Parent Teacher Organizations

Parent leaders from each of the schools shared highlights from their Parent Teacher Organizations for the Board of Education and public.

Student Ambassadors

8th grade student ambassadors, Ethan Dworiansyn and Alisha Kshatriya provided an update on activities of each schools including Fall PTO fundraisers, children's fair, and a visit from an illustrator at Erickson; PTO Bookfair, Jaguar Den and Jogathon at DuJardin; and cross country team standings, upcoming cheerleading and basketball tryouts and a Halloween Dance scheduled for October 27 at Westfield.

Fall MAP Scores

Mrs. Gabany led the Board through the results of the fall administration of the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing that was completed earlier in the month.

Construction Update

Representatives from Bulley and Andrews and DLA Architects presented a brief summary of the process for the contractor bidding process, sharing the lowest responsive bidders in each category.

Public Comment

None

Board Reports and Requests

BIG – Mr. Menton indicated that their next meeting will take place at the end of October.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition – Mrs. Wojcicki reminded the Board that the Character Counts celebration will take place on October 7th at 6:30 p.m. at Old Town.

Education Foundation – Mrs. Wojcicki shared that they are working on a new website for the foundation.

LEND - Mr. Lenisa attended the fall kickoff meeting that included local representatives and senators. He indicated that the next LEND function is the annual breakfast that will take place on Saturday, November 22 at the Joint Annual Conference.

NDSEC – Mr. Kapral indicated that their latest meeting was an operational meeting where a discussion was held on the final budget for ESY.

Bloomington Council of Teachers - Mr. Lenisa shared that he and Mrs. Majewski met with the union leaders earlier in the month where they discussed AI policy creation.

Bloomington Paraprofessional Council - Mrs. Majewski met with the paraprofessional union leaders where they discussed AI. She also indicated that they were focusing on the upcoming contract negotiations starting in January.

IASB - Mr. Lenisa shared that IASB released their initial resolutions which included topics such as school bus safety, funding email voting, and changing to a two year presidential term from one year.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

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

Action Items

Approval of the FY 2026 Budget (F.D. 9/22/2025-3)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mr. Menton for the Board to approve the FY 2026 Budget, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Wojcicki, Menton, Kapral, Majewski, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 5 – 0 – 0

Second Reading of Amendments to Board Policy (F.D. 9/22/2025-4)

A motion was made by Mrs. Majewski and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board to approve the amendments to the policies identified above as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Majewski, Wojcicki, Kapral, Menton, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 5 – 0 – 0

Resolution in Support of School Principals (F.D. 9/22/2025-5)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mrs. Majewski for the Board to approve the Resolution in Support of School Principals, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Wojcicki, Majewski, Kapral, Menton, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 5 – 0 – 0

Resolution for Certification of Previous Safety Hazard Findings (F.D. 9/22/2025-6)

A motion was made by Mrs. Majewski and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board of Education to approve the Resolution for Certification of Previous Serious Safety Hazard Findings, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Majewski, Wojcicki, Kapral, Menton, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 5 – 0 – 0

Resolution of Strategic Plan Initiatives for 2025-2026 (F.D. 9/22/2025-7)

A motion was made by Mr. Kapral and seconded by Mr. Menton for the Board of Education to approve the Strategic Plan Initiatives for 2025-2026, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Kapral, Menton, Majewski, Wojcicki, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 5 – 0 – 0

Approval of 2026-2027 School Calendar (F.D. 9/22/2025-8)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mr. Kapral for the Board of Education to approve the 2026-2027 School Calendar, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Wojcicki, Kapral, Majewski, Menton, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 5 – 0 – 0

Approval of Bids for Construction Projects (F.D. 9/22/2025-9)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mrs. Majewski for the Board of Education to approve the lowest responsive bidders as identified in Exhibit A from Bulley & Andrews for the referendum and life safety projects, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Wojcicki, Majewski, Kapral, Menton, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 5 – 0 – 0

Discussion Items

Intergovernmental Agreements

Dr. Bartelt indicated to the Board that updates have been made to intergovernmental agreements with Lake Park High School 108 regarding sharing data between the school districts, and the Bloomingdale Park District for use of Four Seasons Park, Use of District facilities for Park District Programming, and shared use of the 20 year old gymnasium at Westfield.

Topic(s) for Future Agendas

None

For Information

Enrollment Report

Available for review in the Board packet.

NDSEC Profile

Available for review in the Board packet.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Michael Lenisa, President

Linda Wojcicki, Secretary