

REGULAR  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
April 25, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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 25, 2022 in an in person and virtual setting. The District invited the public to join the School Board this evening by Zoom webinar platform.

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, Nicole Gabany, John Reiniche, Rick McCall, Greg Leyden, Ali Ventrella, Sheila Zagotta, Matthew Renger, Stefan Larsson, Marc Kapral, Kristine Puchalski, Valerie Varhalla

**Recognition of Exemplars** – Board Member, Kari Zehme recognized this month's Student Exemplar, Matthew Renger, and Staff Exemplar, Sheila Zagotta.

**Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. Lenisa to approve the items in the Consent Agenda which included Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on 3-28-22 and Closed Session Meeting held on 3-28-22. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$109,833.04; the Operations and Maintenance Fund for in the amount of \$67,427.45; Debt Service in the amount of \$1,864.30; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$123,004.77; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; and Tort Fund in the amount of \$100.00; Payroll (4-8-2022) in the amount of \$449,355.36 and (4-25-2022) in the amount of \$426,635.14 as shown in (F.D. 4/25/2022-1); the Fund Balance Report as shown in (F.D. 4/25/2022-2); the Balance Sheet as shown in (F.D. 4/25/2022-3); the Revenue Report as shown in (F.D. 4/25/2022-4); the Expenditure Report as shown in (F.D. 4/25/2022-5); and Activity Report as shown in (F.D. 4/25/2022-6); **New Hires**, Julia Stevens, Social Worker at DuJardin for a salary TBD; **Resignations/Retirements**, Dennis Rouhas, Custodian at DuJardin effective 10/28/22, Andrea Gilbert, Teacher at Westfield effective 6/7/22; **Re-Hires**, Emma Bley, Teacher (1 Year) at Erickson for a salary TBD, Andrea Thanos, Teacher at Westfield for a salary TBD; **Leaves**, Mallory Pagano, Maternity effective 4/22/22

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

### **Superintendent's Report**

#### **Community Collaboration Group**

Dr. Bartelt announced that on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, he would be holding the first Community Collaboration Group meeting. There are 18 parents who expressed interest in the group.

#### **Eighth Grade Graduation**

Dr. Bartelt informed the Board that eighth grade graduation would be held on June 2<sup>nd</sup> on the football field at Lake Park West High School. He indicated to the Board that if there were members of the eighth grade class of 2022 that they would like to present their certificates to, to please reach out to Ms. Whitaker with that information.

#### **Return to Learn**

Dr. Bartelt stated that DuPage County has been elevated from low to medium transmissions, however we are not seeing a large increase in the number of positive cases in our schools. He also shared that we released to the staff today via email the law that was signed by the governor in early April for COVID Administrative Leave, which allows fully vaccinated staff to recoup sick leave days that were lost.

#### **Public Comment**

Ali Ventrella asked why questionnaire that her child, as well as other children in the district completed regarding social emotional health was not sent home to parents. The only information she received was a note saying that her child would be involved in a lunch bunch group once a week for four weeks. She feels that if her child need additional emotional support, she should be told about it, and know what the questions are that were asked of her child.

Marc Kapral asked if there will ever be advance notice to the parents as to what is being asked on the SEL questionnaires that are given to their children.

Jeff Sickler joined via Zoom to express that he feels the personal questions asked of their children about what happens at home are invasive. He questioned why educators are posing those questions to district children.

Marc Kapral addressed the Board again about the school reading program. He would like to know if that is something that the Board or District approves in terms of what reading materials are assigned to their children. He would like to know if there is an approved list or a process that is followed when choosing books for students.

### **Board Reports and Requests**

BIG – Mr. Lenisa indicated that there is a meeting scheduled for the upcoming Thursday.

D13 Has Character – Mrs. Wojcicki reported that she was not able to go to the last meeting. The next meeting will be next week. Dr. Bartelt added that the Pillar award nominations are due back by April 30<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Wojcicki noted that the breakfast has been moved to August 13<sup>th</sup>.

Education Foundation – Mrs. Wojcicki indicated that the Education Foundation approved over \$15,000 in teacher grants that will be given out at Spring Fling on Friday to 26 teachers.

LEND - Mr. Reiniche reported they extended the days before and after an election to reform from 28 to 40 days. He also indicated that they lowered the age to hire paraprofessionals to 18 in response to shortages in the field. In addition, the budget and dues worksheet were presented at this meeting.

NDSEC – Ms. Peterson indicated that there was an operating board meeting. Dr. Bartelt said that the meeting he attended included the renewal of their health and life insurance programs to the EBC. Their PPO rate went up 11.5% and their HMO went up 7.7%. Vision, Life and Dental were unchanged. They renewed their copier lease and shared policy manual revisions. The May meeting will be their reorganizational meeting, where Itasca will become the next operational board chair and Wood Dale the vice chair.

Bloomington Council of Teachers – Mr. Boebel shared that they've had 4 negotiation meetings. All is going well and we are officially making progress. The next scheduled meeting is next Sunday.

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

Mr. Boebel indicated that there were two FOIA requests that were summarized in the board packets.

### **Action Items**

#### **Election of Officers (F.D. 4/25/2022-7)**

#### **Office of President**

A nomination was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. McKeown for Matt Boebel as the Board President

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. McKeown to approve Matt Boebel by acclamation as Board President.

**Office of Vice President**

A nomination was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mr. Devitt for Tamara Peterson as the Board Vice President

A motion was made by Mr. McKeown and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki to approve Matt Boebel by acclimation as Board Vice President.

**Office of Secretary**

A nomination was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. McKeown for Linda Wojcicki as the Board Secretary

A motion was made by Mr. McKeown and seconded by Ms. Peterson to approve Linda Wojcicki by acclimation as Board Secretary.

Resolutions of Appreciation of Teachers, PTO's, Secretaries, and School Nurses (F.D. 4/25/2022-8)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mr. Devitt for the Board to approve the attached resolutions of appreciation of Teachers, PTO's, Secretaries and School Nurses.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Approval of the Final 2021-2022 School Calendar (F.D. 4/25/2022-9)

A motion was made by Mr. Devitt and seconded by Ms. Peterson for the Board to approve the final 2021-2022 school calendar as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 - 0

Approval of the Waste Removal Contractor (F.D. 4/25/2022-10)

A motion was made by Mr. Devitt and seconded by Mr. McKeown for the Board to approve SBC Waste Solutions for waste removal services for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024, with the option to renew the contract for an additional 2 years if both parties are in agreement with the rates and terms as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 - 0

**Discussion Items**

District e-Learning Plan

Dr. Bartelt reminded the Board that last May we approved an e-Learning plan. Since that time, the District Leadership Council has met several times to go over details. Mr. Richard McCall, Director of Technology indicated that one suggestion that came out of these meetings was that there be a dedicated area on the website that people could access resources for an e-Learning day. Dr. Bartelt added that he would like clarify that the e-Learning plan is not like a remote learning plan. e-Learning is the opportunity to re-learn material that was previously mastered for a day as opposed to pushing curriculum forward. Remote Learning is a long term delivery of services to students electronically at home. e-Learning is a combination of asynchronous material or links and things that students can access themselves combined with some synchronous time with their teachers in the course of a single day. It's not a traditional five-hour school day.

New Website

Mr. McCall reviewed the progress of the redesign of the District Website. He anticipates a delivery of the site by May 1, followed by some additional training for staff.

Transportation Bid

Mr. John Reiniche, Director of Finance shared that in a joint effort with Lake Park High School District 108 and Medinah School District 11, a Request to Bid notice was released. The bids were opened last Monday, and it was determined that the new rates will be 7% for 2022-23, 4% for 2023-24, and 4% for 2024-25.

Third Quarter Budget and Investment Report

Mr. Reiniche indicated that our expenditures are trending as expected, and our tax collections are trending better than expected. Interest income is not trending favorably, which is a sign of inflationary amounts and percentages and the pressures that has been placed on the banks. Overall, the District is doing very well.

**10 Year Facilities Plan Resources**

Mr. Greg Leyden, Director of Buildings and Grounds stated that we are looking at a lot of big ticket items such as replacing the parking lot at Westfield, replacing an air handler at DuJardin, replacing the roof at Westfield and some minor items at Erickson. Mr. Reiniche indicated that we try to take advantage of as many grants as we can to take pressures off of our budget. We did allocate \$400,000 of ESSER money, and we usually put aside about \$450,000 in our typical operating amount every year to dedicate to those projects that we can do. We also have reserves that the district has built up if things became difficult. Dr. Bartelt added that the strategic plan identifies four particular strategic goals; 1) whole child growth and achievement, 2) teaching and learning, 3) communication and collaboration, and 4) resources.

**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.

**Adjourn to Closed Session**

A motion was made by Mr. Devitt and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki to adjourn to closed session at 8:17 p.m. to discuss the employment/evaluation/compensation of personnel, collective bargaining, and potential litigation.

**Roll Call Vote**

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mr. Lenisa and seconded by Mr. McKeown to adjourn the meeting. All ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

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Matt Boebel, President

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Linda Wojcicki, Secretary