

REGULAR
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
December 16, 2024, 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, December 16, 2024 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: Ms. Monika Cuellar, Mrs. Nicole Majewski, Mr. Terry McKeown, Ms. Tamara Peterson, Mrs. Linda Wojcicki, Mr. Michael Lenisa

Absent: Mr. Marcin Kapral

Others Present: Dr. Jon Bartelt, Shannon Zinner, Nicole Gabany, Valerie Varhalla, Rick McCall, Elizabeth Hennessy, Sam Menton

Above and Beyond

Board Member Tamara Peterson recognized this month's Above and Beyond recipients, Benjamin Riemenschneider (DuJardin), Pavlo Khromei (Erickson) and Jacob Fritzler (Westfield).

Truth in Taxation Hearing

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mrs. Majewski to open the Truth in Taxation Hearing. Voice Vote: all ayes

A Truth in Taxation Hearing was held to present the 2024 Tax Levy and allowed for public comment.

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. McKeown to close the Truth in Taxation Hearing. Voice Vote: all ayes

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Cuellar and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki to approve the items in the Consent Agenda which included Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on 11-18-24, and the Minutes from the Closed Session Board Meeting on 11-18-24. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$161,138.99; the Operations and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$68,957.53; Debt Service in the amount of \$0.00; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$96,387.39; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; and Tort Fund in the amount of \$0.00; Payroll (11-23-2024) in the amount of \$528,682.69 and (12-10-2024) in the amount of \$543,612.94; the Financial Reports as shown in (F.D. 12/16/24-2); **New Hires**, Prity Shah, Paraprofessional at Erickson effective 12/11/24, Elisabeth Fisher, Paraprofessional at DuJardin effective 1/6/25; **Leaves**, Tina Martin, Paraprofessional at Westfield effective 12/5/24 - 1/6/25, Caryn Ocutto, Teacher at Westfield effective 12/20/24 - 2/14/25.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Wojcicki, Cuellar, Majewski, McKeown, Peterson, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained:

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Superintendent's Report

Student Presentation

7th grade students from Westfield Middle School demonstrated the Building Thinking Classrooms style of learning mathematics to the Board.

Student Ambassador Report

8th grade student ambassadors, Evelyn Voytek and Jacob Kane reported that students at DuJardin Elementary have been collecting donations for a local animal shelter, and have been playing name that tune on the morning announcements. On Friday, students will participate in holiday parties before winter break. Westfield band and choir groups performed for students at Westfield, DuJardin and Erickson. 6th graders visited the Museum of Science and Industry and 8th graders took a trip to iFLY Indoor Skydiving. Westfield just concluded their Food and Toy drive on December 16th. Erickson will be holding their Winter Wonderland on December 19th and will host their holiday parties on December 20th.

Building Project Update

Elizabeth Hennessy from Raymond James was present to share the process of issuing bonds for the upcoming building projects.

2024 InsightEx Report

Nicole Gabany, Director of Teaching and Learning shared the results from students, families and staff of District 13 as they pertain to the culture and climate.

Public Comment

Sam Menton shared with the board that he believes the issues the buildings need to address will be more extreme than what we see now, and asked the board to continue being 100% transparent with the public.

Board Reports and Requests

BIG – Ms. Peterson indicated that their next meeting will be on December 23rd.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition – Mrs. Wojcicki indicated that their next meeting will be on January 9th.

Education Foundation – Mrs. Wojcicki indicated that there was no meeting this month, but they are continuing to work on the fundraiser through emails.

LEND - Mrs. Majewski shared that their next meeting will be on December 18th where they will talk about dual credit.

NDSEC – Dr. Bartelt indicated that they are in the process of establishing a formula to more accurately determine what rental costs should be paid to districts who host NDSEC classrooms in their buildings, taking into consideration square footage and the number of students being served in the spaces being rented.

Bloomington Council of Teachers – Mr. Lenisa indicated that he and Mrs. Majewski met with the representatives of the group earlier this month and discussed goal setting for the upcoming year, scheduling dates for the start of negotiations and ABC award nominations.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

Mr. Lenisa indicated that there were no FOIA requests summarized in the Board packet.

Action Items

Certificate of Tax Levy (F.D. 12/16/2024-3)

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board to certify compliance with the Truth in Taxation Act, approve the Certification of Tax Levy, authorize the Board President and secretary to sign the necessary documents, and authorize the finance director to deliver these to the County Clerk’s Office by the last Tuesday in December.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Peterson, Wojcicki, Cuellar, Majewski, McKeown, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Resolution authorizing a supplemental tax levy to pay the principal of and interest on outstanding limited bonds of the District (F.D. 12/16/24-4)

A motion was made by Mrs. Majewski and seconded by Mr. McKeown for the Board to approve the attached resolution as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Majewski, McKeown, Cuellar, Peterson, Wojcicki, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Second Reading of Amendments to Board Policy (F.D. 12/16/24-5)

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

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Wojcicki, Peterson, Cuellar, Majewski, McKeown, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

2025-2026 School Calendar (F.D. 12/16/24-6)

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Ms. Cuellar for the Board to approve the 2025-2026 School Calendar, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Peterson, Cuellar, Majewski, McKeown, Wojcicki, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Resolution to Prohibit Sexual Harassment (F.D. 12/16/24-7)

A motion was made by Mrs. Majewski and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board to approve the attached resolution to prohibit sexual harassment in the workplace, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Majewski, Wojcicki, Cuellar, McKeown, Peterson, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Resolution in Support of Vision 2030 (F.D. 12/16/24-8)

A motion was made by Mr. McKeown and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board to approve the resolution in Support of Vision 2030.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: McKeown, Wojcicki, Cuellar, Majewski, Peterson, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Authorization to Submit Life Safety Amendments (F.D. 12/16/24-9)

A motion was made by Ms. Cuellar and seconded by Ms. Peterson for the Board to authorize DLA Architects to submit Life Safety Amendments to the Illinois State Board of Education, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Cuellar, Peterson, Majewski, McKeown, Wojcicki, Lenisa
Nays: None
Abstained: None
Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Board of Education Meeting Schedule (F.D. 12/16/24-10)

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mrs. Majewski for the Board to approve the meeting schedule for 2025, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Peterson, Majewski, Cuellar, McKeown, Wojcicki, Lenisa
Nays: None
Abstained: None
Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Discussion Items

Joint Annual Conference Feedback

Members of the Board of Education and Administration shared reflections on their learning experiences at the Joint Annual Conference in November.

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.

Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board to adjourn to closed session at 8:46 p.m. to discuss matters related to appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees and collective bargaining.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Peterson, Wojcicki, Cuellar, Majewski, McKeown, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

President Michael Lenisa called the regular meeting of the Board of Education in Bloomingdale Elementary School District 13 back to order at 9:37 p.m.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Michael Lenisa, President

Linda Wojcicki, Secretary