

REGULAR  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
October 23, 2023, 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, October 23, 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, Mr. Terry McKeown, Ms. Tamara Peterson, Mrs. Linda Wojcicki, Mrs. Kari Zehme, Mr. Michael Lenisa

Absent:

Others Present: Dr. Jon Bartelt, Shannon Whitaker, Nicole Gabany, Valerie Varhalla, Rick McCall, Brennan Shannon, Sloan Voytek

**Above and Beyond**

Board Member Nicole Majewski recognized this month's Above and Beyond recipients, Brian Curry (DuJardin), William Lefort (Erickson) Brennan Shannon (Westfield) and Sloan Voytek (Westfield).

**Student Ambassadors**

Brennan Shannon and Sloan Voytek from Westfield Middle School were welcomed to the Board of Education and seated as Student Ambassadors at the board table.

**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 9-25-23, and the Closed Session Board Meeting held on 9-25-23. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$548,503.14; the Operations and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$95,249.08; Debt Service in the amount of \$0.00; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$115,621.67; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; and Tort Fund in the amount of \$150.00; Payroll (9-25-2023) in the amount of \$458,500.94 and (10-10-2023) in the amount of \$497,914.82 as shown in (F.D. 10/23/23-1); the Fund Balance Report as shown in (F.D. 10/23/23-2); the Balance Sheet as shown in (F.D. 10/23/23-3); the Revenue Report as shown in (F.D. 10/23/23-4); the Expenditure Report as shown in (F.D. 10/23/23-5); and Activity Report as shown in (F.D. 10/23/23-6); **New Hires**, Brianna Vena, Paraprofessional at Erickson for a salary of \$16.00/Hr, Kara Lubas, Substitute Nurse at the District for a salary of \$35.00/Hr, Laura Frankowski, Payroll and Benefits Coordinator at the District for a salary of \$57,000; **Resignations/Retirements**, Camryn Whitaker, Paraprofessional at DuJardin effective 10/5/23; **Re-Hire**, Heather Shermak, Librarian at DuJardin for a salary of \$63,439.

## Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

## **Superintendent's Report**

### School Improvement Goals

Patrick Haugens, Principal of DuJardin, Stacy Johnston, Principal of Erickson and Stefan Larsson, Principal of Westfield shared their building goals for the upcoming year and answered questions from the Board of Education.

### Spring ISA and Fall MAP Data

Nicole Gabany, Director of Teaching and Learning, shared the results of the Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) that was taken last spring, as well as an overview of the fall Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing that was completed last month and answered questions from the Board of Education.

### IASB Recognition

On October 3, 2023, the DuPage Division of the Illinois Association of School boards recognized Board Members, Terry McKeown, Tamara Peterson and Linda Wojcicki for hours of professional development they had attained as board members. Board President, Michael Lenisa presented them with their certificates during tonight's board meeting.

## **Public Comment**

None

## **Board Reports and Requests**

School Reports - Brennan Shannon and Sloan Voytek reported briefly on happenings around Westfield Middle School. They will be sharing information on the three schools at board meetings throughout the school year.

BIG – Ms. Peterson indicated that there was no meeting last month. The next meeting will be Thursday, October 26.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition – Mrs. Wojcicki stated that there was no October meeting, but that their event at the beginning of October was well attended.

Education Foundation – Mrs. Zehme indicated that the group’s 25th anniversary fundraising is taking place this Thursday, October 26.

LEND - Mr. Lenisa reported that the group will be meeting on Friday, October 27.

NDSEC – Mr. Kapral indicated that there was no meeting this month.

Bloomington Council of Teachers – Mr. Lenisa stated that they met with council members earlier this month and discussed strategic planning for all day Kindergarten. They will continue meeting on a monthly basis. There were no ABC Award candidates nominated, and taking into consideration the feedback they received, they will be working to streamline the nomination process.

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

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

### **Action Items**

#### Approval of the FY 2024 School Maintenance Program Grant (F.D. 10/23/23-7)

A motion was made by Mrs. Zehme and seconded by Ms. Peterson for the Board to authorize the Board President to sign the application for the School Maintenance Project Grant requesting the full amount of the grant, \$50,000.00, from the Illinois State Board of Education..

#### Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Approval of Blazerworks Contract (F.D. 10/23/23-8)

A motion was made by Mr. McKeown and seconded by Ms. Peterson for the Board to approve the contract with Blazerworks, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

**Discussion Items**

Tentative Tax Levy

Valerie Varhalla, Director of Finance presented the Tentative Tax Levy of Bloomington School District for 2023. The 2023 Tax Levy will be formally approved at the December regular meeting. A Truth in Taxation Hearing is mandatory since the proposed levy is 5% higher than the previous year's extension of property taxes. This hearing will provide any member of the public the opportunity to comment on, or ask questions about, the proposed levy.

1st Quarter Budget Performance and Investment Report

Valerie Varhalla shared the highlights from the 1st Quarter Budget Performance and Investment Report and answered questions from the Board of Education.

Grade Centers and Building Additions/Renovations

DLA Architects shared the preliminary drawings related to several design options for the District to consider when planning ahead to meet the needs associated with full-day Kindergarten, as well as preliminary drawings for renovations to Westfield to address class square footage, greater efficiencies in movement of people within the building, and many of the items contained within the 10-year Facility Plan.

Consolidation Study

Dr. Bartelt explained that over the past several weeks, he has been sharing information with the Board regarding a study developed by the League of Women Voters of Bloomington and Roselle regarding the consolidation of the elementary districts that feed into Lake Park High School District 108. Mr. Lenisa then indicated that he has received communication from a representative of the League seeking funding from the District to conduct a formal study on the topic. Mr. Lenisa asked the Board their opinion on using District 13 money to help fund the study, and the Board was in agreement that they did not feel it was appropriate to use District 13 money for this purpose.

Joint Annual Conference Preparation

Terry McKeown shared the 2023 Resolutions Committee Summary with the Board to solicit their input prior to attending the meeting in November. Dr. Bartelt reviewed Policies 2:105 and 2:125 with the board, and shared the tentative schedule of events.

**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.

**Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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Michael Lenisa, President

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Linda Wojcicki, Secretary