

REGULAR  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
August 22, 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 7:01 p.m. on Monday, August 22, 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. Kari Zehme, Mr. Matt Boebel

Absent: Mrs. Linda Wojcicki,

Others Present: Dr. Jon Bartelt, Shannon Whitaker, Nicole Gabany, Valerie Varhalla, Rick McCall, Mary Ellen Johnson, Elizabeth Threadgill, Jess Matthies, Ali Ventrella, Kristina Unzicker, Matt Puchalski, Kristine Puchalski

**Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Devitt and seconded by Ms. Peterson to approve the items in the Consent Agenda which included Minutes from the Special Finance Committee of the Whole Meeting held on 6-27-22, Regular Board Meeting held on 6-27-22 and Closed Session Meeting held on 6-27-22. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$667,567.61 for July and \$175,174.04 for August; the Operations and Maintenance Fund for in the amount of \$94,094.49 for July and \$78,272.21 for August; Debt Service in the amount of \$1,946.63 for July and \$1,864.30 for August; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$66,022.07 for July and \$5,094.00 for August; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00 for July and August; and Tort Fund in the amount of \$126,068.00 for July and -\$100.00 for August; Payroll (7-10-2022) in the amount of \$381,060.83, (7-25-22) in the amount of \$382,958.45 and (8-10-2022) in the amount of \$393,000.85 as shown in (F.D. 8/22/22-1); the Fund Balance Report as shown in (F.D. 8/22/22-2); the Balance Sheet as shown in (F.D. 8/22/22-3); the Revenue Report as shown in (F.D. 8/22/22-4); the Expenditure Report as shown in (F.D. 8/22/22-5); and Activity Report as shown in (F.D. 8/22/22-6); **New Hires**, Grace Brandon, Speech-Language Pathologist at Erickson for a salary of \$61,294, Natalie Moore, Pre-K Teacher at Erickson for a salary of \$66,599, Caroline Knoff, SPED Teacher at Westfield for a salary of \$63,114, Matthew Welch, Music Teacher at Erickson for a salary of \$50,745, Jordan Saia, Paraprofessional at Erickson for a salary of \$15.00/Hr., Nicole Windsor, Paraprofessional at Erickson for a salary of \$16.03/Hr., Stefanie Raimondi, Teacher at Erickson for a salary of \$59,593, Ryan Litavec, Long Term Substitute at Erickson for a salary of \$290/day, Alex Paoletti, Paraprofessional at Erickson for a salary of \$15.27/Hr., Penny Carpenter, Paraprofessional at Westfield for a salary of \$15.00/Hr., Lindsay Kotar, Library Clerk at Erickson for a salary of

\$15.27/Hr., Manuela Anta, Paraprofessional at Erickson for a salary of \$15.27/Hr., Sydney Cihak, Paraprofessional at Westfield for a salary of \$15.27/Hr.;

**Resignations/Retirements**, LeeAnne Middona, SPED Teacher at Westfield effective 6/28/22, Holly Fagiano, SPED Teacher at Erickson effective 7/6/22, Bethany Hudnut, Paraprofessional at Erickson effective 7/18/22, Breena Lanphier, Music Teacher at Erickson effective 6/21/22, Anna Dispensa, Teacher at DuJardin effective 8/22/22; **Re-Hires**, Jennifer McCall, Administrative Assistant at the District Office for a salary of \$51,156, Bailey Ragusin, Teacher at DuJardin for a salary of \$51,491.25, Wendy Palazon, Library Clerk at Westfield for a salary of \$15.00/Hr., Michelle Walters, Library Clerk at DuJardin for a salary of \$15.26/Hr., Heather Shermak, Long Term Substitute at the District for a salary of \$290/Day; **Change of Position**, Jacob Wagner, Paraprofessional at DuJardin to Teacher at DuJardin for a salary of \$50,745, Thomas Williams, Night Custodian at DuJardin to Day Custodian at DuJardin for a salary of \$22.00/Hr.

#### Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

### **Superintendent's Report**

#### Opening Week Activities

Dr. Bartelt explained that staff reported to their buildings today to set up their classrooms and prepare for the two institute days on Tuesday and Wednesday before children return to school on Thursday, August 25th.

#### 2022 IAR Results & Equity Report

Director of Teaching and Learning, Nicole Gabany shared a brief presentation with the board on the Illinois Assessment of Readiness scores from last spring. In addition she introduced the Equity Report that will appear in the Illinois School Report Card for the first time this fall.

#### Finance Committee of the Whole

Dr. Bartelt announced that there will be a Special Finance of the Whole Committee Meeting on Monday, September 12, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Erickson Elementary with a walkthrough of summer projects at each of the buildings with Director of Buildings and Grounds, Marcos Rosales. Following the tour, Director of Finance, Valerie Varhalla will present the FY2023 Budget that will be brought to the Board for approval at the September 26 regular board meeting.

**Board Superintendent Expectations**

Dr. Bartelt indicated to the Board that the Board Superintendent Expectations were included in the board packet, and asked if there were any questions or need for clarification on any items in the expectations. No further discussion was needed.

**Public Comment**

Elizabeth Threadgill asked the board what they feel is an appropriate time in which to get an email response from school administrators. She would also like to know what the purpose of the acceleration class period is in middle school.

**Board Reports and Requests**

BIG – Mr. Lenisa indicated that the community forum was advertised at the meeting. He also noted that other topics covered included our teacher union negotiations and our positive working relationship we have with our teachers, as well as informing the members about the district's new website.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition – Mr. Boebel indicated that the Character Counts Recognition Breakfast was well represented by District 13. District 13 will be hosting the meeting on September 8. CHARACTER COUNTS! Celebration Night is scheduled for Tuesday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m. in Old Towne.

Education Foundation – Mr. Boebel shared that they will be back in person beginning on Monday, September 19, and it will be the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year of the Education Foundation

LEND - Mrs. Zehme reported that LEND has been working on some house bills and lots of legislation.

NDSEC – Ms. Peterson stated that NDSEC budget was approved for the upcoming year. She shared that staffing is their biggest issue right now. They are employing lots of contractual service personnel. In addition, their Executive Director will be leaving at the end of this year, and a search has started to replace him.

Bloomington Council of Teachers – Mr. Boebel shared that they met a couple of weeks ago and talked about what they wanted to achieve this year. They looked at the strategic plan to set a goal that aligns with that. Union President, Justine Albig, along with Matt Boebel will be giving a joint message to staff on opening day this year. Mr. Boebel also stated that they are working to develop an infographic that highlights District 13, and also shared that Kat Lents has replaced Layne Barnett as Vice President of the teachers union.

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

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

### **Action Items**

#### **Resolution in Support of CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition (F.D. 8/22/22-7)**

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. Devitt for the Board to approve the Resolution in Support of CHARACTER COUNTS!

#### **Roll Call Vote**

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

### **Discussion Items**

#### **Demographic Report**

Dr. Bartelt stated that we will be working with Dr. Charles Kofron to update the demographic report that was initially completed for the District in 2017.

#### **Board Exemplar Recognition**

Dr. Bartelt led the Board in a discussion to consider changing from the Board Exemplar Recognition which has been in place since 2017, to another form of recognition since so many individuals have already received Exemplar awards.

#### **TRS SSP Employer Participation Agreement**

Director of Finance, Valerie Varhalla explained the details of the TRS SSP Employer Participation Agreement and indicated that the Resolution to accept the agreement will be an action item at the September 26 Board of Education Meeting.

#### **Strategic Plan Initiatives for 2022-2023**

Dr. Bartelt reviewed the proposed priorities for initiatives for the 2022-2023 school year. A copy of the Strategic Plan was placed in the board packet for reference. These initiatives will be brought forward for approval at the September 26 Board of Education Meeting.

#### **Superintendent Performance Goals**

Dr. Bartelt shared his ideas for his performance goals with the Board. He indicated that he will format the goals as he did last year, providing five examples of achievement of

each goal with final numbers leading to a summative rating. He also requested a sub-committee of the Board be formed to provide greater clarity of his summative achievement that could be applied to the job description portion of his evaluation.

Finance Reports FY2022

Director of Finance, Valerie Varhalla presented the unaudited fourth quarter performance of the FY 2022 Budget. She indicated that our auditors have been in the District this summer working on preparations for the FY 2022 Audit which will be presented to the Board closer to the end of the calendar year.

**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 Mr. McKeown to adjourn to closed session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss the employment/evaluation/compensation of personnel, collective bargaining, and potential litigation.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

President Matt Boebel called the regular meeting of the Board of Education in Bloomington Elementary School District 13 back to order at 8:54 p.m.

**Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

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Matt Boebel, President

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Tamara Peterson, Vice President