

REGULAR  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
May 23, 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 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 23, 2022 in an in person and virtual setting. The District invited the public to join the School Board this evening by Zoom webinar platform.

The Board observed a moment of silence for the passing of Westfield Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> grade student, Kayden Chrzanowski.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Michael Lenisa, Mr. Terry McKeown, Ms. Tamara Peterson, Mrs. Linda Wojcicki, Mrs. Kari Zehme, Mr. Matt Boebel

Absent: Mr. Patrick Devitt

Others Present: Dr. Jon Bartelt, Shannon Whitaker, Nicole Gabany, John Reiniche, Rick McCall, Valerie Varhalla, Sara Dworianyn, Ashley Harsila, Carol Harsila, Harlan Harsila, Steve Harsila, Justine Albig, Layne Barnett, Jessi Matthies, Mary Ellen Johnson, Tina Kolzow, Steve Matthies, Stacy Johnston, Patrick Haugens, Debbie Cozzo, Dan Cozzo, Vincent Cozzo, Juliana Hubberts, Jessica Bowman, Karolina Kapral, Jelena Magezin, Elizabeth Threadgill, Mary-Kathryn Warco, Carly Torracco, Kristina Unzicker, Katherine Lents

**Recognition of Exemplars** – Board Member, Michael Lenisa recognized this month's Student Exemplar, Yazlin Gonzalez Magana, Staff Exemplar, Ashley Harsila and Community Exemplar, Debbie Cozzo.

**Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. McKeown to approve the items in the Consent Agenda which included Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on 4-25-22 and Closed Session Meeting held on 4-25-22. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$869,673.68; the Operations and Maintenance Fund for in the amount of \$52,249.45; Debt Service in the amount of \$0.00; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$95,292.12; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; and Tort Fund in the amount of \$0.00; Payroll (5-10-2022) in the amount of \$446,778.99 and (5-25-2022) in the amount of \$462,100.07 as shown in (F.D. 5/23/22-1); the Fund Balance Report as shown in (F.D. 5/23/22-2); the Balance Sheet as shown in (F.D. 5/23/22-3); the Revenue Report as shown in (F.D. 5/23/22-4); the Expenditure Report as shown in (F.D. 5/23/22-5); and Activity Report as shown in (F.D. 5/23/22-6); **New Hires**, Melissa Oneal, Payroll/Benefits Coordinator at the District Office for a salary of \$65,000, Holly Fagiano, Teacher at Erickson for a salary TBD, Lauren O'Brien, Teacher at DuJardin for a salary TBD; **Resignations/Retirements**, Samantha Wyrzykowski, Teacher at

Erickson effective 6/15/22; **Re- Hires**, Natalie Czesak, Teacher at Westfield for a salary TBD, Alex Sakelah, Summer Help at the District for a salary TBD; **Change of Position**, Tim Wojcicki, from Paraprofessional to Teacher at Westfield for a salary TBD; **Leaves**, Aekta Thakkar, Medical Leave effective 5/16/22, Mike Nohl, FMLA effective 5/16/22

#### Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Peterson, McKeown, Lenisa, Zehme, Boebel

Nays: None

Abstain: Wojcicki

Motion Carried: 5 – 0 – 1

#### **Superintendent's Report**

##### DuJardin Student Presentation

Fifth grade students Cara Capua, Rishan Shah, Maya Wozniczka and Connor Hubberts from DuJardin Elementary School presented their land form projects to the Board of Education.

##### School Improvement Plans

Patrick Haugens, Stacey Johnston and Layne Barnett, representing DuJardin and Erickson Elementary Schools, and Amanda Vreeland and Tina Kolzow, representing Westfield Middle School, presented their School Improvement Plans. They shared the results of their goal setting process, identified highlights from their year, and touched on their goals for next year.

##### Technology Update

Director of Technology, Richard McCall showed the Board of Education a more detailed view of the progress of the new website. In addition, he gave an update on the phone system issues that the District has been experiencing, and indicated that the vendor will be replacing the bad phones over the summer. Software issues have been identified and are being resolved. Mr. McCall also shared his vision for developing the technology plan for the District.

##### Return to Learn

Dr. Bartelt indicated that Northwestern's COVID website has dropped several indicators that were previously on their site. He also noted that the numbers the District reported for May 16 – May 20 are not completely accurate, as some of the people who log that information were out of the office during that data collection period. Dr. Bartelt reported that the Return to Learn Plan will come to a close at the end of this school year.

**Public Comment**

Mary-Kathryn Warco – Would like to know if the MAP scores are different when looking at Westfield students that have standardized based grading, versus traditional grading.

Elizabeth Threadgill – Would like to know what changes are going to be made at Westfield in the disciplinary system. She stated that per the student handbook, a student must go through 5 steps before being removed from the classroom, and 8 steps for that student to get a detention. She believes that students are distracted and cannot learn, which may be a reason for the low MAP scores.

Deanna Freeman – Would like to know how her children are supposed to feel safe when she sends them to school and bullies are not being taken care of and are given a slap on the hand.

Jessica Bowman – Stated that some recent fights have occurred in the bathrooms, and her child has indicated to her that he feels unsafe in the bathrooms. She would like to know what Westfield is going to do to help our children feel safe so they can use the washroom. In addition, she said the Mr. Haugens mentioned that he goes classroom to classroom and talks about responsibility. Could something like this happen at Westfield?

Karolina Kapral – Stated that she is worried for her children for when they go from Erickson to Westfield. She would like any information to be communicated to a group, not just certain parents who raise a concern.

Jessica Bowman – Would like to know for the 10% of students who indicated that they feel unsafe on their connection cards, who is assessing that they are truly feeling unsafe as opposed to just having a bad day. What is the process?

**Board Reports and Requests**

BIG – Mr. Lenisa indicated that School District 15's summer programs are going to be reduced. The Village of Bloomingdale talked a lot about a new townhome development at Schick and Ridge. There will be about 20 new units which will be feeding into DuJardin and Westfield. There is also a new development near Medinah Road that will also be feeding into DuJardin and Westfield.

D13 Has Character – Mrs. Wojcicki indicated that the group will be meeting next week.

Education Foundation – Mrs. Wojcicki stated that there was no meeting, but the Foundation is looking for new members. In addition, she reported that the foundation gave out over \$15,000 in grants last month at the Spring Fling.

LEND - Mrs. Zehme reported that they had their last meeting before summer break. She indicated that there was a survey done about changing a K-8 assessment tool, but as of right now there will be no change to that. They also have standards approved for

the National Sex Education Standards that will be adopted. Five DuPage County Students were honored as Presidential Scholars. Finally, LEND approved their 2023 budget, dues and calendar.

NDSEC – Ms. Peterson stated that NDSEC held their version of Spring Fling recently. At their meeting, they held the re-election of officers and set up dates for next year. In addition, they accepted a proposal for a new auditing firm.

Bloomington Council of Teachers – Mr. Boebel shared that the Council ratified the contract that has been negotiated, which will be discussed later in tonight's meeting.

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

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

### **Action Items**

#### **Resolutions Establishing Depository of School Funds (F.D. 5/23/22-7)**

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mrs. Zehme for the Board to approve the establishment of depository of school funds as outlined in the attached resolution and authorize its officers to sign the resolution.

#### **Roll Call Vote**

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

#### **Resolution Authorizing IMRF Agent (F.D. 5/23/22-8)**

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. McKeown for the Board to approve the resolution to name Mrs. Melissa Oneal as the District's IMRF Authorized Agent, as presented.

#### **Roll Call Vote**

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

IASB Membership Renewal (F.D. 5/23/22-9)

A motion was made by Mr. McKeown and seconded by Ms. Peterson for the Board to approve the renewal of its membership in the Illinois Association of School Boards for the coming year.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

Treasurer's Bond (F.D. 5/23/22-10)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mr. Lenisa for the Board to approve the naming of Valerie Varhalla as school treasurer and authorize the Board President and Secretary to sign the required affirmation form for the DuPage ROE.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

Amended 2022-2023 School Calendar (F.D. 5/23/22-11)

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board to approve the Amended 2022-2023 School Calendar as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

Approval of Disbursement of Merit Based Pay (F.D. 5/23/22-12)

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board to approve the lump sum disbursement of \$1,500 to each of the four Tier 10 administrators for the successful completion of goals during the 2021-2022 school year, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

Approval of Transportation Contract (F.D. 5/23/22-13)

A motion was made by Mr. McKeown and seconded by Mrs. Zehme for the Board to approve the three-year contract with First Student for pupil transportation services, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 - 0

**Discussion Items**

Budget Preparation

Dr. Bartelt proposed a special meeting on June 27 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. so that the Board can walk through the process the Mr. Reiniche is engaged in to put together the proposed, tentative fiscal year 2023 budget.

First Reading of Amendments to Board Policy

Dr. Bartelt indicated that the policies that are listed are ones with minor changes with the exception of the food allergy policy which has been completely rewritten. The 5-year policy reviews were included in the Thursday letter and Dr. Bartelt did not receive any feedback with concerns about these policies. Policies will be brought for a second reading and approval at the June 27 meeting.

Salary Recommendations FY23

Dr. Bartelt stated that for staff not covered under the teachers' contract, the proposed increase is 4%. Paraprofessionals will be receiving a higher percentage increase to raise the minimum starting rate to \$15 per hour to help us be more successful in

recruiting new paraprofessionals. Our experienced paraprofessionals would see a proportionate increase to their hourly rates as a result of this recommendation.

**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 Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mr. Lenisa to adjourn to closed session at 8:41 p.m. to discuss the employment/evaluation/compensation of personnel, collective bargaining, and potential litigation.

**Roll Call Vote**

Ayes: Wojcicki, Lenisa, McKeown, 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 10:18 p.m.

**Action Item**

**Approval of Agreement with the Bloomingdale Council of Teachers, Local #571, AFT-IFT, AFL-CIO (F.D. 5/23/22-14)**

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mrs. Zehme for the Board to approve the agreement with the Bloomingdale Council of Teachers, Local #571, AFT-IFT, AFL-CIO as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Peterson, Zehme, Lenisa, McKeown, Boebel

Nays: None

Abstain: Wojcicki

Motion Carried: 5 – 0 – 1

**Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

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Matt Boebel, President

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Linda Wojcicki, Secretary