

REGULAR
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
March 25, 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 7:01 p.m. on Monday, March 25, 2024 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 Zinner, Nicole Gabany, David Virkus, Joan Nelson, Sam Menton, Rich Carter, Ed Sullivan

Above and Beyond

Board Member Tamara Peterson recognized this month's Above and Beyond recipients, Jameson Hubberts (DuJardin), Lincoln Sternberg (Erickson) and Connor Hubberts (Westfield).

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Zehme and seconded by Ms. Peterson to approve the items in the Consent Agenda which included Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on 2-26-24, Special Board Meeting on 3-11-24 and the Closed Board Meeting held on 3-11-24. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$129,478.52; the Operations and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$55,090.46; Debt Service in the amount of \$25,725.00; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$188,012.21; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; and Tort Fund in the amount of \$0.00; Payroll (2-23-2024) in the amount of \$466,460.69 and (3-8-2024) in the amount of \$512,394.47; the Fund Balance Report as shown in (F.D. 3/25/24-2); the Balance Sheet as shown in (F.D. 3/25/24-3); the Revenue Report as shown in (F.D. 3/25/24-4); the Expenditure Report as shown in (F.D. 3/25/24-5); and Activity Report as shown in (F.D. 3/25/24-6); **New Hires**, Pedro De La Torre Munoz, Night Custodian at DuJardin effective 4/1/24; **Resignations/Retirements**, Andre Taylor, Night Custodian at Erickson effective 3/1/24 and Josh Peto, Night Custodian at DuJardin effective 3/14/24; **Terminations**, Isaac Quiroz, Night Custodian at Westfield effective 3/11/24 **Change of Position**, Melissa Naples, Teacher at Erickson to .5 Assistant Principal/.5 EL Coordinator at Erickson effective 4/8/24 and Nicole Windsor, Paraprofessional at Erickson to Teacher at Erickson effective 4/8/24; **Leaves**, Angel Frattinger, .5 Assistant Principal/.5 EL Coordinator at Erickson effective 4/8/24; Concussion Oversight Committee.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained:

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Superintendent's Report

Staffing Plan

Dr. Bartelt provided a brief overview of the staffing plan that was included in the Board packet, and answered questions from the Board.

eLearning and Late Start

Dr. Bartelt reviewed the elements of the eLearning plan, the plan renewal process, and the coordination of a late start in the event of special weather considerations that would diminish just after the start of school. A public hearing, and vote on the eLearning plan will take place at the April 22nd Board meeting.

Community Engagement Data

Ed Sullivan of EO Sullivan Consulting presented the results from the data gathered through the public participation meetings and the phone surveys that were conducted in February.

Public Comment

Community Member, Sam Menton spoke to the Board about the possibility of a referendum and need for additional funding for the schools. He commended the Board for their transparency throughout the process, and indicated that he would like to be included in future community meetings to share his viewpoint.

Board Reports and Requests

BIG – Ms. Peterson indicated that there was no meeting in March. The next meeting is scheduled for April 25th.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition – Mrs. Wojcicki indicated that their recognition breakfast is scheduled for April 27th at the Bloomingdale Golf Club; there will be 7 recognitions this year, 4 of those are from D13.

Education Foundation – Mrs. Wojcicki stated that the Ed Foundation was working on a fall, all-student fundraiser that would take place in September or October.

LEND - Mrs. Zehme reported that the group met on March 15th; State Superintendent, Tony Sanders was the guest speaker. Mrs. Zehme indicated that there are openings on the LEND Executive Committee, if any Board members are interested in serving.

NDSEC – Mr. Kapral indicated that the group met on March 11th. Most of the meeting consisted of a closed session to discuss employee related items. They approved an intergovernmental agreement between NDSEC and partnering districts as well as non-member NDSEC fees.

Bloomingdale Council of Teachers – Mr. Lenisa stated that the group met in early March and discussed the eLearning plan and late start and its implementation.

IASB - Mr. McKeown shared that he signed up to be an Advocacy Ambassador for IASB, and informed the group that there can be more than one ambassador from each district, if anyone is interested in joining.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

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

Action Items

Approval of Capital Projects for the Summer of 2024 (F.D. 3/25/24-7)

A motion was made by Mrs. Majewski and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board to approve the capital project list for the summer of 2024, as presented

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Majewski, Wojcicki, Kapral, McKeown, Peterson, Zehme, Lenisa
Nays: None
Abstained: None
Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Second Reading of Amendments to Board Policies and Procedures (F.D. 3/25/24-8)

A motion was made by Mr. McKeown and seconded by Ms. Peterson for the Board to approve the amendments to the handbooks as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: McKeown, Peterson, Kapral, Majewski, Wojcicki, Zehme, Lenisa
Nays: None
Abstained: None
Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Second, Third, and Fourth Year Teacher Appointment/Tenure (F.D. 3/25/24-9)

A motion was made by Mr. Kapral and seconded by Mrs. Zehme for the Board to approve the re-employment of teachers recommended for second, third, and fourth year contracts, as well as teachers on tenure track.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: Wojcicki

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 1

Resolution Authorizing Honorable Dismissal of Teachers (F.D. 3/25/24-10)

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mrs. Majewski for the Board to approve the resolution regarding the honorable dismissal of two teachers, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: Wojcicki

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 1

Approval of Retirement Requests (F.D. 3/25/24-11)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mrs. Majewski for the Board to approve the retirement request of Mrs. Caryn Ocuto, as submitted..

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Approval of Third Party Cleaning Service (F.D. 3/25/24-12)

A motion was made by Mr. McKeown and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board to approve the contract with GSF, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Discussion Items

Board Officer Nomination and Election Process

Mr. Lenisa reviewed the Board officer nomination and election process. Mr. Lenisa and Mrs. Wojcicki both expressed interest in remaining in their current positions as President and Secretary of the Board of Education. Mrs. Majewski expressed interest in serving as Vice President. Any others who would like to be considered as officers should reach out to Mr. Lenisa or Dr. Bartelt.

First Reading of the Superintendent Job Description

Dr. Bartelt shared the draft of his revised job description that was produced by a Board subcommittee consisting of Mr. McKeown and Mrs. Zehme. A final draft will be brought to the Board for a vote at the April 22, 2024 regular meeting.

5 Year Financial Projections

Dr. Bartelt shared the five year financial projections for the District and answered questions from the Board.

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.

Westfield Second Trimester Suspension Report
Available for review in the Board packet.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Michael Lenisa, President

Linda Wojcicki, Secretary