

REGULAR
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
June 26, 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 7:03 p.m. on Monday, June 26, 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. Patrick Devitt, Mr. Marc Kapral, Ms. Tamara Peterson, Mrs. Linda Wojcicki, Mrs. Kari Zehme, Mr. Michael Lenisa

Absent: Mr. Terry McKeown

Others Present: Dr. Jon Bartelt, Shannon Whitaker, Valerie Varhalla, Nicole Gabany, Rick McCall, Karen Koepke, Rosanne Peri, Jennifer Laba, Kathy Berousek, Camille Iannacco, Jelena Magazin, Tino Simon

Amend Agenda to Add Vote on Superintendent's Contract After Closed Session

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki to approve the amendment to the agenda, adding a vote on the Superintendent's contract after closed session.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Peterson, Wojcicki, Devitt, Kapral, Zehme, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Devitt and seconded by Mr. Kapral to approve the items in the Consent Agenda which included Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on 5-22-23, the Closed Session Board Meeting held on 5-22-23, and the Special Board Meeting held on 6-13-23. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$631,964.57; the Operations and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$107,520.57; Debt Service in the amount of \$1,864.30; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$152,447.25; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; and Tort Fund in the amount of \$4,800.00; Payroll (5-25-2023) in the amount of \$457,932.61, (6-9-2023) in the amount of \$559,284.36, and (6-23-23) in the amount of \$491,355.09 as shown in (F.D. 6/26/23-1); the Fund Balance Report as shown in (F.D. 6/26/23-2); the Balance Sheet as shown in (F.D. 6/26/23-3); the Revenue Report as shown in (F.D. 6/26/23-4); the

Expenditure Report as shown in (F.D. 6/26/23-5); and Activity Report as shown in (F.D. 6/26/23-6); **New Hires**, Lee Ann Bristow-Hartnett, Certified School Nurse at the District for a salary of \$63,601.00; **Resignations/Retirements**, Joyce Turnipseed, Certified School Nurse at the District effective 6/8/23, Jennifer Davis, Special Education Teacher (1 Year) at Erickson effective 5/23/23, Edinson Calix, Paraprofessional at Erickson effective 6/8/23, Michelle Walters, Library Clerk at DuJardin effective 06/08/23, Jon Perry, Teacher at Westfield effective 6/8/23, Nanci Greene, Teacher at the District effective 6/8/23; **Re-Hires**, Lindsey Robinson, Special Education Teacher at DuJardin for a salary of \$59,797.00; **Change of Position**, David Virkus, Network Manager at the District to Assistant Director of Technology at the District, Katherine Lents, Teacher at DuJardin to Instructional Services Facilitator at the DuJardin; **Leaves**, Jessica Ruffalo, Maternity Leave effective 8/22/23.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Devitt, Kapral, Peterson, Wojcicki, Zehme, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Superintendent's Report

2022-2023 Strategic Plan Initiatives Review

Dr. Bartelt summarized the accomplishments that were made this year as part of the 2022-2023 Strategic Plan Initiatives: Continued implementation of MTSS; Increasing students voices within the district; Social and emotional supports for all students; Core curriculum work in social studies and literacy development; Maintaining the District Leadership Council's Work; Continuing community outreach efforts.

2023 Spring MAP Results

Mrs. Gabany presented the Spring MAP results to the Board. She indicated that students demonstrated great success in their test scores, showing growth against their own projected RIT scores and against national averages for peers in their respective grade levels.

Teaching and Learning Report

Mrs. Gabany reviewed the accomplishments made in teaching and learning in the District for the 2022-2023 school year.

Public Comment

Kathy Berousek asked about the state mandated curriculum and if it was made available to the public for their review. She also spoke about a survey that her granddaughter received at school that her parents were not informed about. She indicated that she felt some of the questions on the survey were obscene.

Rosanne Peri spoke to the Board about her dissatisfaction with the Kindergarten placement process at DuJardin.

Tino Simon spoke to the Board about his concerns over increasing class sizes, asking what the average class size is that the District is striving for.

Board Reports and Requests

BIG – Ms. Peterson indicated that there was no meeting this month, and she is not able to make it to the next meeting and asked if the backup person could attend in her place.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition – Mrs. Wojcicki reported that they are planning their recognition breakfast for August 12th, with a July 1st deadline for nominations for recognition.

Education Foundation – Mrs. Zehme indicated that there was no meeting this month. The Fall fundraiser is scheduled for October 26th.

LEND - Mrs. Zehme informed the group that there had been no meetings since May. A summary of current bills was sent out to the members of LEND. 73 bills have passed out of hundreds. The next meeting will be in September.

NDSEC – Mr. Kapral shared that there was no governing board meeting. The next one will take place in August. An operational meeting was held where it was indicated that lots of developments will be taking place over the next several months.

Bloomington Council of Teachers – Mr. Lenisa stated that there was no meeting this month. Their next meeting will be held in early August.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

Mr. Lenisa indicated that there were two FOIA requests that were summarized in the Board packet.

Action Items

Closed Session Minutes Review & Destruction of Digital Recordings (F.D. 6/26/23-7)

A motion was made by Mr. Devitt and seconded by Ms. Peterson for the Board to approve the continued unavailability of closed session minutes, and the destruction of closed session audio tape or digital recordings for the board meeting 18 months or older.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Devitt, Peterson, Kapral, Wojcicki, Zehme, Lenisa

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Approval of Administrative and Support Staff Salaries (F.D. 6/26/23-8)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mr. Kapral for the Board to approve the salary recommendation for administration and support staff for FY 2024 as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Wojcicki, Kapral, Devitt, Peterson, Zehme, Lenisa

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Second Reading of Amendments to Elementary School Family Handbook (F.D. 6/26/23-9)

A motion was made by Mr. Devitt and seconded by Ms. Peterson for the Board to approve the amendments to the Elementary Family Handbook as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Devitt, Peterson, Kapral, Wojcicki, Zehme, Lenisa

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Amend the BOE Meeting Schedule (F.D. 6/26/23-10)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mr. Devitt for the Board to approve the amended meeting schedule as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Wojcicki, Devitt, Kapral, Peterson, Zehme, Lenisa

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Pre-Authorization of July Bills (F.D. 6/26/23-11)

A motion was made by Mr. Devitt and seconded by Mr. Kapral for the Board to pre-authorize bills for payment in a timely fashion in July as per the attached memo, and authorize the Board President to initial that memo for Board Reports.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Devitt, Kapral, Peterson, Wojcicki, Zehme, Lenisa

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Resolution for the Designation of Interest (F.D. 6/26/23-12)

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. Devitt for the Board to approve the Resolution for Designation of Interest between accounts, and authorize its officers to sign the resolution, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Peterson, Devitt, Kapral, Wojcicki, Zehme, Lenisa

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Resolution for the Designation of Person to Prepare the Budget (F.D. 6/26/23-13)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mrs. Zehme for the Board to approve the Resolution to designate Valerie Varhalla to prepare the budget for FY2024, and authorize its officers to sign the resolution as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Wojcicki, Zehme, Devitt, Kapral, Peterson, Lenisa

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Cash in Lieu of Health Insurance (\$1,000) (F.D. 6/26/23-14)

A motion was made by Mr. Devitt and seconded by Mrs. Zehme for the Board to approve the Memorandum of Understanding to Article VI, Section 6.1 of the agreement with the Bloomingdale Council of Teachers.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Devitt, Zehme, Kapral, Peterson, Wojcicki, Lenisa

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Department of Health Care (F.D. 6/26/23-15)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Ms. Peterson for the Board to approve the intergovernmental agreement with the Illinois Department of Healthcare, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Wojcicki, Peterson, Devitt, Kapral, Zehme, Lenisa

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Discussion Items

Technology Plan Update

Director of Technology, Richard McCall shared updates related to the Technology Plan and projections for the upcoming year.

Demographic Reports

Dr. Bartelt shared two reports that were produced by Dr. John Kasarda, the District's contracted demographer; 1. Demographic Trends and Enrollment Projections, and 2. Estimates of Additional Kindergarten Enrollment with District-wide and Individual School Enrollment Projections under the Assumption that a Full-Day Kindergarten Program Commences in Fall 2023.

First Reading of Amendments to Board Policy

Dr. Bartelt discussed the proposed amendments to Board Policy. These policies will be brought back to be voted on at the August 28th meeting.

Topic(s) for Future Agendas

Foreign Language Program K-8

For Information

Enrollment Update

Available for review in the Board packet.

NDSEC Profile

Available for review in the Board packet.

Suspension Report

Available for review in the Board packet.

Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. Kapral for the Board to adjourn to closed session at 8:25 p.m. to discuss the employment/evaluation /compensation of personnel.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Peterson, Kapral, Devitt, Wojcicki, Zehme, Lenisa

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

President Michael Lenisa called the regular meeting of the Board of Education in Bloomingdale Elementary School District 13 back to order at 9:03 p.m.

Approval of Dr. Bartelt's Salary Increase

A motion was made by Mr. Devitt and seconded by Ms. Peterson for the Board to approve an increase to Dr. Bartelt's salary of 4% for FY2024.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Devitt, Peterson, Kapral, Wojcicki, Zehme, Lenisa

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Michael Lenisa, President

Linda Wojcicki, Secretary