

REGULAR
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
June 23, 2025, 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, June 23, 2025.

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Marcin Kapral, Mr. Eric Kowalik, Mr. Sam Menton, Mrs. Linda Wojcicki, Mr. Michael Lenisa

Absent: Mrs. Nicole Majewski, Mrs. Raffaella Spilotro

Others Present: Dr. Jon Bartelt, Shannon Zinner, Nicole Gabany, Valerie Varhalla

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mr. Kapral to approve the items in the Consent Agenda which included Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on 5/19/25, Closed Meeting Minutes on 5/19/25, Special Meeting Minutes on 6/10/25 and Closed Meeting Minutes on 6/10/25. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$467,831.34; the Operations and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$544,244.49; Debt Service in the amount of \$0.00; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$176,125.47; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; Referendum Fund in the amount of \$317,857.08; Tort Fund in the amount of \$0.00 and Life Safety Fund in the amount of \$146,130.60 (F.D. 06/23/25-1); Payroll (5/23/2025) in the amount of \$498,978.35, and (6/10/2025) in the amount of \$613,108.27; the Financial Reports as shown in (F.D. 06/23/25-2); **New Hires**, Ayushi Tripathi, Seasonal Technology Assistant at the District effective 5/28/2025, Matthew Lents, Seasonal Technology Assistant at the District effective 5/28/2025, Luke McCall, Seasonal Buildings and Grounds at the District effective 6/16/2025, Alexis Estefania, Seasonal Buildings and Grounds at the District effective 6/16/2025, Daniela Giordano, Paraprofessional at Erickson effective 8/11/2025, Kathy Weivode, 8th Grade Math/Science Teacher at Westfield effective 8/11/2025; Giavonna Capozzoli, Social Worker at DuJardin effective 8/11/2025; **Resignations/ Retirements**, Angela Foley, Teacher at Erickson effective end of the 24/25 School Year, Darian Laird, Paraprofessional at Erickson effective end of the 24/25 School Year, Marya Mansavage, Paraprofessional at Erickson effective end of the 24/25 School Year, Bailey Ekstrand, Paraprofessional at DuJardin effective end of the 24/25 School Year, Marcos Rosales, Director of Buildings and Grounds at the District effective 6/30/2025, Dr. Jon Bartelt, Superintendent at the District effective 6/30/2025; **Terminations/Non-Renewals**, Dawn Rider, School Nurse at Westfield effective 6/5/2025; **Change of Position**, Angel Frattinger, Assistant Principal at Erickson to 5th Grade Teacher at DuJardin, effective 8/11/25.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Wojcicki, Kapral, Kowalik, Menton, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 5 – 0 – 0

Superintendent's Report

Teaching and Learning Report

Mrs. Gabany summarized student growth in the District from within the context of the Measures of Academic Progress assessment data. Mrs. Gabany also reported on staff professional development.

Strategic Plan Initiatives

Dr. Bartelt provided the Strategic Plan Initiatives to the Board and provided examples of the achievement of these initiatives.

Intergovernmental Agreements Update

Dr. Bartelt shared updates on the various intergovernmental agreements the District has with area units of local government.

Public Comment

None

Board Reports and Requests

BIG – Dr. Bartelt sent out communication that Mr. Kapral is the new representative and he should start receiving emails at his personal email address.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition – Mrs. Wojcicki indicated that there was no meeting this month. The next meeting will be in August.

Education Foundation – Mrs. Wojcicki indicated there was no meeting this month.

LEND - Mr. Lenisa and Mrs. Majewski attended the meeting where their budget was approved.

NDSEC – Mr. Kapral indicated that there was no meeting this month. The next meeting will be in August.

Bloomington Council of Teachers - Mr. Lenisa indicated that there were no meetings with either union this month.

IASB - Mr. Lenisa shared that he listened in on their meeting which was a periodic status update.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

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

Action Items

Approval of Administrative and Support Staff Compensation (F.D. 6/23/2025-3)

A motion was made by Mr. Kapral and seconded by Mr. Menton for the Board to approve a \$1.00 per hour increase to all hourly custodial staff, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Kapral, Menton, Kowalik, Menton, Wojcicki, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 5 – 0 – 0

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mr. Kapral for the Board to approve a 4.25% salary increase to all administrative and salaried non-union staff members, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Kapral, Wojcicki, Kowalik, Menton, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 5 – 0 – 0

A motion was made by Mr. Menton and seconded by Mr. Kowalik for the Board to approve a \$1,000 per month stipend to Ms. Varhalla for work related to the construction projects, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Menton, Kowalik, Wojcicki, Lenisa

Nays: Kapral

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 4 – 1 – 0

Second Reading of Amendments to Board Policy (F.D. 6/23/25-4)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mr. Kowalik for the Board to approve the amendments to the policies identified above as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Wojcicki, Kowalik, Kapral, Menton, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 5 – 0 – 0

Closed Session Minutes Review and Destruction of Digital Recordings (F.D. 6/23/25-5)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mr. Kowalik for the Board of Education 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: Wojcicki, Kowalik, Kapral, Menton, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 5 – 0 – 0

Ament the Board of Education Schedule (F.D. 6/23/25-6)

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

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Kapral, Wojcicki, Kowalik, Menton, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 5 – 0 – 0

Pre-Authorization of July Bills (F.D. 6/23/25-7)

A motion was made by Mr. Kapral and seconded by Mr. Kowalik for the Board of Education 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 the Board records.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Kapral, Kowalik, Menton, Wojcicki, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 5 – 0 – 0

Approval of Resolution Approving Settlement Agreement with Former Employee (F.D. 6/23/25-8)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mr. Menton for the Board of Education to approve the Resolution approving the settlement agreement between the Board of Education of Bloomingdale School District 13 and the former employee, Dr. Evonne Waugh, in substantially the form presented to the Board of Education.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Wojcicki, Menton, Kapral, Kowalik, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 5 – 0 – 0

Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Lake Park High School District 108 (F.D. 6/23/25-9)

A motion was made by Mr. Kapral and seconded by Mr. Menton for the Board of Education to approve the intergovernmental agreement with Lake Park School District 108, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Kapral, Menton, Kowalik, Wojcicki, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 5 – 0 – 0

Discussion Items

Tentative FY 2026 Budget Presentation

Ms. Varhalla led the Board through a slide presentation of the Tentative FY 2026 Budget and answered questions for the Board.

Building Projects

Representatives from DLA Architects and Bulley and Andrews provided an update to the Board of Education on the timelines, a summary of the meetings held since they last met with the Board, and some projections as to what you can expect at the August 11 Community Forum

Topic(s) for Future Agendas

Extra Curriculars

For Information

Enrollment Report

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 Mr. Kapral and seconded by Mr. Kowalik for the Board to adjourn to closed session at 10:21 p.m. to discuss matters related to appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees and matters related to security procedures and school building safety.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Kapral, Kowalik, Menton, Wojcicki, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 5 – 0 – 0

President Michael Lenisa called the regular meeting of the Board of Education in Bloomingdale Elementary School District 13 back to order at 12:08 a.m.

Action Items

Superintendent Salary Increase for 2025-2026 (F.D. 6/23/2025-10)

A motion was made by Mr. Kapral and seconded by Mr. Menton for the Board to give a 5% raise to the Superintendent for 2025-2026.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Kapral, Menton, Kowalik, Menton, Wojcicki, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 5 – 0 – 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 12:09 a.m.

Michael Lenisa, President

Linda Wojcicki, Secretary