

REGULAR
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
June 27, 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, June 27, 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, Ms. Tamara Peterson, Mrs. Kari Zehme, Mr. Matt Boebel

Absent: Mr. Michael Lenisa, Mr. Terry McKeown, Mrs. Linda Wojcicki,

Others Present: Dr. Jon Bartelt, Shannon Whitaker, Nicole Gabany, John Reiniche, Rick McCall, Valerie Varhalla, Mary Ellen Johnson, Elizabeth Threadgill, Mary-Kathryn Warco, Eileen Smith, David Virkus, Gia Thime, Ali Ventrella

Amend Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. Devitt to approve amending the agenda to appoint Ms. Peterson as Secretary Pro Tem in Mrs. Wojcicki's absence and add an action item following closed session for the approval of the salary increase for the superintendent.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Peterson, Devitt, Zehme, Boebel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 – 0

Recognition of Exemplars – Board Member, Tamara Peterson recognized this month's Staff Exemplar, Gia Thime.

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 Regular Board Meeting held on 5-23-22 and Closed Session Meeting held on 5-23-22. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$181,906.49; the Operations and Maintenance Fund for in the amount of \$208,111.25; Debt Service in the amount of \$3,728.60;

Transportation Fund in the amount of \$101,846.23; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; and Tort Fund in the amount of \$3,540.00; Payroll (6-10-2022) in the amount of \$575,949.47 and (6-25-2022) in the amount of \$507,621.97 as shown in (F.D. 6/27/22-1); the Fund Balance Report as shown in (F.D. 6/27/22-2); the Balance Sheet as shown in (F.D. 6/27/22-3); the Revenue Report as shown in (F.D. 6/27/22-4); the Expenditure Report as shown in (F.D. 6/27/22-5); and Activity Report as shown in (F.D. 6/27/22-6); **New Hires**, Joshua Peto, Custodian at DuJardian for a salary of \$16.25/Hr., Adam Sakleh, Summer Help at the District for a salary of \$12.00/Hr., Lindsay Fenton, Social Worker at Westfield for a salary of \$56,550, Victoria Zbizek, Teacher at Erickson for a salary of \$50,745, Jordan Weber, Teacher at Erickson for a salary of \$50,745, LeeAnne Middona, Teacher at Westfield for a salary of \$61,294,; **Resignations/Retirements**, Gia Thime, Administrative Assistant at the District effective 6/27/22, Anita Mayer, paraprofessional at Erickson effective 6/7/22, Brittany O'Brien, Teacher at Erickson effective 8/1/22, Jillian Sullivan, Teacher at Erickson effective 7/1/22

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Devitt, Peterson, Zehme, Boebel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 – 0

Superintendent's Report

2022-2023 Strategic Plan Initiatives Report

Dr. Bartelt offered a preview of some of the initiatives that the District is considering for implementation for the upcoming school year.

2022 Spring MAP Results and Teaching and Learning Report

Director of Teaching and Learning, Mrs. Gabany reviewed MAP data with the Board. She indicated that all grade levels are trending up, and that the District is trending higher than the national norm. The District will be focusing on fourth grade next year, by incorporating an interventionist to push into the grade school to work with fourth grade. Mrs. Gabany pointed out that D13 students are growing at the 75th percentile, which means that they are growing faster than anticipated, and catching up.

Mrs. Gabany then gave an overview of some committees that teachers participated in during the past year, including the literacy committee, standards-based grading, mentoring and MTSS. Next year the focus will be on math and structural strategies and differentiation supports for the classroom.

Public Comment

Mary Kathryn Warco – Indicated that she did not get a response to her questions about MAP scores during the May meeting. She also referred to the math chart that was

shown in the MAP presentation, and stated that the graph did not show the norms, so the District is using comparative data from the individual grade scores and not splitting them out between Erickson and DuJardin. She would like to know how we know where our students in District 13 are falling in comparison to other districts?

Mary Ellen Johnson – Would like to know if any of the other concerns brought forward at last month's meeting were responded to.

Marcin Kapral – Commented that there doesn't seem to any reasoning behind the new system. Is my student an A or an F student? Why are we going away from A B C grading? What was wrong with that grading system? Mr. Kapral also asked if someone could follow up about adopting standards for sexual education and where health education is going for the District. He also indicated that he would like to know what the District's plan is to get out of the dip in MAP scores.

Board Reports and Requests

BIG – Dr. Bartelt indicated that there was a meeting scheduled for later in July at the fire protection district, and then District 13 will host the BIG meeting in October.

D13 Has Character – Dr. Bartelt reminded Board members to get their applications submitted for character nominations because the deadline is Thursday.

LEND - Mrs. Zehme reported that there was no meeting this month.

NDSEC – Ms. Peterson stated that NDSEC held their operating meeting.

Bloomington Council of Teachers – Mr. Boebel indicated that there was no formal meeting, but the representatives from both negotiating teams met to sign the contract.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

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

Action Items

Closed Session Minutes Review & Destruction of Digital Recordings (F.D. 6/27/22-7)

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. Devitt 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 meetings 18 months or older.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Peterson, Devitt, Zehme, Boebel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 – 0

Approval of Administrative and Support Staff Salaries (F.D. 6/27/22-8)

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. Devitt for the Board to approve the salary recommendation for administration and support staff for FY2023 as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Peterson, Devitt, Zehme, Boebel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 – 0

Second Reading of Amendments to Board Policies (F.D. 6/27/22-9)

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. Devitt for the Board to approve the amendments to the policies identified above as presented

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Peterson, Devitt, Zehme, Boebel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 - 0

Amend the BOE Meeting Schedule (F.D. 6/27/22-10)

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

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Peterson, Devitt, Zehme, Boebel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 - 0

Pre-Authorization of July Bills (F.D. 6/27/22-11)

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mrs. Zehme 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 the Board records.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Peterson, Zehme, Devitt, Boebel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 - 0

Resolution for the Designation of Interest (F.D. 6/27/22-12)

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

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Peterson, Devitt, Zehme, Boebel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 - 0

Resolution for the Designation of Person to Prepare the Budget (F.D. 6/27/22-13)

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mrs. Zehme for the Board to approve the Resolution to designate Valerie Varhalla to prepare the budget for FY2023, and authorize its officers to sign the resolution, as prepared.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Peterson, Zehme, Devitt, Boebel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 - 0

Discussion Items

Technology Plan

Director of Technology, Richard McCall shared information with the Board about the District's 5-Year Technology Plan 2021-2026. He indicated that the core focus areas are safety, security, support and sustainability, and the four phases of the technology plan are Assessment (2021-2022), Planning (2022), Implementation (2022-2025) and Review (2025-2026).

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.

Suspension Report

Available for review in the Board packet.

Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by Mr. Devitt and seconded by Ms. Peterson to adjourn to closed session at 7:51 p.m. to discuss the employment/evaluation/compensation of personnel, collective bargaining, and potential litigation.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Devitt, Peterson, Zehme, Boebel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 – 0

President Matt Boebel called the regular meeting of the Board of Education in Bloomingdale Elementary School District 13 back to order at 8:40 p.m.

Action Item

Approval of Superintendent Salary

A motion was made by Mr. Devitt and seconded by Mrs. Zehme for the Board to approve the salary recommendation for Dr. Bartelt for FY2023 as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Devitt, Zehme, Peterson, Boebel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 4 – 0

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Matt Boebel, President

Tamara Peterson, Vice President