

REGULAR
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
August 26, 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 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 26, 2024 in an in person and virtual setting. The District invited the public to join the School Board this evening by Zoom webinar platform.

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Marcin Kapral, Mrs. Nicole Majewski, Mr. Terry McKeown, Ms. Tamara Peterson, Mrs. Linda Wojcicki, Mr. Michael Lenisa

Absent:

Others Present: Dr. Jon Bartelt, Shannon Zinner, Nicole Gabany, Valerie Varhalla, Rick McCall, Monika Cuellar, Paul Cuellar, Eraud Minga, Kristine Puchalski, Raffaella Spilotro, Sam Menton

Oath of Office

Board President, Michael Lenisa administered the Oath of Office to newly installed board member, Monika Cuellar.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mrs. Majewski to approve the items in the Consent Agenda which included Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on 7-22-24, and the Minutes from the Closed Session Board Meeting on 7-22-24. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$295,217.25; the Operations and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$271,163.36; Debt Service in the amount of \$0.00; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$65,420.15; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; and Tort Fund in the amount of \$143,434.00; Payroll (7-25-2024) in the amount of \$396,260.34, (8-9-24) in the amount of \$399,710.75 and (8-23-2024) in the amount of \$412,817.30; the Fund Balance Report as shown in (F.D. 8/26/24-2); the Balance Sheet as shown in (F.D. 8/26/24-3); the Revenue Report as shown in (F.D. 8/26/24-4); the Expenditure Report as shown in (F.D. 8/26/24-5); and Activity Report as shown in (F.D. 8/26/24-6); **New Hires**, Karen Lehman, Paraprofessional at Erickson effective 8/19/24, Clairissa Moloczyj, Paraprofessional at Westfield effective 8/19/24, Rachel McCall, Paraprofessional at Westfield effective 8/19/24, Ye Chen, Paraprofessional at Westfield effective 8/19/24, Tiffany Dworianyn, 5th Grade Teacher at DuJardin effective 8/19/24, Yvonne Marler, 6th Grade Teacher at Westfield effective 8/19/24; **Resignations/ Retirements**, Ryan Schreiber, Technology Assistant at the District effective 8/7/24, Susan Guerrero, Paraprofessional at DuJardin effective 8/8/24; **Re-Hires**, Kim Paleczny, Long-Term Substitute at DuJardin effective 8/19/24; **Change of Position**, Angela Foley, Middle School Teacher at Westfield to 5th Grade Teacher at Erickson effective 8/19/24, Paul Paoletti, Summer Custodian at the District to Night Custodian at Westfield effective 8/12/24.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Superintendent's Report

Board Superintendent Expectations

Dr. Bartelt indicated that the current Board Superintendent Expectations were given to Board members in their folders and requested that if there were any alterations needed to the expectations, they could be discussed at this time. The Board determined that no changes were needed at this time.

Finance Committee of the Whole

Dr. Bartelt informed the Board that on Monday, September 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., there will be a special meeting of the Board of Education to review the completed summer work with tours of each of the buildings led by Director of Buildings and Grounds, Marcos Rosales. At the conclusion of the tours, Director of Finance, Valerie Varhalla will lead a more detailed overview of the Proposed FY2025 Budget and answer questions from the Board.

Board Calendar

Dr. Bartelt shared the updated 2024-2025 Board Calendar, beginning with the month of August. An updated calendar will be presented again in December for the upcoming 2025 calendar year.

Public Comment

Sam Menton thanked the board for their work on the referendum and their efforts to keep the public involved and informed. He urged the board to keep the residents in mind throughout the referendum process and consider their circumstances when making financial decisions that would impact their livelihood.

Eraud Minga requested that the Board allow his son, who is medically fragile, to attend Bloomingdale School District 13, due to the proximity of his home to Erickson Elementary, despite his home being located within the boundaries of Community Consolidated School District 93.

Board Reports and Requests

BIG – Ms. Peterson indicated that they had a meeting at the Park District 4 weeks ago where they received updates from the Park District regarding their 60th Anniversary, as well as Sandy Vangundy’s retirement. The library is hosting an ice cream social and both the library and park district have community surveys happening currently. The next meeting will be in October, hosted by District 93.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition – Mrs. Wojcicki indicated that their next meeting will be on September 5th. D13 is hosting a Character Counts training on September 10th and 11th with 6 attendees from D13 as well as attendees from other community organizations.

Education Foundation – Mrs. Wojcicki indicated that the foundation presented over \$12,000 in grants to District teachers at the opening day meeting. They are also working on an all district fundraiser that will take place in March.

LEND - Mrs. Majewski reported that there were no meetings over the summer, and that the next meeting will be in September.

NDSEC – Mrs. Wojcicki stated that the budget was approved at the meeting. In addition, they have gone from 4 to 3 classrooms, and have moved into the new TLC Center. The next governance meeting will be March 10th at the new location in Bensenville.

Bloomington Council of Teachers – Mr. Lenisa indicated that they met at the beginning of August, where they planned for the kickoff event where the first ABC Awards were presented to Mrs. Ashley Harsila and Mrs. Linda Wojcicki. The group will start working on a new contract in January.

IASB - Mr. McKeown indicated that the ambassador team was on a summer hiatus and would be meeting again in September.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

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

Action Items

Resolution to Regulate Expense Reimbursements (F.D. 08/26/2024-7)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Ms. Peterson for the Board to approve the attached resolution to regulate expense reimbursements for the 2024-2025 school year, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution in Support of CHARACTER COUNTS! (F.D. 08/26/24-8)

A motion was made by Mrs. Majewski and seconded by Mr. McKeown for the Board to approve the Resolution in Support of CHARACTER COUNTS!.

Roll Call Vote

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

Approval of Threat Assessment Plan (F.D. 08/26/24-9)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Ms. Peterson for the Board to approve the Threat Assessment Plan for 2024-2025, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Resolution Authorizing Intervention in Property Tax Assessment Appeals (F.D. 08/26/24-10)

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. McKeown for the Board to approve the Resolution Authorizing Intervention in Property Tax Assessment Appeals, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Discussion Items

Strategic Plan Initiatives 2024-2025

Dr. Bartelt presented the Board with a copy of the Strategic Plan for review. They will be brought for approval at the September 23rd regular meeting.

Superintendent Performance Goals

Dr. Bartelt shared ideas for his performance goals with the Board. The final draft will be brought to the Board at the September 23rd regular meeting for approval.

First Reading of Amendments to Board Policies

Policies 7:20, 2:260, 2:265, 5:100 and 7:185 were presented for first reading. These policies will be brought as action items at the September regular meeting for approval.

Topic(s) for Future Agendas

Update on activities in support of the November referendum.

For Information

NDSEC Profile

Available for review in the Board packet.

Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by Mr. McKeown and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board to adjourn to closed session at 7:58 p.m. to discuss matters related to employment/evaluation/compensation of personnel, matters related to individual students and collective bargaining.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

President Michael Lenisa called the regular meeting of the Board of Education in Bloomingdale Elementary School District 13 back to order at 9:37 p.m.

Action Items

Approval of Settlement Agreement with the Bloomingdale Paraprofessional Council, Local No. 571, IFT-AFT, AFL-CIO (F.D. 8/26/24-11)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Ms. Peterson for the Board to approve the two-year contract with the Bloomingdale Paraprofessional Council, Local No. 571, IFT-AFT, AFL-CIO, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Michael Lenisa, President

Linda Wojcicki, Secretary