

REGULAR
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
November 18, 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, November 18, 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: Ms. Monika Cuellar, 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, Kat Lents, Patrick Haugens, Sam Menton

Above and Beyond

Board Member Terry McKeown recognized this month's Above and Beyond recipients, Shuto Miyake (DuJardin), Faye Fritz (Erickson) and Adrian Sliz (Westfield).

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mrs. Majewski to approve the items in the Consent Agenda which included Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on 10-28-24. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$146,551.06; the Operations and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$31,380.86; Debt Service in the amount of \$0.00; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$17,425.47; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; and Tort Fund in the amount of \$0.00; Payroll (10-25-2024) in the amount of \$486,743.20 and (11-8-2024) in the amount of \$476,039.01; the Financial Reports as shown in (F.D. 11/18/24-2); **New Hires**, Noelle Madon, Paraprofessional at DuJardin effective 11/07/24, Nikolin Kerxhalli, Custodian at Westfield effective 11/18/24

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Superintendent's Report

Student Presentation

Students from DuJardin Elementary School, Lyla P., Madison M., Belle L., Ben R. and Jacob K. shared information about the Better Together Club and the impact that it has had on the school. The students entertained comments and questions from the Board members.

Student Ambassador Report

8th grade student ambassadors, Evelyn Voytek and Jacob Kane informed the Board the DuJardin students welcomed veterans for lunch and to learn about their experiences in the military. Erickson Elementary is hosting their Winter Wonderland on November 19th, and will hold their Holiday Gift Shop on December 3rd and 4th. Erickson PTO's Mitten Tree drive will be collecting donations of new hats, mittens, gloves and scarves until December 20th. Westfield Girls Basketball will be hosting their first tournament Thursday, November 21st, while the Boys Basketball Team will have tryouts on December 3rd and 4th.

Illinois School Report Card

Mrs. Gabany gave the Board an overview of the Illinois School Report Card and answered questions from the Board regarding the presentation that was attached to the Board packet.

FY2024 Financial Audit Presentation

Jennifer Decker from Wipfli, LLP was present to share the highlights of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2024, which was included in the Board packet.

Public Comment

Sam Menton shared his concern for the deteriorating conditions of Westfield Middle School, and asked when the community will see preliminary drawings and be able to see the proposed updates to the buildings.

Board Reports and Requests

BIG – Ms. Peterson indicated that they haven't met since she last reported on the group in October. The next meeting is in January.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition – Mrs. Wojcicki indicated that they just held their annual meeting, where they voted for new officers.

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

LEND - Mrs. Majewski shared that there is a hearing scheduled for November 20th.

NDSEC – Dr. Bartelt reported that there was a Finance Committee meeting as well as an Operational meeting. The NDSEC Annual Report is located in the blue folders.

Bloomington Council of Teachers – Mr. Lenisa indicated that they met earlier in the month where they discussed forming a group about AI Policy.

IASB - Mr. McKeown shared that IASB has a webinar called Interfund Loans and Transfers that he plans to participate in and. The Delegate Assembly will take place at the Joint Annual Conference. 3 of the 4 items that were placed on the list for non-adoption were appealed and will now be heard during the session.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

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

Action Items

None

Discussion Items

First Reading of Amendments to Board Policies

Policies 2:105, 2:120, 4:30, 4:60, 4:150, 4:170, 5:10, 5:20, 5:90, 5:125, 5:230, 6:60, 6:135, 6:270, 7:10, 7:100, 7:180, 7:200 and 8:10 were presented for first reading. These policies will be brought as action items at the December regular meeting for approval.

Referendum Results

Dr. Bartelt discussed the plans moving forward following the success of the question on the sale of \$29.7 million in building bonds and the failure of the limiting rate questions including life safety bonds, tentative timelines, school calendar adjustments, staffing and FY2025 budget implications.

Joint Annual Conference Questions

Dr. Bartelt answered questions from the Board regarding the upcoming Joint Annual Conference that will take place from Friday, November 22 through Sunday, November 24 in Chicago.

2025-2026 School Calendar

Dr. Bartelt shared the draft of the 2025-2026 school calendar with the Board and indicated that the calendar could potentially change to allow for an earlier start to the school year to allow for an end date prior to Memorial Day to help maximize construction time at Erickson Elementary

Topic(s) for Future Agendas

None

For Information

Enrollment Report

Available for review in the Board packet.

NDSEC Profile

Available for review in the Board packet.

Westfield Suspension Report

Available for review in the Board packet.

Annual Statement of Affairs

Available for review in the Board packet.

Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board to adjourn to closed session at 9:14 p.m. to discuss matters related to employment/evaluation/compensation of personnel, and potential litigation.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Peterson, Wojcicki, Cuellar, Kapral, Majewski, McKeown, 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 10:11 p.m.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Michael Lenisa, President

Linda Wojcicki, Secretary