

REGULAR
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
December 19, 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 7:00 p.m. on Monday, December 19, 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. Michael Lenisa, Mr. Terry McKeown, Ms. Tamara Peterson, Mrs. Linda Wojcicki, Mrs. Kari Zehme, Mr. Matt Boebel

Absent: Mr. Patrick Devitt

Others Present: Dr. Jon Bartelt, Shannon Whitaker, Valerie Varhalla, Rick McCall, Walter Hasler, Alisa Hasler, Jason Hasler, Helen Hasler, Nicole Kastory, Payal Bhatt

Above and Beyond – Board Member, Tamara Peterson recognized this month's Above and Beyond recipients, Sahen Bhatt (DuJardin), Helen Hasler and Walter Hasler (Erickson) and Kaitlyn Grumeretz (Westfield).

Hearing on Tentative Tax Levy

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. McKeown to open the hearing for the proposed 2022 Tax Levy. Voice Vote: all ayes

A budget hearing was held to present the proposed 2022 Tax Levy and allowed for public comment. Ms. Valerie Varhalla, Finance Director gave a brief presentation of the tentative tax levy, then invited public comments

No public comments were made.

A motion was made by Mr. McKeown and seconded by Ms. Peterson to close the hearing for the tentative 2022 Tax Levy. Voice Vote: all ayes

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mr. Lenisa to approve the items in the Consent Agenda which included Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on 11-28-22. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$213,296.73; the Operations and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$90,189.13; Debt Service in the amount of \$2,226.95; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$76,603.46; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; and Tort Fund in the amount of \$0.00; Payroll (12-9-2022) in the amount of \$447,067.88, as shown in (F.D. 12/19/22-1); the Fund Balance Report as shown in (F.D. 12/19/22-2); the Balance Sheet as shown in (F.D. 12/19/22-3); the Revenue Report as shown in (F.D. 12/19/22-4); the Expenditure Report as shown in

(F.D. 12/19/22-5); and Activity Report as shown in (F.D. 12/19/22-6); **Re-Hires**, Christine Silva, Paraprofessional at Westfield for a salary of \$16.03/Hr.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Wojcicki, Lenisa, McKeown, Peterson, Zehme, Boebel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Superintendent's Report

Board Annual Calendar

Dr. Bartelt indicated to the Board that the updated 2023 annual board calendar was located in their blue folders and that they are welcome to provide any feedback on the document to him.

2021-2022 Audit Report

Mr. Andy Mace from the District's Auditing Firm, Wipfli, LLP shared the results of the FY2022 Audit. An electronic copy of the form is located in the Board Packet.

Student Ambassadors

Dr. Bartelt reported that the Board will be asked to seat two new student ambassadors at the January 23rd board meeting; Hridhdhima (Tia) Tenneti and Veronica Archacki.

Board Spring Workshop Planning

Dr. Bartelt indicated that he will be planning a workshop for June as part of the ongoing learning of the Board as a team. Some of the offerings that have not yet been presented include: Starting Right, Setting District Goals and Direction, Myers-Briggs Team Workshop, Equity: An Educational Imperative and The Trust Edge Experience. Board members should let Dr. Bartelt know if they would like more information about any of these offerings, and he will reach out to IASB.

Public Comment

None

Board Reports and Requests

BIG – Mr. Lenisa indicated that there was no meeting this month.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition – Mrs. Wojcicki indicated that there was no meeting this month.

Education Foundation – Mrs. Wojcicki shared that the Education Foundation was planning their spring event for April 20th. In addition, teacher grant packets were distributed and are due back when we return from winter break. The next meeting is January 9.

LEND - Mrs. Zehme reported that LEND's next meeting is scheduled for January 27.

NDSEC – Ms. Peterson that there was no governing board meeting. Dr. Bartelt indicated that NDSEC's audit was presented and accepted at their meeting that was held today. The Operational Board has decided that since their director is retiring at the end of the year, they will not be conducting an evaluation for him.

Bloomington Council of Teachers – Mr. Boebel indicated that they met last week, and have made progress on board/union collaborative goals. Their plan is to report back to the board in June on the achievement of the goal.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

Mr. Boebel indicated that there was one FOIA request that was summarized in the Board packet.

Action Items

Approval of Tax Levy (F.D. 12/19/22-7)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mr. Devitt for the Board to certify compliance with the Truth in Taxation Act, approve the Certification of Tax Levy, authorize the Board President and Secretary to sign the necessary documents, and authorize the Finance Director to deliver these to the County Clerk's office by the last Tuesday in December.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Wojcicki, Lenisa, McKeown, Peterson, Zehme, Boebel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Resolution Authorizing IMRF Agent (F.D. 12/19/22-8)

A motion was made by Mr. McKeown and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board to Approve the resolution authorizing a Supplemental Tax Levy to pay the principal of and interest on outstanding limited bonds of the District as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Wojcicki, McKeown, Lenisa, Peterson, Zehme, Boebel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Board of Education Meeting Schedule (F.D. 12/19/22-9)

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mrs. Zehme for the Board to Approve the meeting schedule for 2023 as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Peterson, Zehme, McKeown, Lenisa, Wojcicki, Boebel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Approval of 2023-2024 School Calendar and Amended 2022-2023 Calendar (F.D. 12/19/22-10)

A motion was made by Mr. McKeown and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board to Approve the 2023-2024 School Calendar and the 2022-2023 Amended Calendar as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: McKeown, Wojcicki, Lenisa, Peterson, Zehme, Boebel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Approval of the FY2022 School District Audit (F.D. 12/19/22-11)

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mrs. Zehme for the Board to Approve the FY2022 Audit as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Peterson, Zehme, Lenisa, McKeown, Wojcicki, Boebel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Resolution to Prohibit Sexual Harassment (F.D. 12/19/22-12)

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board to approve the attached resolution to prohibit sexual harassment in the workplace as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Peterson, Wojcicki, Lenisa, McKeown, Zehme, Boebel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Second Reading of Amendments to Board Policy (F.D. 12/19/22-13)

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

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Lenisa, Peterson, McKeown, Wojcicki, Zehme, Boebel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Discussion Items

First Reading of Amendments to Board Policy

Dr. Bartelt indicated that there are several policies with proposed changes in this month's board packet. These policies will be brought forth at the January 23 Board Meeting for second reading and approval.

Topic(s) for Future Agendas

Ms. Peterson proposed a discussion about ChatGBT. Mr. Boebel suggested that it might be time for a technology update to discuss this, along with the website, Otus and other platforms that the District is leveraging.

For Information

Enrollment Update

Available for review in the Board packet.

NDSEC Profile

Available for review in the Board packet.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Matt Boebel, President

Linda Wojcicki, Secretary