

REGULAR
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
January 22, 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, December 18, 2023 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. Marc Kapral, Mrs. Nicole Majewski, Mr. Terry McKeown, Ms. Tamara Peterson, Mrs. Linda Wojcicki, Mrs. Kari Zehme, Mr. Michael Lenisa

Absent:

Others Present: Dr. Jon Bartelt, Shannon Zinner, Valerie Varhalla, Rick McCall,

Above and Beyond

Board Member Nicole Majewski recognized this month's Above and Beyond recipients, Mikayla Mitropoulos (DuJardin), Lillian Puchalski (Erickson) and Rishi Patel (Westfield).

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mrs. Zehme to approve the items in the Consent Agenda which included Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on 12-18-23 and the Closed Session Meeting on 12-18-23. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$119,985.53; the Operations and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$37,218.99; Debt Service in the amount of \$0.00; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$84,549.37; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; and Tort Fund in the amount of \$300.00; Payroll (12-22-2023) in the amount of \$474,683.72 and (1-10-2024) in the amount of \$466,327.08; the Fund Balance Report as shown in (F.D. 1/22/24-2); the Balance Sheet as shown in (F.D. 1/22/24-3); the Revenue Report as shown in (F.D. 1/22/24-4); the Expenditure Report as shown in (F.D. 1/22/24-5); and Activity Report as shown in (F.D. 1/22/24-6); **Resignations/Retirements**, Jorge DeLeon, Custodian at Erickson effective 2/16/24.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained:

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Superintendent's Report

School Reports

Student Ambassadors, Brennan Shannon and Sloan Voytek gave the board a brief overview of events happening at Westfield Middle School. It was shared that the 8th grade basketball team won their recent championship, while the 6th and 7th grade team came in third. All grades at Westfield are currently taking MAP testing, 7th graders are preparing to go to the elementary schools to read to students, and Lake Park High School Counselors came to the school to speak to 8th graders about their options for elective courses for their upcoming freshman year.

INSIGHTeX Report

Director of Teaching and Learning, Nicole Gabany shared the results of the INSIGHTeX survey given to staff, parents, and students in October and November.

Community Coffee with the Superintendent

Dr. Bartelt shared information about the first Community Coffee with the Superintendent, which was held at Westfield Middle School on January 20th. Only one community member participated in the event, prompting Dr. Bartelt to seek out other models for community connections.

E-Learning Update

Dr. Bartelt and Mrs. Gabany shared information about the District's e-learning plan, as well as how to implement it with the greatest benefit to the community.

Superintendent Goals Midterm Report

Dr. Bartelt shared the mid-year progress of his goals that were approved by the Board in October.

Public Comment

Donna Limper of the League of Women Voters spoke about the League's efforts to have a reorganization study conducted of the Lake Park Feeder Districts in an effort to see the feasibility of a school district consolidation among these districts. She invited participants at the meeting to attend a presentation by their panel of experts on February 13th at Lake Park East High School.

Board Reports and Requests

BIG – Ms. Peterson indicated that the next meeting will be on January 25.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition – Mrs. Wojcicki indicated that the coalition is working on national membership, as well as organization membership. She shared that their recognition breakfast is scheduled for April 27th at the Bloomingdale Golf Club..

Education Foundation – Mrs. Zehme indicated that their next meeting is on February 5th, where they will be discussing teacher grants and fundraisers through the end of the year.

LEND - Mrs. Zehme reported that their next meeting is scheduled for January 26th

NDSEC – Mr. Kapral indicated that there was a special meeting earlier in the day to approve the lease for the TLC Learning Center in Bensenville. Their next meeting is scheduled for March..

Bloomington Council of Teachers – Mr. Lenisa stated that there was no meeting this month, but that they would be discussing e-learning at their next meeting.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

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

Action Items

Closed Session Minutes Review and Digital Recording Erasure (F.D. 1/22/24-7)

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. McKeown 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 meeting 18 months or older.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Approval of IDPH Cares Grant Program (F.D. 1/22/24-8)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mrs. Zehme for the Board to authorize the Superintendent to sign the necessary agreements for the Cares Grant Program offered by the Illinois Department of Public Health..

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Board of Education Meeting Schedule (F.D. 1/22/24-9)

A motion was made by Mr. Kapral and seconded by Mrs. Majewski for the Board to approve the Resolution to designate Valerie Varhalla to prepare the budget for FY2024-2025, and authorize its officers to sign the resolution, as presented..

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Discussion Items

First Reading of Amendments to Board Policy and Procedures

The Board reviewed Policy 4:60 and 5:330 which will be brought as action items at the February regular meeting of the Board of Education for approval.

School Fees 2024-2025

Director of Business and Finance, Valerie Varhalla, shared the proposal for District fees for the 2024-2025 school year, and answered questions from the board on that topic.

Student Enrollment Projections

Ms. Varhalla shared her projections for student enrollment with the Board and answered questions from the board on that topic.

Topic(s) for Future Agendas

None

For Information

Enrollment Update

Available for review in the Board packet.

Second Quarter Budget Performance Report

Available for review in the Board packet.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Michael Lenisa, President

Linda Wojcicki, Secretary