

REGULAR
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
February 23, 2026, 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, February 23, 2026.

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Marcin Kapral, Mr. Eric Kowalik, Mrs. Nicole Majewski, Mr. Sam Menton, Mrs. Linda Wojcicki, Mr. Michael Lenisa

Absent: Mrs. Raffaella Spilotro

Others Present: Dr. Jon Bartelt, Shannon Zinner, Nicole Gabany, Valerie Varhalla, Ethan Dworianyn, Alisha Kshatriya, Amber Quirk, Ben Steele, Ryan Kelley, Sarah Dworianyn

Above and Beyond

Board Member Linda Wojcicki recognized this month's Above and Beyond recipients, Azelie Biernacki (DuJardin), Elliot Martin (Erickson) and Dominik Kapral (Westfield).

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Kapral and seconded by Mrs. Majewski to approve the items in the Consent Agenda which included Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on 1/26/26, and the Closed Board Meeting on 1/26/26. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$707,412.98; the Operations and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$81,924.13; Debt Service in the amount of \$0.00; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$43,394.73; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; Referendum Fund in the amount of \$1,071,366.04; Tort Fund in the amount of \$0.00 and Life Safety Fund in the amount of \$122,842.15 (F.D. 2/23/26-1); Payroll (2/10/2026) in the amount of \$498,899.96; the Financial Reports as shown in (F.D. 2/23/26-2). **New Hires**, Michelle Gosling, Paraprofessional at Erickson effective 2/17/26; **Resignations/Retirements**, Miguel Estefania, Custodian at DuJardin effective 2/20/26, Deyana Matt, Art Teacher at Westfield effective 5/22/26; **Leaves**, Kathryn McGrane, Teacher at DuJardin, effective 9/4/26 - 8/1/27, Victoria Then, Teacher at Erickson, effective 5/6/26 - 9/3/26.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Kapral, Majewski, Kowalik, Menton, Wojcicki, Lenisa

Nays:

Abstained:

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Superintendent's Report

Program Review - ROE Presentation

Ms. Amber Quirk, the DuPage Regional Superintendent of Schools provided an overview of the roles of and services provided by the Regional Office of Education.

Student Ambassadors

8th grade student ambassadors Ethan Dworianyn and Alisha Kshatriya provided an update on activities of each school including the Kindergarten Royal Ball, Spelling Bee, Junior Achievement, and Coin Wars at Erickson Elementary; Super Bowl Canned Food Drive, PTO Bingo Night and Pop Top Wars at DuJardin Elementary. At Westfield, the Cheerleading Team took 1st place at the annual Cheer Xplosion Competition, the Boys 6th and 7th grade boys basketball team finished 2nd in their conference, while the 8th Grade Boys Basketball team finished their season undefeated and placed 1st in their conference. The musical, The Lion King will be running on April 16th and 17th

Winter MAP Results

Mrs. Gabany shared the results of the winter MAP assessment given to D13 students in January.

Building Projects Update

Ben Steele, Bulley & Andrews and Ryan Kelley, DLA Architects provided an update to the Board as to the progress being made on the construction projects at Westfield and Erickson.

Public Comment

None

Board Reports and Requests

BIG – Mr. Kapral indicated that there was no B.I.G. meeting this month.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition – Mrs. Wojcicki shared that nominations are due by March 2nd for presentation at the annual breakfast on May 2 at Erickson.

Education Foundation – Mrs. Wojcicki shared that the Education Foundation would be meeting in March to go over the teacher grants. They have received 13 so far.

LEND - Mr. Lenisa indicated that there was no LEND meeting this month.

NDSEC – Mr. Kapral indicated that there was no meeting this month.

Bloomington Paraprofessional Council - Mrs. Majewski indicated that there was no meeting in February.

Bloomington Council of Teachers - Mr. Lenisa indicated that there was no meeting in February.

IASB - Mr. Lenisa shared that several members of the Board attended the DuPage Division Meeting on February 3.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

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

Action Items

Approval of the 2026-2027 School Fees (F.D. 2/23/2026-3)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mr. Kapral for the Board to approve the District Fees for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

- Ayes: Wojcicki, Kapral, Kowalik, Majewski, Menton, Lenisa
- Nays: None
- Abstained: None
- Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Approval of Code Compliant HVAC Commissioning Consultant (F.D. 2/23/2026-4)

A motion was made by Mr. Kapral and seconded by Mr. Kowalik for the Board to approve Alpha Commissioning Engineers, Inc. as HVAC Consultants for the construction projects, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

- Ayes: Kapral, Kowalik, Majewski, Menton, Wojcicki, Lenisa
- Nays: None
- Abstained: None
- Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Board Member Reimbursements (F.D. 2/23/2026-5)

A motion was made by Mr. Kowalik and seconded by Mr. Menton for the Board to approve the reimbursement request from Member Wojcicki, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Kowalik, Menton, Kapral, Majewski, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: Wojcicki

Motion Carried: 5 – 0 – 1

Discussion Items

Early Release Proposal

Mrs. Gabany along with members of the District Leadership Council presented a proposal to change the calendar for the 2026-2027 school year regarding early release days. The proposal would have a weekly early release for the purpose of creating time for staff to engage in Professional Learning Community (PLC) meetings, which has been identified as a goal in building school improvement plans as a path to increase discussions on student growth and achievement.

Topic(s) for Future Agendas

None

For Information

Enrollment Report

Available for review in the Board packet.

School SIP Progress Reports

Available for review in the Board packet.

NDSEC Profile

Available for review in the Board packet.

Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by Mr. Menton and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board to adjourn to closed session at 9:36 p.m. to discuss matters related to appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees and matters related to collective bargaining.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Menton, Wojcicki, Kapral, Kowalik, Majewski, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Menton and seconded by Mr. Kowalik to adjourn the meeting. All ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 p.m.

Michael Lenisa, President

Linda Wojcicki, Secretary