

REGULAR  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
May 22, 2023, 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, May 22, 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, Mr. Terry McKeown, Ms. Tamara Peterson, Mrs. Linda Wojcicki, Mrs. Kari Zehme, Mr. Michael Lenisa

Absent: Mr. Patrick Devitt

Others Present: Dr. Jon Bartelt, Shannon Whitaker, Valerie Varhalla, Nicole Gabany, Rick McCall, Tia Tenneti, Veronica Archacki, Patrick Haugens, Stacy Johnston, Melissa Naples, Stefan Larsson, Amanda Vreeland

**Above and Beyond** – Board Member Marc Kapral recognized this month’s Above and Beyond recipients, Avery Brooks (DuJardin), Connor Pearlman (Erickson) and Tyler Lukes (Westfield).

**Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki to approve the items in the Consent Agenda which included Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on 4-24-23, the Special Board Meeting held on 4-29-23 and Minutes from the Special Board Meeting held on 5-1-23. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$168,843.11; the Operations and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$46,382.34; Debt Service in the amount of \$1,864.30; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$88,406.20; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; and Tort Fund in the amount of \$1,117.41; Payroll (4-25-2023) in the amount of \$462,838.38 and (5-10-2023) in the amount of \$455,076.96, as shown in (F.D. 5/22/23-1); the Fund Balance Report as shown in (F.D. 5/22/23-2); the Balance Sheet as shown in (F.D. 5/22/23-3); the Revenue Report as shown in (F.D. 5/22/23-4); the Expenditure Report as shown in (F.D. 5/22/23-5); and Activity Report as shown in (F.D. 5/22/23-6); **New Hires**, Kaleigh Smith, EL Teacher at Erickson/Westfield for a salary of \$53,658.00, Amiee Arimura, Librarian at Westfield for a salary of \$57,681.00, Jennifer Davis, Special Education Teacher at Erickson for a salary of \$61,591.00, Juan Reyes, Night Custodian at Westfield for a salary of \$17.00/Hr., **Resignations/Retirements**, Jeff Potts, Custodian at Westfield effective 6/8/23, Alex Paoletti, Paraprofessional at Erickson effective 6/8/23, Luciano Hernandez, Custodian at Westfield effective 10/27/23, Michael Nohl, Maintenance at the District effective 10/31/23; **Change of Position**, Manuela Anta .5 Paraprofessional/.5 EL Teacher at the District to 1.0 EL Teacher at the District, Kimberly Dattilo, 10.5 Month Administrative Assistant at the District to 12 Month Administrative Assistant at the District.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

**Superintendent's Report**

School Improvement Plan Presentations

Patrick Haugens, Stacy Johnston and Melissa Naples, representing DuJardin and Erickson Elementary Schools, and Stefan Larsson and Amanda Vreeland, representing Westfield Middle School, presented their School Improvement Plans. They shared the results of their goal setting process, identified highlights from their year, and touched on their goals for next year.

Community Coffee

Dr. Bartelt informed the Board that he conducted his final Community Coffee of the school year. He indicated that most topics of conversation focused on enrollment numbers for 4th and 5th grades. He emphasized the importance of parents registering their students early so that we can get an accurate picture of the number of returning students.

Board Workshop

Dr. Bartelt stated that the Board of Education will participate in a Starting Right Self-Evaluation workshop facilitated by a representative from the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB).

**Public Comment**

None

**Board Reports and Requests**

School Reports – Tia Tenneti provided the Board of recent happenings at Westfield Middle School and Veronica Archacki updated the Board of activities that have been taking place at DuJardin and Erickson Elementary Schools since the last Board Meeting. The Board thanked them for their service.

BIG – Mr. Lenisa shared that topics discussed at this meeting included a new 24 hour locker to pick up holds at the library, the pool opening at the park district, changes in school board representation and installation of solar panels on the roof at Glenbard School District.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition – Mrs. Wojcicki reported that they are planning their recognition breakfast for August 12th, with a July 1st deadline for nominations for recognition.

Education Foundation – Mrs. Zehme indicated that there was no meeting this month, but they are continuing to plan their fundraiser scheduled for October. Mrs. Wojcicki added that they presented classroom teachers and paraprofessionals at the District with gift cards in celebration of their 25th anniversary.

LEND - Mrs. Zehme indicated that they were introduced to Tony Sanders at this meeting, and discussed continuous school improvements, early childhood education and all day kindergarten programs. In addition, the 2024 budget was approved which will include a 5% increase for membership. The next meeting is scheduled for August or September.

Mr. McKeown informed the Board that IASB brought information to their group about Senate Bill 990, which could have potentially negative effects for school districts when selling property.

NDSEC – Mr. Kapral shared that this was a reorganizational meeting. They voted for approval of the CBA with the Education Association. He also indicated that an additional classroom is being added based on enrollment in Itasca. At this meeting, a new Principal was approved and contract extensions for the Director of Business and Technology Director were also approved. Retiring Director Jim Nelson and his assistant, Susan Steele were recognized. The next meeting for the Governing Board will be held in August.

Bloomington Council of Teachers – Mr. Lenisa stated that the meeting of Tuesday, May 2nd was an introductory meeting for himself and Kari Zehme with union leadership.

### **Freedom of Information Act Requests**

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

**Action Items**

Resolution Establishing Depository of School Funds (F.D. 5/22/23-7)

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mrs. Zehme for the Board to approve the establishment of a depository of school funds as outlined in the attached resolution and authorize its officers to sign the resolution.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Resolution to Give Authority to Designated Personnel for the Purpose of Assigning Funds (F.D. 5/22/23-8)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mr. Kapral for the Board to approve the attached resolution giving authority to designated personnel to assign district funds, and authorize its officers to sign the resolution.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

IASB Membership Renewal (F.D. 5/22/23-9)

A motion was made by Mr. Kapral and seconded by Ms. Peterson for the Board to Approve the renewal of its membership in the Illinois Association of School Boards for the coming year.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Treasurer's Bond (F.D. 5/22/23-10)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Ms. Peterson for the Board to Approve the naming of Valerie Varhalla as school treasurer and authorize the Board President and Secretary to sign the required affirmation form for the DuPage ROE.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Second Reading of Amendments to Board Policies and Student Handbooks (F.D. 5/22/23-11)

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mrs. Zehme for the Board to Approve the amendments to the policies and student handbook identified above as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Approval of Bids for Westfield Parking Lot Project (F.D. 5/22/23-12)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mrs. Zehme for the Board to Approve the bid submitted by Everlast Blacktop in the amount of \$167,182 for the Phase 1 parking lot replacement project at Westfield Middle School, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

Approval of the District Consolidated Grant (F.D. 5/22/23-13)

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. Kapral for the Board to Approve the District Consolidated Grant Plan, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

**Discussion Items**

Budget Preparation

Director of Finance, Valerie Varhalla shared an overview of the budget preparation process and entertained questions from the Board to assist in developing a common understanding of the process.

Salary Recommendations FY24

Dr. Bartelt shared that salary projections for most support staff for FY 2024 are proposed at 4% based on the CPI of 7% (5% that is accessible for the District).

Extra Duty Offerings for 2023-2024

Dr. Bartelt indicated that there is a list of offerings by buildings of the extra duties for next year located in the board packet. Principals will have building based budgets for extra duty assignments, and the determination of the personnel who will be given these extra duties will be made this fall.

**Topic(s) for Future Agendas**

None

**For Information**

Enrollment Update

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. McKeown and seconded by Mrs. Zehme for the Board to adjourn to closed session at 8:46 p.m. to discuss the employment/evaluation/compensation of personnel.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0

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

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Michael Lenisa, President

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Linda Wojcicki, Secretary