

REGULAR  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
March 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 7:01 p.m. on Monday, March 23, 2026.

Roll Call

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

Absent:

Others Present: Dr. Jon Bartelt, Shannon Zinner, Nicole Gabany, Valerie Varhalla, Ethan Dworiansyn, Alisha Kshatriya, Dr. Vicki King, Maureen Kidd

**Above and Beyond**

Board Member Nicole Majewski recognized this month's Above and Beyond recipients, Simeon Ginev (DuJardin), Kayla Koverman (Erickson) and Aliyana Cline (Westfield).

**Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Mr. Menton and seconded by Mrs. Majewski to approve the items in the Consent Agenda which included Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on 2/23/26, the Closed Board Meeting on 2/23/26, and the Special Meeting Minutes of 3/16/26. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$256,351.66; the Operations and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$85,758.18; Debt Service in the amount of \$0.00; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$103,524.37; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; Referendum Fund in the amount of \$551,277.55; Tort Fund in the amount of \$3,687.00 and Life Safety Fund in the amount of \$42,672.36 (F.D. 3/23/26-1); Payroll (2/25/2026) in the amount of \$505,711.03, and (3/10/2026) in the amount of \$559,863.54; the Financial Reports as shown in (F.D. 3/23/26-2). **New Hires**, Daniel Skaggs, Custodian at DuJardin effective TBD, Maureen Kidd, Director of Special Education and Student Services effective 7/1/2026; **Resignations/Retirements**, Laura Muys, Paraprofessional at Westfield effective 2/20/26, Syeda Jaffery, Paraprofessional at DuJardin effective 2/24/26, Brian Pearlman, Librarian at DuJardin effective end of the 25/26 school year, Crystal Maldonado, Blended Preschool Teacher at Erickson effective end of the 25/26 school year, Kaylie Mahoney, Structured SPED Teacher at Erickson effective end of the 25/26 school year, Kathy Weivoda, 8th Grade Science/Math Teacher at Westfield effective end of the 25/26 school year; **Leaves**, Layne Barnett, Teacher at Erickson, effective 3/7/26 - 5/22/26, Weronika Polinski, Speech Language Pathologist at DuJardin, effective 3/24/26 - 8/1/27.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays:

Abstained:

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

**Superintendent's Report**

Program Review - Danielson Framework for Effective Teaching

Mrs. Gabany provided a brief introduction on the research used to professionally evaluate teachers in most public schools in Illinois.

Student Ambassadors

8th grade student ambassadors Ethan Dworianyn and Alisha Kshatriya provided an update on activities of each school including the March 1XL Challenge, Paint Night, IAR Pep Assembly, Rotary Club Readers and Eagles Nest at Erickson Elementary; IAR Assessments, 5th Grade Middle School Placements, Disability Awareness, April 10th Talent Show and April 22nd Outdoor Trip at DuJardin Elementary. At Westfield, 19 students competed in the Science Olympiad, they held a Battle of the Books Competition and a staff vs. 8th graders basketball game.

Westfield Logo Update

Mr. Larsson shared updates and visuals with the Board on the changing logo at Westfield Middle School.

Early Release Proposal

The Board was given an opportunity to ask any final questions about including a weekly early release into the 2026-2027 school calendar before it is brought as an action item at the April 27 regular meeting.

Building Projects Update

Dr. Bartelt provided an update on construction-related activities at each of the schools.

**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. Spilotro indicated that they met on March 5th and voted on recipients for the awards for the annual breakfast on May 2nd.

Education Foundation – Mrs. Wojcicki shared that the Education Foundation met earlier this evening to finalize the awards being given at Spring Fling.

LEND - Mrs. Majewski stated that they met last Friday. One of the major bills that is being discussed right now is the Cell Phone Ban (Bell to Bell).

NDSEC – Mr. Kapral indicated that they had a presentation on NDSEC's Academic Life Skills program and discussed the upcoming change in leadership at the organization. Dues are expected to rise by CPI.

Bloomington Paraprofessional Council - Mrs. Majewski indicated that they met jointly with the Bloomington Council of Teachers to determine the ABC and Shining Star award winners for the Spring and Fall.

Bloomington Council of Teachers - Mr. Lenisa indicated that they met jointly with the Bloomington Paraprofessional Council to determine the ABC and Shining Star award winners for the Spring and Fall.

IASB - Mr. Lenisa indicated that there were no updates this month.

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

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

**Adjourn to Closed Session**

A motion was made by Mr. Kapral and seconded by Mr. Kowalik for the Board to adjourn to closed session at 7:54 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: Kapral, Kowalik, Menton, Majewski, Spilotro, Wojcicki, Lenisa  
Nays: None  
Abstained: None  
Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

The Board returned to open session at 9:17 p.m.

**Action Items**

Approval of Agreement with the Bloomingdale Paraprofessional Council, Local No. 571, IFT-AFT, AFL-CIO (F.D. 3/23/2026-3)

A motion was made by Mr. Menton and seconded by Mrs. Spilotro for the Board to approve the five-year contract with the Bloomingdale Paraprofessional Council, Local No. 571, IFT-AFT, AFL-CIO, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Menton, Spilotro, Kapral, Kowalik, Majewski, Wojcicki  
Nays: None  
Abstained: Lenisa  
Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 1

Approval of NDSEC Classroom Lease Agreement (F.D. 3/23/2026-4)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mr. Kapral for the Board to approve the classroom lease agreement with NDSEC, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Approval of Purchase of School Furniture (F.D. 3/23/2026-5)

A motion was made by Mr. Kapral and seconded by Mrs. Spilotro for the Board to approve the furniture purchase from Educational Environments for an amount not to exceed \$500,000, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Approval of Moving Bids (F.D. 3/23/2026-6)

A motion was made by Mr. Menton and seconded by Mr. Kowalik for the Board to approve the moving bids for Erickson and Westfield, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Approval of Second, Third, and Fourth Year Appointment/Tenure (F.D. 3/23/2026-7)

A motion was made by Mrs. Spilotro and seconded by Mr. Kowalik for the Board to approve the re-employment of teachers recommended for second, third, and fourth year contracts, as well as teachers on tenure track.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: Wojcicki

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 1

Approval of Retirement Requests (F.D. 3/23/2026-8)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mrs. Majewski for the Board to approve the retirement request of Ms. Greguras-Thompson and Ms. Krzysiak, as submitted.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Approval of Resignation Agreement (F.D. 3/23/2026-9)

A motion was made by Mrs. Majewski and seconded by Mrs. Spilotro for the Board to approve the resignation agreement with David Virkus, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

**Discussion Items**

First Reading of Amendments to Board Policy

Dr. Bartelt shared that the student handbooks for elementary and middle school are included in the Board Packet for the Board Members' review.

Staffing Plan 2026-2027

Dr. Bartelt highlighted some of the items included in the staffing plan, and indicated that the staffing plan is included in the Board Packet for the Board Members' review.

Five Year Financial Projections

Ms. Varhalla shared the five year financial projections for the District and outlined the rationale behind this forecast.

Math and Social Studies Curricular Resources

Mrs. Gabany presented the outcome of multiple years of work with the staff in the selection of new curricular materials for middle school in Mathematics and Social Studies.

Board Officer Nomination and Election Process

Mr. Lenisa reviewed the Board Officer nomination and election process in preparation for the elections at the April 27th Board meeting.

**Topic(s) for Future Agendas**

Monthly updates on performance

**For Information**

Enrollment Report

Available for review in the Board packet.

NDSEC Profile

Available for review in the Board packet.

District 2nd Trimester Suspension Report

Available for review in the Board packet.

**Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

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Michael Lenisa, President

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Linda Wojcicki, Secretary