

REGULAR
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
May 19, 2025, 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 24, 2025.

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

Public Hearing

A motion was made by Mrs. Majewski and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki to open the Public Hearing

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mrs. Majewski to open Public Comment

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

A motion was made by Mr. Kapral and seconded by Mrs. Spilotro to close Public Comment

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mrs. Spilotro to close the Public Hearing

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Above and Beyond

Board Member Raffaella Spilotro recognized this month's Above and Beyond recipients, Jacob Krol (DuJardin), Dylan Patel (Erickson), Ray Noguchi (Erickson) and Alisha Kshatriya (Westfield).

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Majewski and seconded by Mrs. Spilotro to approve the items in the Consent Agenda which included Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on 4/28/25. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$452,958.04; the Operations and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$158,714.48; Debt Service in the amount of \$0.00; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$43,233.39; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; and Tort Fund in the amount of \$3,750.00 (F.D. 05/19/25-1); Payroll (4/25/2025) in the amount of \$457,144.15, and (5/10/2025) in the amount of \$490,061.74; the Financial Reports as shown in (F.D. 05/19/25-2); **New Hires**, Giavonna Capazzoli, Social Worker at DuJardin effective 8/11/2025, Crystal Maldonado, Blended Preschool Teacher at Erickson effective 8/11/2025, Tina Spentzos, Structured SPED Teacher at Westfield effective 8/11/2025; **Resignations/ Retirements**, Brittany Miller, Teacher at Westfield effective end of the 24/25 School Year, Samia Hefferan, Director of Student Services at the District effective end of the 25/26 school year; **Change of Position**, Edinson Calix, Paraprofessional at Erickson to Reading Interventionist at Erickson, effective 8/11/25, Mary Caskey, Reading Interventionist at Erickson to Part-Time Paraprofessional at Erickson.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Superintendent's Report

Student Ambassador Report

8th Grade students, Evelyn Voytek and Jacob Kane were joined by 7th Grade students, Alisha Kshatriya and Ethan Dworianyn who will be serving as the student ambassadors to the board during the 2025-2026 School year to provide the Board with an update on school events that have taken place recently including DuJardin's Countdown to the end of school, portfolio night and 60th year celebration, Erickson's portfolio night and lunch with a companion, and Westfield's upcoming field trips to Dave and Buster's, Six Flags and the Main Event. In addition, they provided information about the upcoming school dance, 8th grade award ceremony and 8th grade graduation at Westfield.

School Improvement Plan Presentation

Principals Patrick Haugens, Stacy Johnston, Stefan Larsson and Assistant Principal, Amanda Vreeland shared the results of the work their buildings completed towards successful completion of the goals they shared with the Board in October.

Program Review

Dr. Bartelt indicated that beginning in August, he will ask representatives from District 13 programs to come to the regular meetings of the Board to make brief presentations about those programs, including English Learners (EL) and Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS).

Public Comment

None

Board Reports and Requests

BIG – Mr. Kapral indicated that there was no meeting this month. Their next meeting will be in July

CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition – Mrs. Spilotro attended the breakfast where she met community members, students and teachers. Mrs. Wojcicki added that they will be looking to hold their annual breakfast at Erickson going forward.

Education Foundation – Mrs. Wojcicki indicated there was no meeting this month.

LEND - Mrs. Majewski indicated that there is a meeting on the upcoming Friday.

NDSEC – Mr. Kapral indicated that there was a reorganization meeting. At this meeting, NDSEC asked for an additional .6 FTE for an administrative position, which required a vote by the operational and governing board. There was some opposition to this position and it was withdrawn by Dr. Putnam.

Bloomington Council of Teachers/Bloomington Council of Paraprofessionals – Mr. Lenisa shared that he and Mrs. Majewski met with representatives from both unions where they reviewed the ABC award and talked about future recipients. The group also discussed AI policy development.

IASB - Mr. Lenisa submitted a request to join the IASB Advocacy Ambassador Program. He informed the Board that IASB has a podcast they could listen to if there was interest. Mr. Lenisa indicated that there were two bills that warranted sharing. House Bill 2578 regarding verification that a request was made by a real person as it pertains to FOIA, and House Bill 2334 requires that the requests being made for information be contained in the body of the email, rather than an attachment.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

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

Action Items

Approval of Amended FY 2025 Budget (F.D. 5/19/2025-3)

A motion was made by Mr. Kapral and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board to approve the budget amendments as presented, and authorize Board members to sign the necessary documents.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Approval of Student Transportation Contract Extension (F.D. 5/19/25-4)

A motion was made by Mr. Kapral and seconded by Mrs. Majewski for the Board to approve the student transportation contract extension with First Student, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Resolution Establishing Depository of School Funds (F.D. 5/19/25-5)

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

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Treasurer's Bond (F.D. 5/19/25-6)

A motion was made by Mrs. Majewski and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board of Education 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: Majewski, Wojcicki, Kapral, Kowalik, Menton, Spilotro, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

IASB Membership Renewal (F.D. 5/19/25-7)

A motion was made by Mrs. Spilotro and seconded by Mr. Kapral for the Board of Education to approve the renewal of its membership in the Illinois Association of School Boards for the coming year.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Approval of Food Service Contract (F.D. 5/19/25-8)

A motion was made by Mr. Kapral and seconded by Mr. Kowalik for the Board of Education to approve the contract with Quest Foods for the provision of free and reduced lunches, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Approval of Resolutions to Join Purchasing Cooperatives (F.D. 5/19/25-9)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mrs. Majewski for the Board of Education to approve the Resolutions to Join Purchasing Cooperatives, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Discussion Items

FY 2026 Salary Recommendations

Dr. Bartelt reported that salary projections for most support staff for FY 2026 are proposed at 4.25%, which is based on the same percentage of teachers and is within the assumptions made in the five-year financial forecast that was presented earlier in the year.

First Reading of Amendments to Board Policy

Dr. Bartelt indicated to the Board that the proposed changes to the Board policies that are listed are attached to the Board packet. These policy changes will be voted on at the June 23 regular Board meeting.

Building Projects Update

Dr. Bartelt provided an update on the work of DLA Architects and Bulley and Andrews since last month, and indicated that both firms will make their next presentations at the June 23rd regular meeting.

Topic(s) for Future Agendas

PTO Liaisons

For Information

Enrollment Report

Available for review in the Board packet.

NDSEC Profile

Available for review in the Board packet.

Tax Objection Statement

Available for review in the Board packet.

Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by Mrs. Majewski and seconded by Mrs. Spilotro for the Board to adjourn to closed session at 9:54 p.m. to discuss matters related to appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees and pending litigation.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

President Michael Lenisa called the regular meeting of the Board of Education in Bloomingdale Elementary School District 13 back to order at 11:42 p.m.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 p.m.

Michael Lenisa, President

Linda Wojcicki, Secretary