

REGULAR
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
May 20, 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 7:01 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 2024 in an in person and virtual setting. The District invited the public to join the School Board this evening by Zoom webinar platform.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the student ambassadors and those students present to receive Board recognition for going Above and Beyond.

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, Nicole Gabany, Valerie Varhalla, Rick McCall, Brennan Shannon, Sloan Voytek, Evelyn Voytek, Jacob Kane, Lynn Kane, Sam Menton, Kathy Demas, Lou Demas, Frank Demas, Ella Demas, Debbie Carlquist, Angel Frattinger, Vesna Chichevalieva, Filip Chichevalieva, Sara Chichevalieva, Kenneth Carlquist, Debbie Carlquist, Karson Carlquist

Above and Beyond

Board Member Marc Kapral recognized this month's Above and Beyond recipients, Karson Carlquist (DuJardin), Sara Chichevalieva (Erickson) and Ella Demas (Westfield).

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Majewski and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki to approve the items in the Consent Agenda which included Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on 4-22-24 and Minutes from the Closed Session Board Meeting on 4-22-24. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$162,271.66; the Operations and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$52,104.11; Debt Service in the amount of \$0.00; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$75,185.43; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; and Tort Fund in the amount of \$3,000.00; Payroll (4-25-2024) in the amount of \$430,631.16 and (5-10-2024) in the amount of \$470,339.62; the Fund Balance Report as shown in (F.D. 5/20/24-2); the Balance Sheet as shown in (F.D. 5/20/24-3); the Revenue Report as shown in (F.D. 5/20/24-4); the Expenditure Report as shown in (F.D. 5/20/24-5); and Activity Report as shown in (F.D. 5/20/24-6); **Resignations/Retirements**, John Donaubauer, Paraprofessional at DuJardin effective 4/30/24, Melissa Naples, Teacher at Erickson effective 6/5/24, Julia Stevens, Social Worker at DuJardin effective 6/5/24 and Lindsey Krygowski, Special Education Teacher at DuJardin effective 6/5/24.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained:

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Bartelt introduced the two new Student Ambassadors for the 24/25 school year, Evelyn Voytek and Jacob Kane, and thanked our current ambassadors, Brennan Shannon and Sloan Voytek for their service on the Board.

Student Ambassador Report

Student Ambassadors, Brennan Shannon and Sloan Voytek gave the board a brief overview of events happening at Westfield Middle School. It was shared that finals for 8th graders were taking place this week. The track season has ended, and both the boys and girls teams finished 1st in their conferences. 8th graders are going to Six Flags on Tuesday, and their final Westfield dance is on Thursday. The 6th and 7th grade classes are going on field trips next week and they will be having their end of the year bash.

School Improvement Plan Reports

Stacy Johnston, Erickson Principal and Patrick Haugens, DuJardin Principal presented the elementary school SIP goals, and Amanda Vreeland, Westfield Assistant Principal presented the middle school SIP goals and answered questions from the Board.

Community Engagement Data

Ed Sullivan from EO Sullivan Consulting shared the results from the data gathered through electronic and phone surveys that were conducted between April 29 - May 8, 2024.

Public Comment

Sam Menton addressed the Board about his feelings regarding the community engagement process and proposed referendum. He indicated that the tax bills were distributed to the community after the surveys were completed, and that there may have been a different outcome if the survey was done after the tax bills were distributed.

Board Reports and Requests

BIG – Mr. Lenisa and Mrs. Wojcicki attended the meeting that was hosted at D13. Topics discussed included Stratford Mall being raised, Glenbard's passed referendum and the Park District's 60 year celebration this year.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition – Mrs. Wojcicki indicated that they are working on training which should be in the fall. This will be a train-the-trainer model for becoming affiliated with the national chapter.

Education Foundation – Mrs. Wojcicki stated that grant requests have gone out. So far they have received 8, and the deadline is June 3rd. Their next meeting is in early August.

LEND - Mrs. Zehme reported that at their last meeting, they talked about HB299, AI Deep Fake Photos, and newcomer funding budgets. They approved the budget and dues went up about 5%. The next in person LEND meeting will be on September 27th.

NDSEC – Mr. Kapral indicated that there was a reorganization meeting where they picked new officers. They approved salary adjustments for non CBA staff. The next meeting will be August 12th. Mrs. Wojcicki will attend in Mr. Kapral's place at that meeting.

Bloomington Council of Teachers – Mr. Lenisa stated that the group met and that the MOU for sick time was a major discussion point. In addition, they discussed the ABC awards and indicated that they would be awarding some at Opening Day and some at Spring Fling. They will meet again in August to establish a goal for the upcoming school year.

IASB - Mr. McKeown shared that he attended a Title IX webinar and indicated that it seems it will have a larger effect at the high school level than the elementary level. There was also a monthly advocacy ambassador meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for June 7.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

Mr. Lenisa indicated that there was one FOIA request summarized in the Board packet.

Action Items

Approval to Move Voting on the Memorandum of Understanding with the Bloomingdale Council of Teachers, Local 571, AFT-IFT, AFL-CIO to after Closed Session

A motion was made by Mr. Kapral and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board to move the vote on approving the Memorandum of Understanding to section 5.2 of the agreement with the Bloomingdale Council of Teachers to after closed session.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Second Reading of Amendments to Board Policy (F.D. 5/20/24-8)

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mrs. Zehme for the Board to approve the amendments to the policies, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Resolution for Establishing Depository of School Funds (F.D. 5/20/24-9)

A motion was made by Mr. Kapral and seconded by Mrs. Majewski 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: Kapral, Majewski, McKeown, Peterson, Wojcicki, Zehme Lenisa
Nays: None
Abstained: None
Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Treasurer’s Bond (F.D. 5/20/24-10)

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki 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: Peterson, Wojcicki, Kapral, Majewski, McKeown, Zehme Lenisa
Nays: None
Abstained: None
Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

IASB Membership Renewal (F.D. 5/20/24-11)

A motion was made by Mr. McKeown 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: McKeown, Peterson, Kapral, Majewski, Wojcicki, Zehme, Lenisa
Nays: None
Abstained: None
Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Authorization to Approve Copier Purchase (F.D. 5/20/24-12)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mrs. Majewski for the Board to grant the authority to the Administration to sign a purchasing agreement for copy machines not to exceed \$162,535.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Wojcicki, Majewski, Kapral, McKeown, Peterson, Zehme, Lenisa
Nays: None
Abstained: None
Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Discussion Items

FY2025 Salary Recommendations

Dr. Bartelt shared that projections for most of the support staff for FY2025 are proposed at 4.5%. Individual employment contracts for the administrators will be included for signature at the June 24th meeting, and hourly rates for custodians will be increased by \$2.50 more per hour to generate more interest in vacancies and be more competitive with area school districts. Paraprofessionals will be independently bargaining a contract with the Board of Education.

Extra Duty Offerings for 2024-2025

Dr. Bartelt shared a list of extra duty offerings by building for the upcoming school year. Each principal will have building based budgets for extra duty assignments.

Topic(s) for Future Agendas

Update on the English as a Second Language enrollment

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 Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. Kapral for the Board to adjourn to closed session at 8:57 p.m. to discuss the employment / evaluation / compensation of personnel and collective bargaining.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Peterson, Kapral, Majewski, McKeown, Wojcicki, Zehme, 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 10:10 p.m.

Action Items

Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with the Bloomingdale Council of Teachers, Local 571, AFT-IFT, AFL-CIO (F.D. 5/20/24-7)

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. McKeown for the Board to approve the Memorandum of Understanding to section 5.2 of the agreement with the Bloomingdale Council of Teachers

Roll Call Vote

- Ayes: Peterson, McKeown, Kapral, Majewski, Wojcicki, Zehme, Lenisa
- Nays: None
- Abstained: None
- Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Kapral and seconded by Mr. Lenisa to adjourn the meeting. All ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

Michael Lenisa, President

Linda Wojcicki, Secretary