

REGULAR
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
March 24, 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, March 24, 2025.

Roll Call

Present: Ms. Monika Cuellar, Mr. Marcin Kapral, Mrs. Nicole Majewski, Mr. Terry McKeown, Ms. Tamara Peterson, Mrs. Linda Wojcicki, Mr. Michael Lenisa

Absent:

Others Present: Dr. Jon Bartelt, Shannon Zinner, Nicole Gabany, Valerie Varhalla, Ed Wright, Ryan Kelley, Matt Lowe, Brendan Keane, Ben Steele, Sam Menton, Paul Cuellar, Kristine Puchalski, Matt Puchalski

Above and Beyond

Board Member Monika Cuellar recognized this month's Above and Beyond recipients, Austin Williams (DuJardin), Damian (DJ) Sieradzki (Erickson) and Annalyse Lovell (Westfield).

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Majewski and seconded by Ms. Peterson to approve the items in the Consent Agenda which included Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on 2-24-25, Minutes from the Closed Session Board Meeting on 2-24-25, and Minutes from the Special Board Meeting on 3-10-25. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$172,827.65; the Operations and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$36,631.67; Debt Service in the amount of \$0.00; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$180,848.94; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; and Tort Fund in the amount of \$0.00; Payroll (2-25-2025) in the amount of \$495,890.22 and Payroll (3-10-2025) in the amount of \$543,628.22; Pentegra Systems Agreements for DuJardin and Erickson Elementary Schools (F.D. 3/24/2025-2); the Financial Reports as shown in (F.D. 3/24/2025-3); **New Hires**, Kaylin Mahoney, Special Education Paraprofessional at Erickson effective 3/17/25, Suzanne Lenisa, Paraprofessional at Erickson effective 3/19/25; **Resignations/ Retirements**, Jill Melford, Paraprofessional at Erickson effective 3/20/25, Rachel McCall, Paraprofessional at Westfield effective 3/28/25, Jessica Erickson, 4th Grade Teacher at DuJardin effective end of the 24/25 school year, Sarah Marzullo, Social Worker at DuJardin effective end of the 24/25 school year, Natalie Moore, Self Contained EC Teacher at Erickson effective end of the 24/25 school year; **Leaves**, Jake Wagner, Teacher at DuJardin, effective 4/9/25 - 5/21/25.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Majewski, Peterson, Cuellar, Kapral, McKeown, Wojcicki

Nays: None

Abstained: Lenisa

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 1

Superintendent's Report

Student Presentation

Students from Erickson Elementary, along with students from Lake Park High School who participate in Junior Achievement were at the meeting to present information about the club to the Board of Education.

Student Ambassador Report

8th Grade students, Evelyn Voytek and Jacob Kane provided the Board with an update on upcoming and past events at each of the three schools. They shared information regarding IAR testing, field trips and the Science Olympiad.

Community Forum

Dr. Bartelt reviewed the data and feedback from the March 10th Community Forum on Safety..

State Senator Seth Lewis

Senator Seth Lewis presented retiring board members, Tamara Peterson and Terry McKeown with proclamations filed in the 104th General Assembly, honoring their many contributions and years of dedicated service to the Bloomingdale School District 13 Board of Education. Ms. Peterson and Mr. McKeown were also awarded proclamations from the Village of Bloomingdale that were voted on in their February 2025 Village Board Meeting.

Public Comment

None

Board Reports and Requests

BIG – Ms. Peterson indicated that there was no meeting this month.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition – Mrs. Wojcicki shared that their recognition breakfast will take place on Saturday, May 3 at Erickson Elementary School. There are 7-8 individual nominations and 1 business nomination.

Education Foundation – Mrs. Wojcicki indicated that the glow runs at each of the schools last week were successful and over \$22,000 was collected. These funds will go towards awarding teacher grants at Spring Fling on April 25.

LEND - Mrs. Majewski shared information from their last meeting including discussions about what to expect in terms of dismantling the department of education, the proposed cell phone band and the use of native american symbols used in school logos and mascots.

NDSEC – Mr. Kapral indicated that their most recent meeting was held at the new transition center in Bensenville that included a tour of that facility. They discussed growth projections for students and the potential for an additional administrative position.

Bloomington Council of Teachers – Mr. Lenisa shared that he and Mrs. Majewski met for the first time with both the Bloomington Council of Teachers and The Paraprofessional Union Representatives jointly, where they selected recipients for the ABC award.

IASB - Mr. McKeown indicated that they had their last meeting on March 14, where they discussed a new executive order that was issued on March 20th.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

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

Action Items

Approval of Math Curriculum (F.D. 3/25/2025-4)

A motion was made by Mr. Kapral and seconded by Ms. Peterson for the Board to approve the purchase of math resources and professional development from Eureka Math2 for \$224,161.75, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Second Reading of Amendments to Board Policies and Procedures (F.D. 3/24/25-5)

A motion was made by Mr. McKeown and seconded by Ms. Cuellar for the Board to approve the amendments to the handbooks for DuJardin/Erickson and Westfield, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Approval of Agreement with the Bloomingdale Council of Teachers Local No. 571
IFT-AFT, AFL-CIO (F.D. 3/24/25-6)

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. Kapral for the Board to approve the five-year agreement with the Bloomingdale Council of Teachers, Local No. 571, IFT-AFT, AFL-CIO, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Peterson, Kapral, Cuellar, Majewski, McKeown, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: Wojcicki

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 1

Approval of Second, Third, and Fourth Year Teacher Appointment/Tenure (F.D.
3/24/25-7)

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mrs. Majewski for the Board of Education 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: Peterson, Majewski, Cuellar, Kapral, McKeown, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: Wojcicki

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 1

Approval of Retirement Requests (F.D. 3/24/25-8)

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board to approve the retirement request of Ms. Ehrhardt, as submitted.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Approval of Student Transportation Services for NDSEC (F.D. 3/24/25-9)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Ms. Cuellar for the Board to approve the NDSEC transportation agreement with Septran, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Resolution to APprove Proposed Amendments to the DWC Intergovernmental Agreement (F.D. 3/24/25-10)

A motion was made by Mr. Kapral and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board to approve the resolution to approve proposed amendments to the DWC Intergovernmental Agreement, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0 – 0

Discussion Items

Building Projects

Representatives from DLA Architects and Bulley and Andrews presented the conceptual updates for each of the three buildings as well as a projected schedule for the projects.

Staffing Plan 2025-2026

Dr. Bartelt gave the Board an overview of the staffing plan for 2025-2026 that was included in the Board Packet.

Five Year Financial Projections

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

FY 2025 Tentative Amended Budget Presentation

Ms. Varhalla shared the tentative amended FY 2025 budget that takes into account the successful referendum and Health Life Safety bond issuance.

First Reading of Amendments to Board Policy

Dr. Bartelt explained to the Board the reason for introducing a new policy about video surveillance monitoring to the Board's policy manual

Topic(s) for Future Agendas

Update on the District's EL Program

For Information

Enrollment Report

Available for review in the Board packet.

NDSEC Profile

Available for review in the Board packet.

Westfield Second Trimester Suspension Report

Available for review in the Board packet.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

Michael Lenisa, President

Linda Wojcicki, Secretary