

REGULAR
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
November 17, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

President Michael Lenisa called the regular meeting of the Board of Education in Bloomingdale Elementary School District 13 to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 17, 2025.

Roll Call

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

Absent: Mr. Eric Kowalik

Others Present: Dr. Jon Bartelt, Shannon Zinner, Nicole Gabany, Valerie Varhalla, Ethan Dworianyn, Alisha Kshatriya, Ben Steele, Bulley and Andrews, Ed Wright, DLA Architects, Scott Duenser, WIPFLI, the Bujarski Family, Jon Patkowa, Kristine Puchalski, Matt Mele

Above and Beyond

Board Member Raffaella Spilotro recognized this month's Above and Beyond recipients, Emily Bujarski (DuJardin), Anthony Nelson (Erickson) and Hannah Mele (Westfield).

Adjourn for Groundbreaking Ceremony

A motion was made by Mrs. Majewski and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki to adjourn the meeting temporarily to attend a groundbreaking ceremony at the front of Westfield Middle School. All ayes.

Groundbreaking Ceremony

Board Members and Administrators, along with representatives from Bulley and Andrews and DLA Architects were present for a speech and photos for the groundbreaking for construction at the District.

Return to Open Session

A motion was made by Mrs. Majewski and seconded by Mr. Menton to return to Open Session following the groundbreaking ceremony. All ayes.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mrs. Spilotro to approve the items in the Consent Agenda which included Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on 10/27/25. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$130,319.70; the Operations and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$53,173.84; Debt Service in the amount of \$0.00; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$116,036.64; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; Referendum Fund in the amount of \$9,353.80; Tort Fund in the amount of \$0.00 and Life Safety Fund in the amount of \$307,790.06 (F.D. 11/17/25-1); Payroll (11/10/2025) in the amount of \$491,365.30; and the Financial Reports as shown in (F.D. 11/17/25-2).

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays:

Abstained:

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Superintendent's Report

Program Review - EL Program

Nicole Windsor, Ella Anta, Kaleigh Smith and Meagan Darland provided an overview of the program built to support English Learners (EL) in successfully achieving growth within District 13 curriculum.

Student Ambassadors

8th grade student ambassadors, Ethan Dworianyn and Alisha Kshatriya provided an update on activities of each schools including Thankful for Good Behavior Tickets at DuJardin, World Kindness Day at Erickson, and Popcorn Book Assembly at Westfield in addition to parent/teacher conferences and Veterans Day celebrations at all three buildings.

Building Projects Update

Ben Steele from Bulley and Andrews and Ed Wright from DLA Architects reviewed the process and results of Bid Plan B with the Board of education and shared any changes in the tentative schedules for the start of construction at Westfield Middle School.

FY 2025 Audit

Scott Duenser from Wipfli, LLP shared the highlights of the Comprehensive Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2025 with the Board of Education.

D13 School Report Card

Mrs. Gabany presented the results from the Illinois Assessment of Readiness for 2025. Summative designations were shared with the Board of Education in the October 30th edition of the Thursday Letter.

Public Comment

None

Board Reports and Requests

BIG – Mr. Kapral indicated that there was no meeting held this month and that the next meeting will be held in January.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition – Mrs. Spilotro shared that their holiday party will be on December 4th at Spavones at 6:00 p.m.

Education Foundation – Mrs. Wojcicki shared that there was no meeting this month and that they are continuing to work on marketing for the Foundation.

LEND - Mrs. Majewski indicated that their next event will be the Annual Breakfast Meeting at the Joint Annual Conference.

NDSEC – Mr. Kapral indicated that their latest meeting was an operational meeting.

Bloomington Paraprofessional Council - Mrs. Majewski indicated that they met on Friday and that they have named a treasurer for the group and are starting to assemble their board. They discussed the employee handbook as well as a new award for paraprofessionals. We expect to receive their intent to bargain in December.

Bloomington Council of Teachers - Mr. Lenisa indicated that they discussed AI policy creation and reviewed infographics.

IASB - Mr. Lenisa reminded the Board that the delegate assembly would be happening during the joint annual conference. He will discuss the resolutions with the Board at the December 15th meeting.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

Mr. Lenisa indicated that there were no FOIA requests summarized in the Board packet.

Action Items

Approval of Bids for Construction Projects in Bid Group B (F.D. 11/17/2025-3)

A motion was made by Mr. Kapral and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board to approve the lowest responsive bidders from Bid Group B as identified in Exhibit A from Bulley & Andrews for the electrical work at DuJardin and landscaping at all three sites, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Excess Equipment (F.D. 11/17/2025-4)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mr. Kapral for the Board to approve the attached resolution designating the identified equipment as excess for the purpose of sale or disposal, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Discussion Items

First Reading of Amendments to Board Policies

Dr. Bartelt indicated to the Board that attached in the Board Packet is a group of Amendments to Board Policy for them to review. The policies will be brought back as action items at the December regular meeting.

Joint Annual Conference Preparations

Dr. Bartelt led a discussion on the upcoming Joint Annual Conference beginning on Friday, November 21 which included Final 2025 Resolutions Committee discussion with Mr. Lenisa, Conference Badges, Whova App and Review of conference activities as a group.

Topic(s) for Future Agendas

None

For Information

Enrollment Report

Available for review in the Board packet.

NDSEC Profile

Available for review in the Board packet.

Westfield Suspension Report

Available for review in the Board packet.

Annual Statement of Affairs

Available for review in the Board packet.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mrs. Spilotro to adjourn the meeting. All ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Michael Lenisa, President

Linda Wojcicki, Secretary