

REGULAR
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
September 23, 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 7:02 p.m. on Monday, September 23, 2024 in an in person and virtual setting. The District invited the public to join the School Board this evening by Zoom webinar platform.

Roll Call

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

Absent: Mr. Marcin Kapral

Others Present: Dr. Jon Bartelt, Shannon Zinner, Nicole Gabany, Valerie Varhalla, Rick McCall, Sam Menton, Diana Augustyniak, Diana Augustyniak, Donna Sinople, Tony Sinople, Jerry Mittlestaedt, April Mittlestaedt, Karolina Maranto, Giuseppe Maranto, Michael Biemolt, Brandelin Biemolt, Jai Shah, Purvi Shah

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 8-26-24, the Minutes from the Closed Session Board Meeting on 8-26-24, and the Minutes from the Special Board Meeting on 9-9-24. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$211,059.17; the Operations and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$359,517.61; Debt Service in the amount of \$400.00; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$29,550.82; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; and Tort Fund in the amount of \$0.00; Payroll (9-10-2024) in the amount of \$471,944.21; the Fund Balance Report as shown in (F.D. 9/23/24-2); the Balance Sheet as shown in (F.D. 9/23/24-3); the Revenue Report as shown in (F.D. 9/23/24-4); the Expenditure Report as shown in (F.D. 9/23/24-5); and Activity Report as shown in (F.D. 9/23/24-6); **New Hires**, Andrew Haines, Technology Assistant at the District effective 9/11/24, Jill Melford, Paraprofessional at Erickson effective TBD, Thomas Villalejo, Custodian at Westfield effective 9/25/24; **Resignations/ Retirements**, Alison Hasler, Lunch Room Supervisor at Erickson effective 9/9/24, Heather Shermak, Library Teacher at DuJardin effective 9/16/24, Mallory Pagano, Fourth Grade Teacher at DuJardin effective 9/17/24, Deborah Kampe, Paraprofessional at Erickson effective end of the 24-25 school year, Tina Martin, Paraprofessional at Westfield effective end of the 24-25 school year.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Superintendent's Report

Student Presentation

7th grade students from Westfield Middle School presented their English Language Arts project, Brown Bag Book Symbolism, and answered questions from the Board members.

Student Ambassador Report

8th grade student ambassadors, Evelyn Voytek and Jacob Kane informed the Board that the Westfield Cross Country team would be participating in the Cross Country Conference Meet to be held on September 24th at Lake Park East. They also noted that tryouts for the 7th grade girls basketball team will be starting on September 25th, and tryouts for the 8th grade girls team would be starting on September 30th. They reported that the District would be Going Gold in honor of Michael Carr and to raise awareness for pediatric cancer. Erickson Elementary will be hosting Family Pumpkin Night on October 17th.

Referendum Update

Ed Sullivan of EOSullivan was present to give the Board an update on the referendum efforts and answer questions from the Board. He indicated that their organization was working on a full detail mailing that would be sent out the second or third week in October. In addition, yard signs would be available soon for the public to request, and the website voteyestwice.com is up and running.

Fall MAP Results

Nicole Gabany, Director of Teaching and Learning presented the results of the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) testing to and answered questions from the Board.

Public Comment

Sam Menton shared with the Board that it would be beneficial for District officials to drill down the information explaining the tax bill, as many residents are not familiar with reading a tax bill and do not have hands-on experience with these things.

Board Reports and Requests

BIG – Ms. Peterson indicated that the next meeting will be in three weeks.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition – Mrs. Wojcicki indicated that she has received good feedback from the training that was hosted at the District. In addition, she shared that the CHARACTER COUNTS! Celebration Night would take place on October 1st.

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

LEND - Dr. Bartelt shared that LEND held their kickoff meeting and that several members of the state legislature and their staff members were in attendance. Items that were discussed included polling places in schools, dual credit and bus driver certification. LEND’s annual breakfast is scheduled during the Joint Annual Conference in November.

NDSEC – Dr. Bartelt reported that at their traditional business meeting this month, the budget was approved as well as member district cost allocations. Member District reimbursements were also approved.

Bloomington Council of Teachers – Mr. Lenisa indicated that they met at earlier in the month where they recapped the opening kick off event and talked about the referendum, Goals for the group and Spring Fling which will be held on April 25, 2025.

IASB - Mr. McKeown shared that he is attending a pre delegate assembly on October 31st. He will be putting together a packet explaining what they will be voting on for Board input.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

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

Action Items

Approval of the FY 2025 Budget (F.D. 09/23/2024-7)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Ms. Peterson for the Board to approve the FY 2025 Budget, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Resolution in Support of School Principals (F.D. 09/23/2024-8)

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mrs. Majewski for the Board to approve the Resolution in Support of School Principals, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Peterson, Majewski, Cuellar, McKeown, Wojcicki, Lenisa
Nays: None
Abstained: None
Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Strategic Plan Initiatives for 2024-2025 (F.D. 09/23/2024-9)

A motion was made by Mr. McKeown and seconded by Ms. Cuellar for the Board to approve the Strategic Plan Initiatives for 2024-2025, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: McKeown, Cuellar, Majewski, Peterson, Wojcicki, Lenisa
Nays: None
Abstained: None
Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Approval of the Superintendent’s Performance Goals for 2024-2025 (F.D. 09/23/2024-10)

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board to approve the performance goals for the Superintendent for the 2024-2025 school year, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Peterson, Wojcicki, Cuellar, Majewski, McKeown, Lenisa
Nays: None
Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Resolution for Certification of Previous Serious Safety Hazard Findings (F.D. 09/23/2024-11)

A motion was made by Mrs. Majewski and seconded by Mr. McKeown for the Board to approve the Resolution for Certification of Previous Safety Hazard Findings, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Second Reading of Amendments to Board Policies (F.D. 09/23/2024-12)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Ms. Cuellar for the Board to approve the amendments to the policies identified above, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Discussion Items

Enrollment Update

Dr. Bartelt explained to the Board the reason for the slight drop in enrollment from the first day of school to the sixth day of school, indicating that parents who enroll their children early in the spring and then move, decide to homeschool, etc. are not realized until after the first day of school, when school staff can follow up with those families.

Intergovernmental Agreement

Dr. Bartelt indicated that he will be reviewing the current intergovernmental agreements to make sure that they are still current, and will work with those agencies to determine whether those agreements need to be updated or renewed.

Topic(s) for Future Agendas

Update on activities in support of the November referendum.

For Information

Enrollment Report

Available for review in the Board packet.

NDSEC Profile

Available for review in the Board packet.

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Michael Lenisa, President

Linda Wojcicki, Secretary