

REGULAR
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

President Matt Boebel called the regular meeting of the Board of Education in Bloomingdale Elementary School District 13 to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 26, 2022 in an in person and virtual setting. The District invited the public to join the School Board this evening by Zoom webinar platform.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Patrick Devitt, Mr. Michael Lenisa, Mr. Terry McKeown, Ms. Tamara Peterson, Mrs. Linda Wojcicki, Mrs. Kari Zehme, Mr. Matt Boebel

Absent:

Others Present: Dr. Jon Bartelt, Shannon Whitaker, Valerie Varhalla, Rick McCall, Mary Ellen Johnson, Elizabeth Threadgill, Renee Bunko, Ali Ventrella, Mary-Kathryn Warco, Kristine Puchalski, Marcin Kapral

Budget Hearing

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mr. Devitt to open the hearing for the FY23 Budget. Voice Vote: all ayes

A budget hearing was held to present the FY23 Budget and allowed for public comment.

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. McKeown to close the hearing for the FY23 Budget. Voice Vote: all ayes

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mr. Lenisa to approve the items in the Consent Agenda which included Minutes from the Special Board Meeting held on 8-15-22, Regular Board Meeting held on 8-22-22, Closed Session Meeting held on 8-22-22, and Special Board Meeting held on 9-12-22. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$295,848.51; the Operations and Maintenance Fund for in the amount of \$68,302.75; Debt Service in the amount of \$1,864.30; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$12,322.03; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; and Tort Fund in the amount of \$0.00; Payroll (8-25-2022) in the amount of \$406,006.15, (8-10-22) in the amount of \$429,771.87 and (9-25-2022) in the amount of \$483,177.67 as shown in (F.D. 9/26/22-1); the Fund Balance Report as shown in (F.D. 9/26/22-2); the Balance Sheet as shown in (F.D. 9/26/22-3); the Revenue Report as shown in (F.D. 9/26/22-4); the Expenditure Report as shown in (F.D. 9/26/22-5); and Activity Report as shown in (F.D. 9/26/22-6); **Resignations/Retirements**, Hannah Hyzy, Paraprofessional at Erickson effective 6/7/22, Catherine Pizell, Paraprofessional at Erickson effective 8/21/22, Tamara Cassidy, Paraprofessional at Erickson effective 8/23/22, Chase

Munson, Technician at the District effective 8/31/22; **Leaves**, Gina Kurdziel, Parental Leave effective 8/22/22.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Wojcicki, Lenisa, Devitt, McKeown, Peterson, Zehme, Boebel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Superintendent's Report

Institute Day

Dr. Bartelt reported that on October 7th, the District will have its first teacher institute day that will focus on MAP data analysis, math and differentiation strategies, legal updates and curriculum topics, student led conferences and CPI training.

IASA State Superintendent Conference

Dr. Bartelt stated that he will be attending the state superintendent conference this week, where he will be participating in a panel to talk about the future of learning. He will also be presenting a breakout session on Board Orientation.

Accelerated Program Update

Dr. Bartelt announced that a new accelerated teacher will be starting with the District next week.

Annual Report

Dr. Bartelt shared the template of the new annual report with the Board. There will be a version mailed home to residents, as well as an online version that will contain links to help visitors dive deeper into the data points mentioned in the document.

Public Comment

Mary-Kathryn Warco asked what the requirement is for the District's directors to attend board meetings. Ms. Warco also stated that while attending an articulation meeting for Lake Park feeder schools, it was brought up that they are experiencing concerns in the areas of time management, homework, note taking and assessments. She would like to know that since District 13 is a district where homework is optional, and students have the ability to reassess on an assessment that they don't do well on, how is District 13 prepping our students where the high school is seeing a problem? Ms. Warco also expressed her disappointment with the District's IAR scores and standards based grading.

Marcin Kapral indicated that he was against standards based grading in general, and feels that it is hard to understand for parents, let alone kids. Mr. Kapral also disagrees with homework being optional.

Elizabeth Threadgill shared her concerns that questions asked of the Board and District Administrators are not being answered in a reasonable time. She indicated that she had posed the question about what a reasonable amount of time is to respond to parent questions last month, but still had not received a response. Ms. Threadgill also stated informed the Board about communication that she had with Lake Park High School regarding the placement of students entering high school.

Mary-Kathryn Warco shared her dissatisfaction of the Board and District with the group.

Board Reports and Requests

BIG – Mr. Lenisa indicated that there was no BIG meeting in September, the next meeting is scheduled for October 27 and will be hosted by D13.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition – Mrs. Wojcicki indicated that the Character Counts night will be held on October 4 in Old Town at 6:30 p.m. A rain date is scheduled for October 11.

Education Foundation – Mrs. Wojcicki shared that the Ed Foundation is working on getting a fundraiser going in April 2023. The foundation is also hoping to give out more grants again to staff before winter break. The next meeting is scheduled for the end of October

LEND - Mrs. Zehme reported that during the LEND meeting, assessments of what was done over the summer were reviewed. Discussions were held about the executive order that was renewed for an additional 30 days granting teaching staff administrative leave for COVID, as well as the merging of the terms e-learning and remove learning. LEND has also formed a teacher shortage task force in hopes of having a pipeline for paraprofessionals and are also extending the option for retirees to come back for 120 days after they retire to sub. The next meeting is scheduled for October 28.

NDSEC – Ms. Peterson stated that there was no governing board meeting, but that during the operations meeting, they approved their compensation report and brought forward the Supplemental Savings Plan Resolution.

Bloomington Council of Teachers – Mr. Boebel shared that the Board and Union met in September and discussed two main agenda items, the board/union goal that was established for this academic year, and professional development for District teachers. The group also spent time discussing the infographic and annual report.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

None

Action Items

Approval of the FY 2023 Budget (F.D. 9/26/22-7)

A motion was made by Mr. Devitt and seconded by Ms. Peterson for the Board to approve the FY 2023 Budget as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Devitt, Peterson, Lenisa, McKeown, Wojcicki, Zehme, Boebel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Approval of Demographer (F.D. 9/26/22-8)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mr. McKeown for the Board to approve the update to the demographic report by Dr. Charles Kofron, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Wojcicki, McKeown, Devitt, Peterson, Lenisa, Zehme, Boebel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Resolution Approving TRS SSP Employer Participation Agreement (F.D. 9/26/22-9)

A motion was made by Mr. Devitt and seconded by Ms. Peterson for the Board to approve the attached resolution regarding the approval of the TRS SSP employer participation agreement as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Devitt, Peterson, Lenisa, McKeown, Wojcicki, Zehme, Boebel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Resolution for Certification of Previous Serious Safety Hazard Findings (F.D. 9/26/22-10)

A motion was made by Mr. Devitt and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board to approve the attached resolution as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Devitt, Wojcicki, Lenisa, McKeown, Peterson, Zehme, Boebel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Resolution in Support of School Principals (F.D. 9/26/22-11)

A motion was made by Mr. Devitt and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board to approve the attached resolution as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Devitt, Wojcicki, Lenisa, McKeown, Peterson, Zehme, Boebel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Excess Equipment (F.D. 9/26/22-12)

A motion was made by Mr. Devitt and seconded by Mr. Lenisa for the Board to approve the attached list of equipment as excess for the purpose of disposal, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Devitt, Lenisa, McKeown, Peterson, Wojcicki, Zehme, Boebel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Strategic Plan Initiatives (F.D. 9/26/22-13)

A motion was made by Mr. Devitt and seconded by Ms. Peterson for the Board to approve the Strategic Plan Initiatives for 2022-2023, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Devitt, Peterson, Lenisa, McKeown, Wojcicki, Zehme, Boebel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Approval of Superintendent Performance Goals for 2022-2023 (F.D. 9/26/22-14)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mr. Devitt for the Board to approve the superintendent's performance goals for 2022-2023, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Wojcicki, Devitt, Lenisa, McKeown, Peterson, Zehme, Boebel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Discussion Items

Effective Communication

Dr. Bartelt shared that after questions were posed at last month's Board Meeting, the administrative team met to discuss protocols and timelines for responding to inquiries. Building administrators typically respond to emails within the same business day or within one to two days. However, depending on the topic, a phone call or in person meeting may be more appropriate. Dr. Bartelt indicated that the Board of Education will respond to their email within three business days, and that events such as curriculum nights, community forums and community coffees will also be available to members of the community to interact with the Board and administration throughout the year. If someone is having issues getting a response, they should alert Dr. Bartelt. Board Member Terry McKeown requested that if a communication deadline is going to be missed, an email response should be sent stating that the communication has been received, and we are working on it and will respond to you shortly.

Community Collaboration Group

Dr. Bartelt gave an update on the Community Collaboration Group that met on September 20. The group discussed the strategic plan as well as policies on bullying. Minutes will be sent out following their completion.

District Leadership Council

Dr. Bartelt gave an update on the District Leadership Council that met on September 20. The group talked about the calendar, indicating that teachers liked having the first day as a planning day rather than an institute day. A survey will also be sent to staff and community members to get their opinions on having the calendar closer aligned to Lake Park's calendar.

Topic(s) for Future Agendas

Board Member Michael Lenisa requested adding a discussion about Board Policy 730 related to inter-district transfers.

For Information

Enrollment Update

Available for review in the Board packet.

NDSEC Profile

Available for review in the Board packet.

Salary Compensation Report

Available for review in the Board packet.

Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. Lenisa to adjourn to closed session at 8:18 p.m. to discuss the employment/evaluation of personnel.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Peterson, Lenisa, Devitt, McKeown, Wojcicki, Zehme, Boebel

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

President Matt Boebel called the regular meeting of the Board of Education in Bloomingdale Elementary School District 13 back to order at 9:33 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Devitt and seconded by Mr. McKeown to adjourn the meeting. All ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Matt Boebel, President

Linda Wojcicki, Secretary