

REGULAR
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
April 27, 2026, 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, April 27, 2026.

Roll Call

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

Absent: Mr. Marcin Kapral

Others Present: Dr. Jon Bartelt, Shannon Zinner, Nicole Gabany, Valerie Varhalla, Ethan Dworianyn, Alisha Kshatriya

Above and Beyond

Board Member Raffaella Spilotro recognized this month's Above and Beyond recipients, Carter Crotty (DuJardin), Kinsley Koverman (Erickson) and Hudson McGrath (Westfield).

The Bloomingdale Park District read a resolution and presented gifts to Dr. Bartelt to honor his 14 years as superintendent and his partnership with the organization.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. Kowalik and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki to approve the items in the Consent Agenda which included Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on 3/23/26, and the Closed Board Meeting on 3/23/26. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$1,226,146.00; the Operations and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$99,135.95; Debt Service in the amount of \$0.00; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$219,975.01; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; Referendum Fund in the amount of \$771,145.96; Tort Fund in the amount of \$150.00 and Life Safety Fund in the amount of \$703,696.50 (F.D. 4/27/26-1); Payroll (3/25/2026) in the amount of \$493,841.44, (4/10/2026) in the amount of \$501,524.75, and (4/24/2026) in the amount of \$469,585.91; the Financial Reports as shown in (F.D. 4/27/26-2). **New Hires**, Ava Fiandaca, Art Teacher at Westfield effective 9/4/2026, Kathleen Downs, School Psychologist at DuJardin and Westfield effective 9/4/2026, Heather Long, Special Education Resource Teacher at DuJardin and Erickson effective 9/4/2026; **Resignations/Retirements**, Stefania Hughes, Resource Teacher at Westfield effective end of the 25/26 school year; **Re-hires**, Matt Lents, Summer Technology Help at the District, effective 4/7/26

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays:

Abstained:

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Superintendent's Report

Program Review - Specials/Explore Programming

Teachers Tori Clay, Karma Krzysiak and Jessica Power representing all three schools, shared a brief overview of the programs students participate in that are categorized as either special or exploratory programming: Art, Music, and Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS).

Student Ambassadors

8th grade student ambassadors Ethan Dworianyn and Alisha Kshatriya provided an update on activities of each school including the 5th Grade OWLS field trip, talent show, 4th and 5th grade chorus, Feed My Starving Children, and the PTO Book Fair at DuJardin. The Fidget Club, ISA Testing, 5th Grade OWLS field trip and Immigration Day at Erickson, and Feed My Starving Children, Brookfield Zoo, Coachlite, I-Fly and Great America field trips and career day at Westfield.

2027-2028 School Calendar Plan

Dr. Bartelt shared some of the ideas and communication that will be shared with families regarding the 2027-2028 school calendar in order for everyone to be prepared for full day kindergarten and a return to a normal start to the school year.

Bond Market/Performance Update

Elizabeth Hennessy from Raymond James was present to give an update on the market and the performance of the District's bond issuance from 2025.

Building Projects Update

Dr. Bartelt provided an update on construction-related activities at each of the schools.

Public Comment

None

Board Reports and Requests

BIG – Mr. Menton indicated that the meeting was well attended and there is a lot going on with the group right now.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition – Mrs. Spilotro reminded everyone of the recognition breakfast on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. at Erickson Elementary School where 8 awards will be presented.

Education Foundation – Mrs. Wojcicki shared that \$8,500 in Teacher grants were awarded at Spring Fling.

LEND - Mr. Lenisa and Mrs. Majewski shared that they discussed a notice to remedy bill and wanted assistance lobbying against the bill.

NDSEC – Mrs. Wojcicki indicated that they approved two interim directors and an interim chief school business official.

Bloomington Paraprofessional Council - Mrs. Wojcicki indicated that they finalized the Shining Star Award and shared that the council was pleased with negotiations.

Bloomington Council of Teachers - Mr. Lenisa and Mrs. Wojcicki shared that they discussed AI, and the 26/27 school calendar/early dismissals.

IASB - Mr. Lenisa indicated that there were no updates this month.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

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

Action Items

Approval of Math and Social Studies Curricular Resources (F.D. 4/27/2026-3)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mrs. Majewski for the Board to approve the purchase of math and social studies resources Eureka Math2 and HMH Social Studies for \$163,695.96, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Second Reading of Amendments to Board Policies (F.D. 4/27/2026-4)

A motion was made by Mrs. Spilotro and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board to approve the amendments to the handbooks, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Approval of the District Consolidated Grant Plan (F.D. 4/27/2026-5)

A motion was made by Mr. Menton and seconded by Mr. Kowalik for the Board to approve the District Consolidated Grant Plan, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Approval to Amend the 2025-2026 School Calendar (F.D. 4/27/2026-6)

A motion was made by Mrs. Majewski and seconded by Mrs. Spilotro for the Board to approve the amendments to the 2025-2026 School Calendar, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Approval of the 2026-2027 School Calendar (F.D. 4/27/2026-7)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mrs. Spilotro for the Board to approve the 2026-2027 School Calendar, as presented..

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Resolutions of Appreciation for Teachers, PTO's, Secretaries and School Nurses (F.D. 4/27/2026-8)

A motion was made by Mr. Kowalik and seconded by Mr. Menton for the Board to approve these resolutions of appreciation and sign said resolutions.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Excess Equipment (F.D. 4/27/2026-9)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mrs. Spilotro 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, Spilotro, Kowalik, Majewski, Menton, Lenisa

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Approval of Addendum to Superintendent's Contract (F.D. 4/27/2026-10)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mr. Menton for the Board to approve the addendum to Dr. Bartelt's contract, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Approval of Audio Enhancement Purchase (F.D. 4/27/2026-11)

A motion was made by Mr. Menton and seconded by Mrs. Spilotro for the Board to approve the purchase of audio enhancement equipment and installation with Audio Enhancements not to exceed \$100,000, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Election of Board Officers (F.D. 4/27/2026-12)

Mrs. Majewski nominated Mrs. Wojcicki to serve as Board Secretary. Mrs. Wojcicki accepted the nomination. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Mrs. Wojcicki nominated Mrs. Majewski to serve as Board Vice President. Mrs. Majewski accepted the nomination. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Mrs. Majewski nominated Mr. Lenisa to serve as Board President. Mr. Lenisa accepted the nomination. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Discussion Items

First Reading of Amendments to Board Policy

Dr. Bartelt shared that the proposed policy amendments are included in the Board Packet for the Board Members' review. Policy 4:165 will be pulled from consideration as the Board would like to continue the practices that are contained within the existing document that were subject to amendment by the PRESS service. These policies will be brought back as action items at the next regular Board of Education meeting for approval.

Recognition Options

The Board of Education discussed the recognition options pertaining to the construction projects.

Topic(s) for Future Agendas

Tour of Construction Sites

For Information

Enrollment Report

Available for review in the Board packet.

NDSEC Profile

Available for review in the Board packet.

Third Quarter Budget and Investment Report

Available for review in the Board packet.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Menton and seconded by Mr. Kowalik to adjourn the meeting. All ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Michael Lenisa, President

Linda Wojcicki, Secretary