

REGULAR
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
January 24, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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, January 24, 2022 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: Mr. Patrick Devitt, Mr. Michael Lenisa, Mr. Terry McKeown, Ms. Tamara Peterson, Mrs. Linda Wojcicki, Mrs. Kari Zehme, Mr. Matt Boebel

Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Jon Bartelt, Shannon Whitaker, Nicole Gabany, Rick McCall, Eshaan Aggarwal, Stacy Johnston, Patrick Haugens, Joyce Turnipseed, Laura Mills, Edward Wright (DLA Architects), Ryan Kelly (DLA Architects)

Recognition of Exemplars – Board Member, Terry McKeown began by indicating that this month's Exemplars are the District's nurses; Joyce Turnipseed of Erickson Elementary School, Beth Jones of Westfield Middle School, and Laura Mills of DuJardin Elementary School.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. Lenisa to approve the items in the Consent Agenda which included Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on 12-20-21. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$102,397.41; the Operations and Maintenance Fund for in the amount of \$63,396.48; Debt Service in the amount of \$1,864.30; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$154,837.84; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; and Tort Fund in the amount of \$0.00; Payroll (1-10-2022) in the amount of \$449,966.69 and (1-25-2022) in the amount of \$431,059.57 as shown in (F.D. 1/24/2022-1); the Fund Balance Report as shown in (F.D. 1/24/2022-2); the Balance Sheet as shown in (F.D. 1/24/2022-3); the Revenue Report as shown in (F.D. 1/24/2022-4); the Expenditure Report as shown in (F.D. 1/24/2022-5); and Activity Report as shown in (F.D. 1/24/2022-6); **New Hires**, Catherine Pizelle, Paraprofessional at Erickson for an hourly rate of \$13.25/Hr.; **Resignations/Retirements**, Mckenzie Kibby, Paraprofessional at DuJardin effective 1/07/22; **Leaves**, Gina Kurdziel, Maternity effective 1/22/22.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Superintendent's Report

Facilities Survey

Edward Wright and Ryan Kelly from DLA Architects were present at the meeting to answer questions from the board regarding the survey that they were provided at the last meeting. Dr. Bartelt began by asking about Westfield Middle School, which appears to need the most amount of work based on the survey. He asked what their recommendation would be for the next steps the District should take regarding Westfield. Mr. Wright stated that there are two major categories Operations & Maintenance (roofs, boilers, etc.) and Capital Improvements. He stated that they can help board prioritize where to start on O&M replacement of equipment, but that the board needs to decide on what approach to take. Once the board makes that determination, DLA can provide an outline of how to proceed. Mr. Wright said the second part is the prioritization of long term goals of the district, such as are there certain things we want to update education wise. Do we want to update media centers? Are we looking at doing an early childhood center, or full-day Pre-K? Dr. Bartelt said that this may be the time for us to bring in a consultant to begin talking about a referendum. Board Vice-President, Tamara Peterson said she agrees with the need for a thorough and complete discussion, but feels that is a larger topic than what we can accomplish during a normal board meeting. She asked if we should set up a special board meeting to discuss only this topic. Dr. Bartelt suggested that maybe we consider having Committee of the Whole meeting on facilities, and that he would start looking for available dates.

Board Self Evaluation and Recognition

Dr. Bartelt asked the board members to leave the date open for this meeting, but indicated that he will be checking in to the possibility of doing something that is a little bit different this time that would allow us to combine this meeting with a facilities meeting.

Superintendent Goals Midterm Report

Dr. Bartelt informed the board that we are halfway through the year, and he's about halfway through his indicators. Right now he is on track to meet all of the indicators that have been identified in his goals.

Return to Learn

Erickson Elementary School nurse, Joyce Turnipseed spoke about where the District is at with in school testing. She said that prior to having in school testing, when students or staff came to the nurse's office with symptoms, they had three choices. They could go get a COVID test and come back if it was negative, they could isolate for ten days, or they could get a doctor's alternative diagnosis, which was a minimum of 2-3 days. If they were a known exposure, there was initially a fourteen-day quarantine (could not test out), which later changed to a ten-day quarantine (could not test out). All three of the District nurses were trained by staff of NorthShore Clinic Labs on December 17,

2021 to perform both rapid and PCR testing on site, and on January 3, 2022, District Nurses began performing Rapid and PCR testing at each building. Joyce stated that some of the benefits of the tests are that they are easy to administer, the waiting time for PCR results has been reduced, parents don't have to leave work and secure a testing facility, and students can remain at school following a negative rapid test. She indicates that they have experienced a few negatives of the onsite testing too, such as substandard training, cheek swab results have proven to be inaccurate, and follow up reports from NorthShore Labs is not easy to access for testing sites. Another point that was made is that many parents are stating that they weren't aware of the consent form. Joyce suggested that it may be beneficial to put a flyer out to parents to get their attention and alert them again to the availability of in school testing.

Dr. Bartelt informed the board that our rate of student absenteeism has gone back to a regular pattern. When we returned after winter break, we had 18.8% of students absent, which was a really high number for us. Today we were at 8.46%. We have been back in the single digits for the last 5 days. Staff attendance has been up and down. We've been at a low of 4% and at a high of 13%. Some of these include COVID cases, while some have been prearranged absences. Dr. Bartelt credited our system that we have set up of general education certified paraprofessionals as well as the return of some retirees has really made the difference with our ability to stay open and continue to serve our students.

Public Comment

None.

Board Reports and Requests

BIG – Mr. Lenisa indicated that BIG was supposed to have a meeting last week, but that it was cancelled.

D13 Has Character – Mrs. Wojcicki reported that fall applications from District 13 for awards are coming up in February to be approved.

Education Foundation – Mrs. Wojcicki indicated that grant requests are due back next week, and the grants will be awarded at the Spring Fling.

LEND - Mrs. Zehme indicated that their next meeting is scheduled for the upcoming Friday. House Bill 2778 was vetoed. A new bill will be introduced with new language.

NDSEC – Dr. Bartelt stated that there is not typically a January meeting, but the Facilities Committee met to review bids for the Lincoln Academy roof.

Bloomington Council of Teachers – Mr. Boebel shared that there has been no meeting. We are still working on confirming a date for the required training.

School Report – Student Ambassador, Eshaan Aggarwal reported that January has been very quiet since athletic competitions have been suspended. Quarter two ended on Friday.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

Mr. Boebel indicated that there were two requests that were summarized in the board packets. Dr. Bartelt added that another request was received between when the board packet was released and the meeting, and the request was already filled by Ms. Whitaker.

Action Items

Second Reading of Amendments to Board Policy (F.D. 1/24/2022-7)

A motion was made by Mr. Devitt and seconded by Ms. Peterson for the Board to approve the amendments to the attached policies as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 - 0

Closed Session Minutes Review & Destruction of Digital Recordings (F.D. 1/24/2022-8)

A motion was made by Ms. Peterson and seconded by Mr. Devitt for the Board to approve the continued unavailability of closed session minutes, and the destruction of closed session audio tape or digital recordings for the board meetings 18 months or older.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Approval of 2022 Summer Projects (F.D. 1/24/2022-9)

A motion was made by Mr. McKeown and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board to approve the projects slated for the Summer of 2022, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Approval of 2022-2023 School Fees (F.D. 1/24/2022-10)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Ms. Peterson for the Board of Education to approve the District Fees for the 2022-2023 school year, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Discussion Items

Student Enrollment Projections

Dr. Bartelt shared the results of the student enrollment projections with the board. He indicated that John Reiniche used the cohort survival method spreadsheet and some ratios to get the data that is located in the board packet. It does not show a dramatic change in the number of students that we are having. It is consistent with the history of this District.

The COVID-19 Experience for DuPage School Districts

Dr. Bartelt gave an overview, in response to a board member question regarding the feeder districts, and how they're responding to the COVID-19 situation. He indicated that this year has been a lot better for the Lake Park feeders because we've stuck together. Itasca, Roselle and Medinah have all had to shut down either grade levels or schools at some point this year. Keeneyville and Lake Park have stayed open. Medinah has had the most difficult time this year, with public protesters, as well as being named in the suit that was filed in Sangamon County.

Topic(s) for Future Agendas

None.

For Information

Second Quarter Budget Performance and Investment Report
Available for review in the Board packet.

Enrollment Update
Available for review in the Board packet.

NDSEC Profile
Available for review in the Board packet.

Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was made by Mr. Devitt and seconded by Mr. McKeown to adjourn to closed session to discuss the employment/evaluation/compensation of personnel, collective bargaining and potential litigation. All ayes.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Motion Carried: 7 – 0

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Matt Boebel, President

Linda Wojcicki, Secretary