

REGULAR  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
October 27, 2025, 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, October 27, 2025.

Roll Call

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

Absent: Mr. Sam Menton

Others Present: Dr. Jon Bartelt, Shannon Zinner, Nicole Gabany, Valerie Varhalla, Ethan Dworianyn, Alisha Kshatriya, Mark Friedman, BWP, Phil Ehrhardt, BWP, Patrick Haugens, Stacy Johnston, Stefan Larsson, Kristine Puchalski, Matt Boebel

**Above and Beyond**

Board Member Eric Kowalik recognized this month's Above and Beyond recipients, Brooklyn Smid (DuJardin), Laya Joseph (Erickson) and Sophia Harting (Westfield).

**Consent Agenda**

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mrs. Majewski to approve the items in the Consent Agenda which included Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on 9/22/25. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$649,805.16; the Operations and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$67,972.87; Debt Service in the amount of \$0.00; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$128,960.20; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; Referendum Fund in the amount of \$163,348.23; Tort Fund in the amount of \$300.00 and Life Safety Fund in the amount of \$69,300.00 (F.D. 10/27/25-1); Payroll (9/25/2025) in the amount of \$497,647.26, (10/10/2025) in the amount of \$546,548.92 and (10/25/2025) in the amount of \$508,555.19; the Financial Reports as shown in (F.D. 10/27/25-2); **Resignations/Retirements**, Julie Rollins, Paraprofessional at Westfield effective 10/3/2025, Abi (Mary) Caskey effective 10/23/2025; **Change of Position**, Suzie Lenisa, Paraprofessional at Erickson to Long-Term Substitute 4th Grade Teacher at Erickson, effective 1/05/2026.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Wojcicki, Majewski, Kapral, Kowalik, Majewski, Spilotro

Nays: None

Abstained: Lenisa

Motion Carried: 5 – 0 – 1

## **Superintendent's Report**

### **Program Review - School Improvement Plan Goals**

Stefan Larsson, Principal of Westfield Middle School, Stacy Johnston, Principal of Erickson Elementary School and Patrick Haugens, Principal of DuJardin Elementary School presented their school improvement goals for the 2025-2026 school year. The details of their plans were included in the board packet.

### **Student Ambassadors**

8th grade student ambassadors, Ethan Dworianyn and Alisha Kshatriya provided an update on activities of each schools including Character Counts Night, Girls on the Run, Red Ribbon Week, Socktober, Bully Prevention Month, Halloween Parades and Parties at the elementary schools and Cross Country, Peer Tutoring, 2nd Annual Girls Basketball tournament, the Halloween dance and the 50th Anniversary Alumni Open House.

### **Building Projects Update**

Dr. Bartelt reviewed updates with the Board relating to the public bidding process, the ceremonial ground breaking event, and tentative schedules for the start of construction at Westfield Middle School.

### **Superintendent Profile**

Representatives from BWP & Associates were present at the meeting to share the data they collected from their survey, their Board phone calls, and their focus group work on October 9.

### **Public Comment**

Rachel Motisi, parent of Westfield students spoke to the Board about her concerns with the way that bullying is being addressed at the middle school.

### **Board Reports and Requests**

BIG – Mr. Kapral indicated that at the BIG meeting on Thursday, topics discussed included the Stratford Square property, State of the Village, a proposed indoor sports facility, and possible changes to the Indian Lakes development from commercial to residential.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition – Mrs. Spilotro shared information on the Character Counts Night that took place on October 7th :30 p.m. at Old Town. The next meeting will be held November 6th

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 attended the most recent meeting and stated that topics discussed at the meeting included updates to FOIA. The group hosted a lawyer panel to speak about the political climate and employees and board members' social media activities.

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

Bloomington Council of Teachers - Mr. Lenisa shared that he and Mrs. Majewski met with the union leaders earlier in the month where they discussed the AI policy creation and evaluation. This policy will be included in the first reading of policies at the November 17th Board Meeting.

Bloomington Paraprofessional Council - Mrs. Majewski indicated that there was no meeting in October.

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 November 17th meeting.

**Freedom of Information Act Requests**

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

### **Action Items**

#### Approval of the Snow Removal Contract (F.D. 10/27/2025-3)

A motion was made by Mrs. Majewski and seconded by Mr. Kowalik for the Board to approve the 2025-2026 contract with ALM Group for the provision of snow removal services, as presented.

#### Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

### **Discussion Items**

#### Tentative Tax Levy

Mrs. Varhalla presented the Tentative Tax Levy of Bloomingdale School District 13 for 2025. The levy will be formally approved 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 reviewing policies 2:105 Ethics and Gift Ban and 2:125 Board Member Compensation Expenses.

### **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.

#### 1st Quarter Financial Report

Available for review in the Board packet.

**Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

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Michael Lenisa, President

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Linda Wojcicki, Secretary