

REGULAR
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
August 25, 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 7:02 p.m. on Monday, August 25, 2025.

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, Samia Hefferan, Jim Sammons, Patti Edwards

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Majewski and seconded by Mrs. Spilotro to approve the items in the Consent Agenda which included Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on 6/23/25, Closed Meeting Minutes on 6/23/25, Special Meeting Minutes on 8/11/25 and Closed Meeting Minutes on 8/11/25. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$736,774.39; the Operations and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$690,625.77; Debt Service in the amount of \$0.00; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$111,000.24; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; Referendum Fund in the amount of \$484,886.94; Tort Fund in the amount of \$136,791.00 and Life Safety Fund in the amount of \$328,605.40 (F.D. 08/25/25-1); Payroll (6/25/2025) in the amount of \$510,804.89, (7/10/2025) in the amount of \$419,334.39, (7/25/2025) in the amount of \$421,028.91 and (8/8/2025) in the amount of \$427,934.04; the Financial Reports as shown in (F.D. 08/25/25-2); **New Hires**, Meagan Darland, Assistant Principal at Erickson effective 7/28/2025, Roba Ayyad, School Nurse at Westfield effective 8/5/2025, Brian Pearlman, Librarian at the DuJardin effective 8/11/2025, Juliana Hubberts, Paraprofessional at DuJardin effective 8/11/2025, James Sammons, Director of Buildings and Grounds at the District effective 8/4/2025, Lorrie Mahoney, Paraprofessional at Erickson effective 8/11/2025, Pia Tamburello, Paraprofessional at DuJardin effective 8/11/2025, Amy Meister, Paraprofessional at DuJardin effective 8/11/2025, Linda Abbe, Paraprofessional at Westfield, effective TBD; **Resignations/ Retirements**, Jacob Wagner, Teacher at DuJardin effective end of the 24/25 School Year, Eddie Calix, Paraprofessional at Erickson effective 7/10/2025, Shaima Afzal, Paraprofessional at DuJardin effective 7/17/2025, Elisabeth Fisher, Paraprofessional at DuJardin effective 8/8/2025; **Re-Hire**, Kim Paleczny, Paraprofessional at DuJardin effective 8/11/2025; **Change of Position**, Kaylin Mahoney, Paraprofessional at Erickson to Structured SPED Teacher at Erickson, effective 8/11/2025, Prity Shah, Paraprofessional at Erickson to Paraprofessional at DuJardin, effective 8/11/2025, Amy Fonk, External Substitute at the District to Paraprofessional at DuJardin, effective 8/11/2025.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Superintendent's Report

Program Review - Student and Support Services

Ms. Samia Hefferan shared highlights from the Department of Student and Support Services for the Board of Education and public.

Board Superintendent Expectations

Dr. Bartelt provided the Board with the Board Superintendent Expectations document that has been amended over the years to reflect the needs of the Board and Superintendent.

Finance Committee of the Whole

Dr. Bartelt informed the Board that there will be a special meeting of the Board of Education on September 8th to 1) walk through the three buildings to observe the completion of the summer work projects and 2) hear a presentation on the Tentative FY2026 Budget presented by Ms. Varhalla.

Public Comment

None

Board Reports and Requests

BIG – Mr. Menton attended his first BIG meeting and participated in discussions regarding trades and training.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition – Mrs. Spilotro shared with the Board that the Character Counts celebration will take place on October 7th at 6:30 p.m. at Old Town. She also reported that there will be a Children's Safety Expo on September 13th at Erickson Elementary.

Education Foundation – Mrs. Wojcicki indicated that they had met earlier in the day and only had 6 members. The Foundation is looking for additional Board members.

LEND - Mrs. Majewski indicated that there was no meeting this month.

NDSEC – Mrs. Wojcicki attended this month’s meeting where they voted to approve the 2026 budget, programs and services. There was also a presentation by Technology to the group.

Bloomington Council of Teachers - Mr. Lenisa indicated that he and Mrs. Majewski met with both unions before kickoff day to plan their presentations. In this meeting, they discussed initiatives for the upcoming year. It was determined that the Bloomington Council of Teachers will meet on the first Friday of each month, and The Bloomington Paraprofessional Council will meet on the second Friday of each month.

IASB - Mr. Lenisa shared that he is registered for the delegate assembly at the Joint Annual Conference in November.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

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

Action Items

Approval of District Safety Plan (F.D. 8/25/2025-3)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mrs. Spilotro for the Board to approve the District Safety Plan, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Resolution in Support of CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition (F.D. 8/25/2025-4)

A motion was made by Mrs. Majewski and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board to approve the Resolution in Support of CHARACTER COUNTS!

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Approval of Threat Assessment Plan (F.D. 8/25/2025-5)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mrs. Spilotro for the Board to approve the Threat Assessment Plans for 2025-2026, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Approval of Intergovernmental Agreements with the Bloomingdale Park District (F.D. 6/23/2025-6)

A motion was made by Mr. Kowalik and seconded by Mr. Menton for the Board of Education to approve the intergovernmental agreements with the Bloomingdale Park District, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Discussion Items

First Reading of Amendments to Board Policy

Dr. Bartelt indicated to the Board that the proposed changes to the Board policies that are listed are attached to the Board packet. These policy changes will be voted on at the September 22nd regular Board meeting.

Strategic Plan Initiatives for 2025-2026

Dr. Bartelt indicated to the Board that the strategic plan initiatives for 2025-2026 are attached to the Board packet. These initiatives will be voted on at the September 22nd regular Board meeting.

Amend the Board of Education Agenda (F.D. 8/25/2025-7)

A motion was made by Mrs. Majewski and seconded by Mrs. Spilotro for the Board of Education to approve amending the agenda.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Topic(s) for Future Agendas

None

Discussion Items Cont.

Superintendent Search Firm Presentations

Three search firms each provided a five minute presentation to the Board of Education and answered questions for the Board. The Board will vote on their choice of firms following closed session.

For Information

Enrollment Report

Available for review in the Board packet.

NDSEC Profile

Available for review in the Board packet.

4th Quarter Financial Reports

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 Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mrs. Majewski for the Board to adjourn to closed session at 8:37 p.m. to discuss matters related to appointment, employment, evaluation and compensation of personnel.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

President Michael Lenisa called the regular meeting of the Board of Education in Bloomingdale Elementary School District 13 back to order at 8:54 p.m.

Action Items

Approval of Superintendent Search Firm (F.D. 8/25/2025-8)

A motion was made by Mrs. Wojcicki and seconded by Mrs. Spilotro for the Board to approve BWP & Associates to conduct the search for the next superintendent of Bloomingdale School District 13, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Michael Lenisa, President

Linda Wojcicki, Secretary