

BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Agenda

Meeting
Bloomington High School Auditorium

August 25, 2025
7:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda / Changes
4. Public Comments
5. **Board Information / Reports**
 - A. Building / Department Reports
Description: Bloomington Elementary
Pullman Elementary
Bloomington Middle/High School
 - B. Board Committee Reports
Description: Finance and Personnel - July 31, 2025
Culture / Climate / Student Engagement - August 7, 2025
 - C. Bond Update
6. **Consent Agenda**
 - A. Approval of Minutes from previous meetings
Description: Regular Board meeting July 28, 2025
Special Board meeting August 11, 2025
 - B. Approval of L-4029
Description: The L-4029 Tax Rate Request Form is required for all taxing units that levy property taxes, and it communicates the tax rates the district intends to levy.

Board approval of the L-4029 is required before the superintendent certifies and submits the form to the county equalization department(s) and local clerks by September 30. Approval ensures compliance with Michigan law, including Headlee and Truth in Assessing rollbacks, and authorizes the district's property tax levy.
 - C. Employee Resignation
Description: Lance is going to continue to work at Bloomington Schools, but he will be employed as a full time substitute teacher through EduStaff.

Michelle Westcott was previously Board approved but has since resigned.
7. Old Business
8. **New Business**
 - A. **Bond Project Change Orders**
 1. Change Order 069

2. Change Order 067
3. Change Orders 060 & 061

B. Employee Recommendations

Description: Renee Hostetler
Ruby Gonzalez

1. Renee Hostetler
2. Ruby Gonzalez

C. Business Office Contract Approval

1. Katie J. Contract

Description: This contract covers the services of Katie Jager for the month of August as an interim, part-time accounting assistant. Katie has provided exceptional support during this transition period and has been instrumental in keeping our business office operations running smoothly. Her expertise has been invaluable as we work to stabilize services and move toward implementation of a shared services agreement for business office operations.

2. Katie J Contract #2

Description: This contract covers the services of Katie Jager in the business office from September 1 through October 31. With the arrival of our new business manager in early September and the conclusion of transition support from Maner Costerisan shortly thereafter, it will be beneficial to retain Katie's expertise during this adjustment period. She will assist with continued cleanup of financial processes and provide support as the district adapts to its new business office structure.

The contract is designed with flexibility, allowing Katie's work hours to be scheduled as needed, under the direction of our new business manager, Kara, and myself.

D. Financial Audit Firm Approval

E. Band Director Mentor Contract Approval

Description: This is a contract for Amy Gronda, the recently retired Paw Paw Schools band director, to serve as a mentor and coach for Bloomingdale Schools band director Ben Arking for the 2025-26 school year. Amy is an accomplished and well respected director. Lukes and I believe she will provide valuable guidance and support to Ben as we work together to improve the quality of our music program and increase participation.

F. Brand Standards

Description: This item is provided for information only and requires no Board action. Attached is the finalized Brand Standards Guide for Bloomingdale Public Schools. While the project took longer than anticipated, the result is a comprehensive guide that exceeds expectations and provides a strong foundation for our branding efforts.

This guide will serve as an essential tool as we continue building a consistent and positive identity for Bloomingdale Schools—one that promotes pride in the district and strengthens our public image. I encourage you to take some time to review the guide. We will discuss next steps in implementing and utilizing these standards during the meeting.

G. Substitute Rates

H. September Meeting Change

Description: Due to a conflict, I would like to change the regular board meeting date in September from the 22nd to the 29th.

I. Sewer Line Project

Description: Approval of this contract with Remington Excavating will allow the district to take the first step toward ensuring that a potential future housing development on the district's 12-acre parcel east of the Middle/High School can more easily connect to the Village of Bloomingdale sewer system. The Village has previously passed a resolution granting permission for this future tie-in.

This project involves the installation of a capped sewer pipe beneath E. Kalamazoo Street/CR 388. At this stage, no connection will be made—only the pipe will be placed and capped at both ends in preparation for potential future use.

For additional context, please see the attached bid proposal from Remington Excavating and the attached briefing, which outlines the future steps (capacity study, permitting, and connection) that I believe would be required if development moves forward.

9. Adjournment

“Cultivating a community of lifelong learners.”

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in agenda item 5.

Rules of Public Participation at Board Meetings

1. Public participation shall be permitted as indicated on the order of business or at a time as determined by the presiding officer.
2. Anyone with concerns related to the operation of the schools or to matters within the authority of the Board may participate during the public portion of a meeting.
3. Participants must be recognized by the presiding officer and will be requested to preface their comments by an announcement of their name.
4. Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to three (3) minutes duration.
5. No participant may speak more than once.
6. Participants shall direct all comments to the Board and not to staff or other participants.
7. The portion of the meeting during which the participation of the public is invited shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes, but the timeframe will be extended, if necessary, so that no one's right to address the Board will be denied.

The presiding officer may:

1. prohibit public comments which are frivolous, repetitive, or harassing;
2. interrupt, warn, or terminate a participant's statement when the statement is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant;
3. request any individual to leave the meeting when that person behaves in a manner that is disruptive of the orderly conduct of the meeting;
4. request the assistance of law enforcement officers in the removal of a disorderly person when that person's conduct interferes with the orderly progress of the meeting;
5. call for a recess or an adjournment to another time when the lack of public decorum so interferes with the orderly conduct of the meeting as to warrant such action;
6. waive these rules.