

BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education
Agenda

Regular Meeting
Bloomington High School Auditorium

January 26, 2026
6:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda / Changes
4. Public Comments
5. Student Recognition
Description: Students from December and January will be recognized.
6. Board Member Appreciation
Description: Rick will make some comments about January being Board member Appreciation Month.
7. Election of Temporary Chairperson
Description: Per Board policy 0151, we must elect a temporary chairperson to facilitate the election of the President. Past practice has been that the most senior Board member holds this role.
8. **Election of Board of Education Officers**
 - A. President
Description: The temporary chairperson will ask for nominations for the office of President. After one or more nominations, any board member may make a motion to close nominations and elect one of the nominees.
 - B. Vice President
Description: The President will ask for nominations for the office of Vice President. After one or more nominations, any board member may make a motion to close nominations and elect one of the nominees.
 - C. Secretary
Description: The President will ask for nominations for the office of Secretary. After one or more nominations, any board member may make a motion to close nominations and elect one of the nominees.
 - D. Treasurer
Description: The President will ask for nominations for the office of Treasurer. After one or more nominations, any board member may make a motion to close nominations and elect one of the nominees.
9. **Board Information / Reports**
 - A. Building / Department Reports
 - B. Board Committee Reports
Description: January 20 VBCASB - Jodi

- C. Bond Update
- 10. **Consent Agenda**
 - A. Approval of Minutes from regular meeting - December 8, 2025
 - B. Approval of Minutes from January 12 Special Meeting
 - C. Approval of Minutes from January 12 Closed Session.
 - D. Approval of the Schedule of Meeting Dates
 - E. Designation of Sturgis Bank and Trust as the Depository for School Funds and Authorization of the Administration to Invest Funds
 - F. Authorization of the Superintendent to Sign Contracts, Agreements, and Purchase Orders
 - G. Designation of Superintendent to Complete Specified Responsibilities of Treasurer and/or Secretary
 - H. Authorize the Superintendent, Board Treasurer, and Chief Financial Officer to sign all checks from the District's existing bank accounts.
 - I. Coaching Recommendations
 - J. Approval of Resignations from Employees Marlen Perales and Scott Pfeiffer
- 11. **Old Business**
 - A. FMLA Policy Update - 2nd Reading
- 12. **New Business**
 - A. Series II Bid Approvals
 - Description:** Attached are the bid tab (record of all bids received) and the award summary (based on low/approved bidders) for series 2 construction projects. Anastasia from OAK will be present at the meeting to address questions. Note, the motion below is lengthy.
 - B. Employee Retirement
 - C. Bond Sale Approval
 - Description:** The attached template resolution is provided to the Board in advance of the sale of the district's Series 2 Bonds on 1/26/26. After the bids are opened and the winning bid is identified, Thrun Law Firm will complete the template with the necessary sale information, which the Board will be asked to approve to authorize the sale of the bonds.
 - D. Shared Service Agreement
 - Description:** BPS serves an English Learner (EL) population representing approximately 20% of total district enrollment. The district is legally required to provide English Language Development (ELD) instruction to these students by ESL-certified teachers at prescribed minimum levels. Based on current student proficiency data, we should employ 3.6 ESL-certified teachers to fully meet these requirements.

At this time, the district does not employ any full-time ESL teachers. While we have strong paraprofessional support in each building, paras may not replace certified ESL teachers in meeting instructional requirements. Despite sustained recruitment

efforts, the district has been unable to successfully hire and retain qualified ESL-certified teachers.

To ensure compliance and meet the needs of our EL students, the administration recommends approving a Shared Services Agreement with the Van Buren Intermediate School District (VBISD) through the countywide Title III Consortium. This agreement would provide two full-time ESL-certified teachers beginning in the 2025-2026 school year. The recommended agreement provides a reliable staffing solution while maintaining district involvement in hiring, supervision, and program oversight. The shared service agreement is attached, as well as a detailed FAQ document for more in-depth information.

E. Letter of Agreement

Description: As a follow-up to the approval of the shared services agreement with VBISD for ESL services, the Board is asked to approve a related Letter of Agreement (LOA) with the Bloomingtondale Education Association.

This LOA addresses the recognition language in the teachers' contract by clarifying that ESL teachers provided through the ISD are ISD employees and are not part of the Bloomingtondale Education Association bargaining unit. The agreement applies only to ESL services provided through the ISD, and does not change any other provisions of the collective bargaining agreement.

F. Title III Immigrant Funds

Description: BPS was allocated \$149 in Title III Immigrant Funds this year. These restricted federal funds are intended to support supplemental instructional services for immigrant students.

Due to the extremely small allocation and the restrictions placed on the use of these funds, the district is unable to implement meaningful programming with this allocation.

MDE requires formal board action when a district elects not to utilize allocated federal funds. Following board approval, the district must submit a Request to Relinquish Federal Funds form to MDE.

The attached resolution authorizes the Superintendent to complete and submit the required request. The district adopted a similar resolution last year.

G. Superintendent Mid-Year Evaluation - Closed Session

Description: Rick is requesting that the Board convene in closed session to conduct the Superintendent's mid-year review. The purpose of this session is to review progress toward the Superintendent's established goals for the current evaluation year and to provide the Board an opportunity to offer feedback on progress to date. Rick will bring a completed mid-year progress report to guide the discussion.

H. Contract Negotiations Discussion - Closed Session

I. Discussion: Superintendent Goals

13. 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.