

BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Board of Education  
Agenda

SPECIAL Meeting  
Bloomington High School Auditorium

February 19, 2026  
6:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda / Changes
4. Public Comments
5. **New Business**
  - A. Discussion: VBISD Shared Services Agreement

**Description:**

Following the Board's recent approval of the shared services agreement for ESL services and the related Letter of Agreement with the Bloomington Education Association, a Board member raised questions about whether the District could pursue a partial shared services model—allowing Bloomington to hire one or more ESL teachers directly while contracting with the ISD for additional staffing.

After the meeting, I followed up with the Van Buren ISD Superintendent, Dave Manson, and the Director of Multilingual Services, Angie Gutierrez, to request that they reconsider their position on a partial shared services arrangement. The ISD has indicated that they believe a full shared services model is the most effective and sustainable approach and are not recommending a hybrid or partial model at this time. However, they have offered to meet with the Board to explain their rationale and answer questions directly.

This agenda item provides the Board with an opportunity to discuss the shared services model further with ISD leadership present. For reference, the board packet includes the previously shared FAQ, the approved shared services agreement, and the district's strategic plan.

6. 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.