

BLOOMINGDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board of Education

Agenda

Regular Meeting
Bloomington High School Auditorium

October 26, 2026
6:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Approval of Agenda / Changes
4. Public Comments
5. **Presentations**
 - A. Cardinal PRIDE Students
Description: Middle & High School administrators will present the Cardinal PRIDE Students for October.
 - B. Finance Audit Presentation
6. **Board Information / Reports**
 - A. Building / Department Reports
 - B. **Board Committee Reports**
 1. Finance & Personnel
 2. VBCASB
Description: Jodi will provide a report from the meeting she attended.
 - C. Superintendent Update
7. **Consent Agenda**
 - A. Approval of Minutes from September 28 regular meeting
 - B. Coaching Recommendations
8. Old Business
9. **New Business**
 - A. Approval of Senior Trip
Description: Alan Bobalik will be at the meeting to share information about and request approval for the Class of 2027 senior trip.
 - B. Boys Basketball Coaching Recommendations
 - C. **Recommendation to Hire**
 1. Joanne Bush
 2. Melissa Blackson
 - D. 31aa Resolution
Description: Section 31aa provides approximately \$130,000 in school safety funding to BPS for the 2026-27 school year. To accept these funds, the District must agree to waive certain legal privileges, including attorney-client privilege, in connection with a comprehensive investigation following a qualifying "mass

casualty event".

The Board previously declined funding subject to this requirement because of concerns regarding the waiver. While those concerns remain, changes to the law and some additional legal guidance warrant reconsideration.

Following consultation with Thrun Law Firm attorney Ray Davis, I am recommending that the Board opt in to receive the school safety funding for 26-27. Mr. Davis expressed confidence that the language in Thrun's proposed resolution limiting the duration of the waiver is legally defensible. While accepting the funds would create potential legal exposure should a qualifying mass casualty event occur during the applicable waiver period, the District must weigh that risk against the benefits of the funding. Thrun has also identified strategies districts can implement to help minimize legal exposure if they accept the funds.

The Finance and Personnel Committee has reviewed this information and supports bringing it to the full Board for consideration. Administration has identified potential uses for the funds, with security cameras and school resource officer costs as top priorities. Additional priorities include student safety management technology, emergency response systems, and qualifying emergency infrastructure improvements.

Attached are Thrun's legal presentation, a summary of allowable expenditures with identified District priorities, and two proposed resolutions. Resolution A authorizes acceptance of the funds and the associated waiver. Resolution B declines the school safety funding and preserves the District's legal privileges. Both resolutions authorize acceptance of the separate Section 31aa mental health allocation, which does not require the waiver.

An immediate decision is not required, as additional opt-in opportunities will be available throughout the school year. However, opting in during the first window would allow the District to receive funding sooner and begin purchasing and implementing planned school safety improvements.

Option 1 - Accept Funding (Resolution A)

I move that the Board adopt Resolution A, Opt-In and Waiver, as presented, authorizing the District to accept fiscal year 2026-27 Section 31aa mental health and school safety funding, subject to the conditions and limitations outlined in the resolution.

Option 2 - Decline School Safety Funding (Resolution B)

I move that the Board adopt Resolution B, Partially Decline Opt-In, as presented, authorizing the District to accept fiscal year 2026-27 Section 31aa mental health funding while declining the school safety funding in order to preserve applicable legal privileges.

E. Superintendent Quarterly Review - Closed Session

Description: Attached are (1) the superintendent annual performance goals (for reference) and (2) the quarterly check-in report that will be reviewed in closed session as part of the superintendent performance review.

Below is a motion to go into closed session for both the performance review and to discuss the attorney-client privileged written opinion regarding our asphalt paving settlement offer.

F. Series 1 Asphalt Project - Closed Session

Description: Michigan Paving's attorney recently responded to the District's settlement offer. In light of this response, the Board will continue its discussion of Thrun Law Firm attorney Mackenzie Flynn's written legal opinion regarding the potential settlement of the dispute.

10. 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.