

REGULAR
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
May 18, 2026, 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 7:01 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2026.

Roll Call

Present: Mr. Marcin Kapral (arrived at 7:09 p.m.), Mrs. Nicole Majewski, Mr. Sam Menton, Mrs. Raffaella Spilotro, Mrs. Linda Wojcicki, Mr. Michael Lenisa

Absent: Mr. Eric Kowalik

Others Present: Dr. Jon Bartelt, Shannon Zinner, Nicole Gabany, Valerie Varhalla, Ethan Dworianyn, Alisha Kshatriya, Tara Tenneti, Emma Rojba

Above and Beyond

Board President Michael Lenisa recognized this month's Above and Beyond recipients, Alyssa Capua (DuJardin), Benny Gaudiuso (Erickson) and Hrishika (Tara) Tenneti (Westfield).

Michael Hovde, Jr. of the Bloomingdale Education Foundation, and Tim Jarzemsky of the Bloomingdale Public Library were both present and presented Dr. Bartelt with proclamations from their respective organizations.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mrs. Spilotro and seconded by Mr. Menton to approve the items in the Consent Agenda which included Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on 4/27/26. Approval of Bills in the Education Fund in the amount of \$449,033.17; the Operations and Maintenance Fund in the amount of \$134,149.89; Debt Service in the amount of \$0.00; Transportation Fund in the amount of \$46,459.56; Capital Projects in the amount of \$0.00; Referendum Fund in the amount of \$1,856,236.14; Tort Fund in the amount of \$3,750.00 and Life Safety Fund in the amount of \$680,777.11 (F.D. 5/18/26-1); Payroll (5/8/2026) in the amount of \$496,023.67; the Financial Reports as shown in (F.D. 5/18/26-2). **New Hires**, Kailey Arranda, Special Education Teacher at DuJardin effective 9/4/2026, and Justyna Lostumbo, Blended Preschool Teacher at Erickson effective 9/4/2026; **Resignations/Retirements**, Daniel Skaggs, Custodian at DuJardin effective 4/28/26, Kathleen Downs, School Psychologist at DuJardin/Westfield effective 5/5/26, Heather Long, Special Education Resource Teacher at DuJardin/Erickson effective 5/7/26, Andrea Hansen, Teacher at Westfield effective end of the 25/26 school year and Amy Meister, Paraprofessional at DuJardin effective end of the 25/26 school year; **Leaves**, Kathy Weivoda, Science/Math Teacher at Westfield, effective 5/4/26 - 5/26/26 and Manuela Anta, ELL Teacher at DuJardin/Westfield effective 9/4/26 - 12/16/26.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays:

Abstained:

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Superintendent's Report

Program Review - School Improvement Goal Reports

Principals Patrick Haugens, Stacy Johnston and Stefan Larsson presented their progress toward the school improvement goals shared with the Board last October and answered questions from the Board..

Student Ambassadors

Current 8th grade student ambassadors Ethan Dworianyn and Alisha Kshatriya, and next year's student ambassadors, 7th grade students Tara Tenneti and Emma Rojba provided an update on activities of each school including Field Day, Lunch with a Loved one and Clap out Friday at DuJardin. 5th - 8th grade band performance, preschool graduation and a field trip by the 1st grade students to the library at Erickson, and 6th grade visit, beam signing, 8th grade dance, Six Flags Field Trip and 8th grade clap out at Westfield.

Building Projects Update

Ben Steele from Bulley and Andrews was present and provided an update on projects and the schedule going forward.

Public Comment

Sarah Heitkam inquired about construction project timelines being updated on the website and any impact it will have on the opening of school in the fall.

Board Reports and Requests

BIG – Mr. Kapral indicated that there was no meeting this month.

CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition – Mrs. Spilotro shared that the awards breakfast was held on May 2nd and that 11 awards, including awards to Ethan Dworianyn and Alisha Kshatriya, our current student ambassadors.

Education Foundation – Mrs. Wojcicki indicated that there was no meeting this month.

LEND - Mr. Lenisa indicated that there was no meeting this month.

NDSEC – Mr. Kapral shared that they approved contracts for the interim CSBO and Director and discussed other personnel matters. They also welcomed three new superintendents to the group.

Bloomington Paraprofessional Council - Mrs. Majewski indicated that there was no meeting this month.

Bloomington Council of Teachers - Mr. Lenisa indicated that there was no meeting this month.

IASB - Mr. Lenisa indicated that there were no updates this month.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

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

Action Items

Resolution Establishing Depository of School Funds (F.D. 5/18/2026-3)

A motion was made by Mr. Kapral and seconded by Mrs. Majewski for the Board to approve the establishment of a depository of school funds as outlined in the attached resolution and authorize its officers to sign the resolution.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Treasurer’s Bond (F.D. 5/18/2026-4)

A motion was made by Mrs. Spilotro and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board to approve the naming of Valerie Varhalla as school treasurer and authorize the Board President and Secretary to sign the required affirmation form for the DuPage ROE..

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Spilotro, Wojcicki, Kapral, Majewski, Menton, Lenisa
Nays: None
Abstained: None
Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

IASB Membership Renewal (F.D. 5/18/2026-5)

A motion was made by Mrs. Majewski and seconded by Mrs. Wojcicki for the Board to approve the renewal of its membership in the Illinois Association of School Boards for the coming year.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Majewski, Wojcicki, Kapral, Menton, Spilotro, Lenisa
Nays: None
Abstained: None
Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Second Reading of Amendments to Board Policy (F.D. 5/18/2026-6)

A motion was made by Mr. Kapral and seconded by Mrs. Spilotro for the Board to approve the amendments to the identified policies, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Approval of Intergovernmental (F.D. 5/18/2026-7)

A motion was made by Mr. Menton and seconded by Mrs. Spilotro for the Board to approve the intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Bloomingdale, as presented..

Roll Call Vote

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

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Motion Carried: 6 – 0 – 0

Discussion Items

FY 2027 Salary Recommendations

Dr. Bartelt shared that salary increases for most support staff and administrators for FY 2027 are proposed at 4%. Returning custodians are recommended to receive a \$1 increase to their hourly rate, with rates for new custodians remaining at \$20 per hour after 90 days of successful employment. In addition, Dr. Bartelt is recommending lowering Mrs. Zinner's public relations stipend to \$1,000 to cover board meeting pictures for Above and Beyond recognition and to assist in the transition of Mrs. Strejc to the HR/PR position. Dr. Bartelt is also recommending maintaining the \$1,000 per month stipend to Ms. Varhalla for her work in coordinating the construction project.

FY 2026 Amended Budget

Ms. Varhalla presented the amended budget reflecting new priorities that have developed since the budget was originally approved by the Board in September.

Topic(s) for Future Agendas

Power outage situation and protocols for dealing with future outages.

For Information

Enrollment Report

Available for review in the Board packet.

NDSEC Profile

Available for review in the Board packet.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Kapral and seconded by Mrs. Spilotro to adjourn the meeting. All ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Michael Lenisa, President

Linda Wojcicki, Secretary