

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #756
BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA
JULY 21, 2025**

A regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District #756, Blooming Prairie, Minnesota, was held in the High School Media Center on Monday, July 21, 2025, at 7:15 p.m. (Open Forum at 7:00 p.m.)

OPEN FORUM – None

I. CALL TO ORDER – CHAIRPERSON

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL - CLERK Jon Sunde, Melissa Stoen, Rodney Krell, Kelly Braaten, Crystal Studer, Dean Meshke, Brady Hullopeter

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools, High School Principal, & High School Associate Principal

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

V. PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Reports given by Mr. Worke & Ms. Mach

VI. ITEMS ON WHICH BOARD ACTION IS REQUESTED

A. Minutes, Bills, Treasurer’s Report, Resignations/Terminations, Maternity/Paternity/Medical Leaves, and Donations

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Brady Hullopeter to approve items in the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

B. Employment

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve David Lassahn as the JV football coach for the 2025-26 school year. Placement will be at Step 6 of the extra-curricular schedule. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve Angelina (Angel) David as an elementary paraprofessional for the 2025-26 school year. Placement will be at Step 3 of the paraprofessional schedule at \$16.64 per hour. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Brady Hulloper to approve Maribel Maya Rueda as an elementary paraprofessional for the 2025-26 school year. Placement will be at Step 3 of the paraprofessional schedule at \$16.64 per hour. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve Jodi Nudnick as the elementary daytime custodian for the 2025-26 school year. Placement will be at Step 6 of the custodial contract at \$21.24 per hour. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Crystal Studer and seconded by Brady Hulloper to approve Maren Forystek as a 5th grade intermediate teacher for the 2025-26 school year. Placement will be at BA Step 0 of the master contract. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve Isaac Ille as the elementary PE/DAPE teacher for the 2025-26 school year. Placement will be at BA Step 1 of the master contract. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay/1 Abstain-Braaten)

C. Volunteer Coaches

None at this time.

D. School Board Meeting Dates

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Brady Hulloper to approve the school board meeting dates listed below. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

August 18, 2025

September 15, 2025

October 20, 2025

November 17, 2025

December 15, 2025 (5:15 p.m.)

January 20, 2026 (Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. – due to Martin Luther King Day)

February 17, 2026 (Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. – due to Presidents' Day)

March 16, 2026

April 20, 2026

May 18, 2026

June 15, 2026

July 20, 2026

E. School Board Work Sessions

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve the continuation of School Board Work Sessions on the Thursday before the regular board meeting at 6:00 a.m. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

F. School Board Per Diem

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve the School Board per diem amounts with no changes. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

G. Public Hearing on Property Tax Levy Payable 2026

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Brady Hulloper to approve the public hearing on property tax levy payable 2026 to be at 6:00 p.m. on December 15, 2025.

Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

H. Health & Safety Policy

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve the Health and Safety Policy to remain unchanged. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

I. Public Data and Data Subject Requests

Motion by Crystal Studer and seconded by Brady Hullopetter to approve the Public Data and Data Subjects Policy with updates made to the data practices contacts.

Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

J. LTFM Plan

Motion by Rodney Krell and seconded by Jon Sunde to approve the LTFM Ten Year Plan.

Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

K. Additional Building Project Contract Approvals

Motion by Brady Hullopetter and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve the installation of a baseball backstop by Century Fence with a quote price of \$39,300. Motion carried with a roll call vote. (7 Aye-Sunde, Stoen, Krell, Braaten, Studer, Meshke, Hullopetter/0 Nay)

Motion by Crystal Studer and seconded by Jon Sunde to approve the installation of a softball backstop by Century Fence with a quote price of \$24,600. Motion carried with a roll call vote. (7 Aye-Sunde, Stoen, Krell, Braaten, Studer, Meshke, Hullopetter/0 Nay)

L. Acceptance of Bids

None at this time.

M. Rejection of Bids

None at this time.

N. Equipment Purchases

None at this time.

VII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY

A. Family Education Rights and Privacy Act

The following information will be published in the local paper for two consecutive weeks. Independent School District #756, Blooming Prairie, Minnesota, in compliance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act announces that directory-type information on public school students in the district will be disseminated from time to time without further authorization from parents of such students.

Directory-type information under this policy is defined as:

1. The student's name
2. The names of the student's parents
3. The student's date of birth
4. The student's class designation (i.e. 1st grade, 10th grade, etc.)
5. The student's extracurricular participation
6. The student's achievement awards or honors

7. The student's weight and height if a member of an athletic team
8. The student's photograph or videotape of the student
9. The school or school district the student attended before he or she enrolled in Independent School District #756

Any parent wishing to withhold such information from distribution must make the request to the Office of the Superintendent of Schools within ten days of this publication. (8/20, 8/27)

B. Weighted Grades

At the current time Blooming Prairie Public Schools has weighted grades for college in the school courses, Anatomy, Honors Band, Honors Choir, and PSEO classes. PSEO classes were added to the weighted grades system for the 2024-25 school year due to legislation. We are reviewing our weighted grading system, gathering feedback from teachers and staff, and will make a recommendation on whether to continue with this system. Discussion.

C. Building Project Financial Report

After spending money on fencing, we will still have funds available to address roofing at the elementary.

D. Committee Reports

A committee report was given for the following committees: Policy & ZED.

E. Enrollment Data

Enrollment for the 2024-25 school year per JMC as of May 12, 2025 was 334 at the elementary school (grades K-4) and 517 at the intermediate/high school (grades 5-12) with approximately 12 PSEO students.

F. Dates to Note

July 17	School Board Work Session at 6:00 a.m.
July 21	School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
August 14	School Board Work Session at 6:00 a.m.
August 18	School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

-Thanks to Steve Swenson for all the things he has done for the school district and students.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Dean Meshke to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m.
Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Tentatively, the next Regular School Board Work Session will be held on Thursday, August 14, at 6:00 a.m. in the High School Board Room.

Tentatively, the next Regular School Board Meeting will be on Monday, August 18, 2025, at 7:15 p.m. in the High School Media Center. (Open Forum begins at 7:00 p.m.).

A complete copy of the official minutes may be found in their entirety in the official minute book located in the superintendent's office at the high school; however, they will not be available until approved by the School Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa Stoen
Clerk of the School Board
Independent School District #756
Blooming Prairie, Minnesota