

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #756  
BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA  
JUNE 16, 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, June 16, 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** Brady Hulloper, Melissa Stoen, Rodney Krell,  
Kelly Braaten, Crystal Studer, Dean Meshke,

**ALSO PRESENT:** Superintendent of Schools, High School Principal, High School Associate Principal, Elementary Principal, Members of the BPTA, & Members of the Press

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jon Sunde

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve the agenda as presented.  
Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

**V. PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

Reports given by Mr. Schwarz, 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 Crystal Studer and seconded by Brady Hulloper to approve items in the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

**B. Employment**

No new employment at this time.

**C. Volunteer Coaches**

None at this time.

**D. 2025-26 Preliminary Budget**

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve the proposed preliminary budget for the 2025-26 school year. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

**E. Additional Building Project Contract Approvals**

None at this time.

**F. Acceptance of Bids**

None at this time.

**G. Rejection of Bids**

None at this time.

**H. Equipment Purchases**

None at this time.

**VII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY**

**A. Strategic Planning Report**

Leah Brownrigg gave an update on four meetings that were held. School board members, students, teachers, administration, and community members all attended the meetings. They made six goals that will now come back to the school board and administration.

**B. Building Project Financial Report**

No update at this time.

**C. Committee Reports**

A committee report was given for the following committees: Negotiations, Steele County Collaborative, and ZED.

**D. 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.

**E. Dates to Note**

May 15	School Board Work Session at 6:00 a.m.
May 19	School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
May 23	Graduation Practice/Last Day for Seniors at 12:15 p.m.
May 30	Last Day of School - Students Dismissed at 12:45 p.m. Graduation 6:30 p.m.
June 2	Teacher In-Service (1/2 Day)
June 12	School Board Work Session at 6:00 a.m.
June 16	School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

**VIII. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS**

-With Leo Augusta Children's Academy closing, we are looking at some different opportunities to help support the community with daycare needs.

-Mr. Staloch will be at the city center tomorrow to help interview candidates for the new city administrator.

-Our bus manager is no longer with us but we have an interim from Hayfield, Mark Peterson.

-Thank you note from Barb Kaplan and thank you to Barb for all of her years of service, she will be missed.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Dean Meshke and seconded by Kelly Braaten to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.  
Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

**Tentatively, the next Regular School Board Work Session will be held on Thursday, July 17, 2025, at 6:00 a.m. in the High School Board Room.**

**Tentatively, the next Regular School Board Meeting will be on Monday, July 21, 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