

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #756
BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA
MAY 19, 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, May 19, 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 Dean Meshke, Brady Hulloper, Jon Sunde,
Melissa Stoen, Kelly Braaten, Crystal Studer

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rodney Krell

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Melissa Stoen 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 Jon Sunde and seconded by Brady Hulloper to approve items in the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

B. Employment

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve Bryah Moore as an Early Childhood All Day Pre-K Teacher for the 2025-26 school year. Placement will be at BA Step 0 of the master contract. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

C. Volunteer Coaches

None at this time.

D. Committee Review

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Brady Hullopeter to approve the recommendations presented for the committee changes. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

E. Substitute Teacher/Paraprofessional Pay

Motion by Brady Hullopeter and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve the increase in substitute teacher pay from \$135 to \$150 per day (11% increase) for the 2025-26 school year.

Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Brady Hullopeter and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve the increase in substitute paraprofessional pay from \$15.47 to \$15.93 per hour (3% increase) for the 2025-26 school year.

Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

F. Language Access Plan

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve the updated Language Access Plan for the 2025-26 school year. Motion carried. (6 Aye /0 Nay)

G. Additional Building Project Contract Approvals

None at this time.

H. Acceptance of Bids

None at this time.

I. Rejection of Bids

None at this time.

J. Equipment Purchases

None at this time.

VII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY

A. Strategic Planning Report

There are 15 members on the committee consisting of staff, parents, board members, and students.

B. Building Project Financial Report

No update at this time.

C. Committee Reports

A committee report was given for the following committees: Education Foundation, Greenhouse, Needs Assessment, Negotiations, Staff Development, Steele County Collaborative, Wellness, & 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

-MSBA handout for board members.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Dean Meshke 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, June 12, 2025, at 6:00 a.m. in the High School Board Room.

Tentatively, the next Regular School Board Meeting will be on Monday, June 16, 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