

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #756  
BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA  
MARCH 17, 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, March 17, 2025, at 7:15 p.m. (Open Forum at 7:00 p.m.)

**OPEN FORUM** – Lauren Berglund, BPTA President, gave clarification that blue is the color of their group shirts, and the color choice is not political. The shirts were worn to bring awareness to the recent cuts and changes being talked about in our government.

**I. CALL TO ORDER – CHAIRPERSON**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL - CLERK** Kelly Braaten, Dean Meshke, Brady Hulloper, Jon Sunde, Melissa Stoen, Rodney Krell

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Crystal Studer

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**V. PRINCIPAL REPORTS**

Reports given by Mr. Schwarz and 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 Kelly Braaten and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve Ashley Watson as a High School Secretary. Placement will be at Step 10 of the secretary’s schedule with a start date of March 3, 2025. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Dean Meshke and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve Allison Krohnberg as a Junior High Softball Coach. Placement will be at Step 0 of the extracurricular schedule. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Brady Hullopeter to approve Jeff Bates as a High School Night Custodian. Placement will be at Step 5 of the custodial contract with a start date of March 3, 2025. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

**C. Volunteer Coaches**

None at this time.

**D. Staff Development Waiver for FY 2026**

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve the staff development waiver for FY 2026. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

**E. Revised Budget 2024-25**

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Jon Sunde to approve the revised budget for 2024-25. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

**F. Taher Renewal 2025-26**

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Brady Hullopeter to approve the Taher Renewal for 2025-26. 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. Legislative Update (Funding)**

Mr. Staloch presented an update.

**B. Strategic Planning**

Mr. Staloch presented an update.

**C. Building Project Financial Report**

Mr. Staloch presented an update.

**D. Committee Reports**

A committee report was given for the following committees: Technology, Wellness, and ZED.

**E. Enrollment Data**

Enrollment for the 2024-25 school year per JMC as of March 11, 2025 was 334 at the elementary school (grades K-4) and 519 at the intermediate/high school (grades 5-12) with approximately 12 PSEO students.

## **F. Dates to Note**

March 13	School Board Work Session at 6:00 a.m.
March 17	School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
March 27	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter-Early Release/Teacher Inservice
March 28	No School/Teacher Inservice
April 17	No School/Teacher Inservice
April 18	Easter Break
April 21	Easter Break
April 22	No School/Teacher Inservice

## **VIII. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS**

-The admin team has been going to leadership trainings with various topics, and it has been wonderful for professional development.

-Mr. Staloch is attending superintendent trainings which are very valuable learning opportunities.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Kelly Braaten to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m.  
Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

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

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