

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #756
BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA
FEBRUARY 18, 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 Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 5:15 p.m. (Open Forum at 5:00 p.m.)

OPEN FORUM – None

I. CALL TO ORDER – CHAIRPERSON

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL - CLERK Rodney Krell, Kelly Braaten, Crystal Studer, Melissa Stoen

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools, High School Principal, High School Associate Principal, and Elementary Principal

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dean Meshke, Brady Hulloper, Jon Sunde

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried. (4 Aye/0 Nay)

V. PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Reports given by Mr. Schwarz, Mr. Worke, 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 Melissa Stoen and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve items in the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried. (4 Aye/0 Nay)

B. Employment

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve Steven Salinas as an Assistant Track Coach (.8). Placement will be at Step 0 of the extracurricular schedule.
Motion carried. (4 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Crystal Studer and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve John Bruns as a Junior High Baseball Coach. Placement will be at Step 9 of the extracurricular schedule.
Motion carried. (4 Aye/0 Nay)

C. Volunteer Coaches

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve Rob White as a volunteer golf coach this spring. Motion carried. (4 Aye/0 Nay)

D. Final Seniority Lists for the Teaching Staff

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve the final seniority lists for the teaching staff. Motion carried. (4 Aye/0 Nay)

E. Resolution Discontinuing and Reducing Education Programs and Positions

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve the resolution discontinuing and reducing education programs and positions. Motion carried. (4 Aye/0 Nay)

F. High School Track Resurface

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Kelly Braaten to approve the quote of \$167,900 from Midwest Tennis & Track Co. to resurface the high school track. Motion carried with a roll call vote. (4 Aye: Krell, Braaten, Studer, Stoen/0 Nay)

G. Marco Managed IT Renewal

Motion by Crystal Studer and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve the 36-month renewal with Marco Technologies with a payment of \$5,774 per month. Motion carried. (4 Aye/0 Nay)

H. Radon Testing – IEA

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve IEA to conduct Radon Testing at a fee of \$1,750. Motion carried. (4 Aye/0 Nay)

I. Policy 522 – Title IX

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve rescinding the 2024 Policy 522 after the federal court vacated the federal 2024 Final Rule of Title IX on January 8, 2025. Motion carried. (4 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Crystal Studer and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve to adopt the 2020 version of Policy 522. Motion carried. (4 Aye/0 Nay)

J. Apple Lease Resolution

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve the Apple Lease resolution. Motion carried. (4 Aye/0 Nay)

K. Additional Building Project Contract Approvals

None at this time.

L. Acceptance of Bids

None at this time.

M. Rejection of Bids

None at this time.

N. Equipment Purchases

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve the quote from Marco Technologies to update our phones and phone system for both the high school/intermediate and elementary buildings. The products cost \$36,929.22 and the professional services cost \$16,566.36. Motion carried with a roll call vote. (4 Aye: Krell, Braaten, Studer, Stoen/0 Nay)

VII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY

A. Class Sizes/Sections

Mr. Staloch presented an update.

B. Staffing

Mr. Staloch presented an update.

C. Building Project Financial Report

Two main things to finish up. One is the roofing at the elementary school and the other is water drainage behind the high school. These items are already figured into the budget.

D. Committee Reports

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

E. Enrollment Data

Enrollment for the 2024-25 school year per JMC as of February 10, 2025 was 331 at the elementary school (grades K-4) and 518 at the intermediate/high school (grades 5-12) with approximately 12 PSEO students.

F. Dates to Note

Feb 13	School Board Work Session at 6:00 a.m.
Feb 17	Presidents Day/No School
Feb 18	School Board Meeting at 5:00 p.m.
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 rd Quarter-Early Release/Teacher Inservice
March 28	No School/Teacher Inservice

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

-Mr. Staloch will attend a legislative breakfast on January 31. Senators there will talk about funding and the future.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Crystal Studer to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m.
Motion carried. (4 Aye/0 Nay)

Tentatively, the next Regular School Board Work Session will be held on Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 6:00 a.m. in the High School Board Room.

Tentatively, the next Regular School Board Meeting will be on Monday, March 17, 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