

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #756
BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA
DECEMBER 16, 2024**

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, December 16, 2024, 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 Jon Sunde, Rodney Krell, Kelly Braaten,
Crystal Studer, Dean Meshke, Jenny Thurnau

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Melissa Stoen

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

V. PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Reports given by Mr. Schwarz and Mr. Worke

VI. ITEMS ON WHICH BOARD ACTION IS REQUESTED

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

Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Kelly Braaten to approve items in the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

B. Employment

Motion by Crystal Studer and seconded by Jenny Thurnau to approve Elizabeth Baird as an elementary paraprofessional. Placement will be at Step 9 of the paraprofessional schedule at \$18.17 per hour with a start date of December 5, 2024. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve Tina Harms as an elementary paraprofessional. Placement will be at Step 1 of the paraprofessional schedule at \$15.46 per hour with a start date of December 16, 2024. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

C. Volunteer Coaches

None at this time.

D. 2025-26 Calendar

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Jenny Thurnau to approve the proposed 2025-26 calendar. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

E. Post-Secondary Enrollment Contract with Riverland

Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve the post-secondary enrollment contract with Riverland Community College. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

F. Additional Building Project Contract Approvals

None at this time.

G. Acceptance of Bids

None at this time.

H. Rejection of Bids

None at this time.

I. Equipment Purchases

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve the purchase of a new combi oven through Culinex instead of Hubert Company. (6 Aye: Sunde, Krell, Braaten, Studer, Meshke, Thurnau/0 Nay)

6:00 p.m. – Budget/Levy Review and Discussion Must Take Place Prior to Final Levy Certification

J. Final 2024 Payable 2025 Levy Limitation

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve the final levy limitation for 2024 payable 2025. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

VII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY

A. Rotation of School Board Officers

Noted that this is Jenny Thurnau's last meeting after 17 years on the school board.

B. Building Project Financial Report

Mr. Staloch presented an update.

C. Committee Reports

A committee report was given for the following committees: Buildings and Grounds/Facilities, Education Foundation, Greenhouse, MSBA & MSHSL, & Technology.

D. Enrollment Data

Enrollment for the 2024-25 school year per JMC as of December 9, 2024, was 327 at the elementary school (grades K-4) and 520 at the intermediate/high school (grades 5-12) with approximately 12 PSEO students.

E. Dates to Note

Dec 12	School Board Work Session at 6:00 a.m.
Dec 16	School Board Meeting at 5:00 p.m.
Dec 20	Teacher Inservice/No School
Dec 23-Jan 1	Christmas Holiday Break
Jan 2	Classes Resume
Jan 16	School Board Work Session at 6:00 a.m.
Jan 20	Teacher Inservice/No School
Jan 21	School Board Meeting at 5:00 p.m.
Jan 24	End of 2 nd Quarter/Early Release/Teacher Inservice
Jan 27	Start of 3 rd Quarter

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

- Strategic planning listening sessions are taking place with school staff. There is great engagement and discussion happening.
- State budget projections are significantly less than the current year so we will keep a close eye on this.
- Thank you to Jenny Thurnau for serving 17 years on the school board.
- Jon Sunde shared that we as a school board do not have decision making abilities on parking on county road 46 behind the school.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Dean Meshke to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.
Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Tentatively, the next Regular School Board Work Session will be held on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 6:00 a.m. in the High School Board Room.

Tentatively, the next Regular School Board Meeting will be Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 5:15 p.m. in the High School Media Center. (Open Forum begins at 5:00 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