

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #756
BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA
October 21, 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, October 21, 2024, at 7:15 p.m. (Open Forum at 7:00 p.m.)

OPEN FORUM – Thank you to Mr. Staloch & family for all their work putting the elementary school back together this past weekend after the water leak.

I. CALL TO ORDER – CHAIRPERSON

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL - CLERK Dean Meshke, Jenny Thurnau, Jon Sunde,
Rodney Krell, Kelly Braaten, Crystal Studer

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Melissa Stoen

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

V. PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Report given by 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 Jon Sunde and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve items in the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

B. Employment

None at this time.

C. Volunteer Coaches

None at this time.

D. Policies

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Jenny Thurnau to approve the updates to the policies: 506, 514, 515, 515-Form, 521, 522, 522-Notice of Discrimination, 524, 532, 534, 601, 603, 613, 614, 615, 616, 618, 619, 620, 709, 721, & 806. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

E. Notice of General Election

Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve the Notice of General Election. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

F. Election Canvassing Date

Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve the election canvassing date of November 14, 2024 to coincide with the work session. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

G. MSHSL Form A & B

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve the MSHSL Forms A & B. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

H. District Audit

No action at this time. Mr. Staloch & Aimee Lake will meet on 10/25/24 to review the audit with Smith Shafer. The district audit will be presented at the November school board meeting.

I. MOU – READ Act

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve the MOU – READ Act. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

J. Elementary Roofing Project

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Jenny Thurnau to approve the elementary roofing project with Schwickert’s Cooperative Services for \$172,900. Motion carried. (Roll Call Vote- 6 Aye: Meshke, Thurnau, Sunde, Krell, Braaten, Studer/0 Nay)

K. Additional Building Project Contract Approvals

Motion by Dean Meshke and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve the Twin Cities Acoustics, Inc. bid of \$39,855 for baffles in the gym. Motion carried. (Roll Call Vote- 6 Aye: Meshke, Thurnau, Sunde, Krell, Braaten, Studer/0 Nay)

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 Jenny Thurnau to approve the purchase of a floor scrubber for the high school. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

VII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY

A. Building Project Financial Report

There are a few funds left so we are looking at a few additional items needed at our schools.

B. Committee Reports

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

C. Enrollment Data

Enrollment for the 2024-25 school year per JMC as of October 10, 2024 was 327 at the elementary school (grades K-4) and 525 at the intermediate/high school (grades 5-12) with approximately 12 PSEO students.

D. Dates to Note

October 17	School Board Work Session at 6:00 a.m. No School – Education Minnesota
October 18	No School – Education Minnesota
October 21	School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Nov 7	End of 1 st Quarter Teacher Inservice/Early Dismissal
Nov 8	Teacher Inservice/No School
Nov 11	Start of 2 nd Quarter
Nov 14	School Board Work Session at 6:00 a.m.
Nov 18	School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Nov 25	Blood Drive
Nov 27	Teacher Inservice/No School
Nov 28	Thanksgiving Holiday/No School
Nov 29	Thanksgiving Holiday/No School

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

- Dean Meshke brought up cursive writing. A discussion followed.
- Dean Meshke brought up parking on the county road. A discussion followed.
- Jenny Thurnau sends congratulations to Mike Alvey on many years of service and his upcoming retirement.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Dean Meshke to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.
Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Tentatively, the next Regular School Board Work Session will be held on Thursday, November 14, 2024 at 6:00 a.m. in the High School Board Room.

Tentatively, the next Regular School Board Meeting will be Monday, November 18, 2024 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