

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #756
BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA
September 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, September 16, 2024, 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 Crystal Studer, Dean Meshke, Jenny Thurnau,
Melissa Stoen, Rodney Krell, Kelly Braaten

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jon Sunde

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Jenny Thurnau 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, Mr. Worke, & Ms. Mach.

VI. ITEMS ON WHICH BOARD ACTION IS REQUESTED

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

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

B. Employment

Motion by Crystal Studer and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve Sienna Fyksen as an elementary paraprofessional. Placement will be at Step 1 of the paraprofessional schedule. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Dean Meshke and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve Robert Johnson as a high school paraprofessional. Placement will be at Step 1 of the paraprofessional schedule. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Kelly Braaten to approve Madison DenHerder as the musical sound and lights coordinator. Pay would be \$1,500.00 to attend musical practices and help with performances. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

C. Volunteer Coaches

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve Seth Peterson as a volunteer varsity football coach. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

D. Handbooks/Policies

Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve the updates to the attached handbooks and policies. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

E. Proposed Levy Limitation and Certification 2024 Payable 2025

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve the “maximum” amount for the proposed levy limitation and certification 2024 payable 2025. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

F. Property and Casualty Insurance/Workers Compensation Insurance

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve the property and casualty insurance/workers compensation insurance renewal from Jensen Agency.
Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

G. Resolution Relating to the Election of School Board Members and Calling the School District Election

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Jenny Thurnau to approve the resolution relating to the election of school board members and calling the school district election.
Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

H. Additional Building Project Contract Approvals

None at this time.

I. Acceptance of Bids

None at this time.

J. Rejection of Bids

None at this time.

K. Equipment Purchases for Building Project

None at this time.

VII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY

A. Building Project Financial Report

There is a POC meeting on October 4 to work through the change orders. There is a current positive fund balance and we are continuing to work through the punch list items.

B. Committee Reports

A committee report was given for the following committees: Education Foundation & Negotiations.

C. Enrollment Data

Enrollment for the 2024-25 school year per JMC as of September 11, 2024, was 327 at the elementary school (grades K-4) and 528 at the intermediate/high school (grades 5-12) with approximately 12 PSEO students.

D. Dates to Note

September 12 School Board Work Session at 6:00 a.m.
September 16 School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
October 11 No School for Students - Teacher In-service
October 15 Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:30 p.m.
October 16 No School for Students - Teacher In-service
Parent/Teacher Conferences 11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
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.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

-Enrollment data is similar to last year's. We offer 31 college credits in house. 42 juniors and seniors enrolled in those, and we work with Southwest MN State University.
-Tour to class of '74. It was a fantastic group of almost 60 people.
-Worked with city officials about the water tower coming down tomorrow.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Dean Meshke and seconded by Jenny Thurnau to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.
Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Tentatively, the next Regular School Board Work Session will be held on Thursday, October 17, 2024 at 6:00 a.m. in the High School Board Room.

Tentatively, the next Regular School Board Meeting will be Monday, October 21, 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