

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #756
BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA
August 19, 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, August 19, 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 Kelly Braaten, Crystal Studer, Dean Meshke,
Jenny Thurnau, Jon Sunde, Melissa Stoen

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools, High School Principal

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rodney Krell

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

Report given by Mr. Worke.

VI. ITEMS ON WHICH BOARD ACTION IS REQUESTED

A. Minutes, Bills, Treasurer’s Report, Resignations/Terminations, Donations

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

B. Employment

Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve Heidi Jensen as the 7th grade volleyball coach. Placement will be at Step 0 of the extracurricular schedule.
Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Crystal Studer and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve Marcus Blume as the high school nighttime custodian with a start date of Wednesday, August 21. Placement will be at Step 7 of the custodial contract at \$20.91 per hour. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve Diane Anderson as the STEM/ELL long-term substitute teacher to cover Lauren Berglund’s maternity leave for approximately 5 weeks. Placement will be at MA+10 Step 10 of the master contract.
Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Jenny Thurnau to approve Katie Motl as the head cheer coach for the fall season. Placement will be at Step 0 of the extracurricular schedule. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

C. Volunteer Coaches

No new volunteer coaches at this time.

D. Handbooks

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve the updates to the Athletic, Crisis Management, and iPad/MacBook handbooks. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

E. Policies

Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve the policies that are to be reviewed annually: Blood Borne Pathogen (Exposure Control), School Medication, Student Transportation Safety, Harassment & Violence, Automated External Defibrillator Management Plan, Wellness Plan, Out-of-State Travel by School Board Members, and Internet Acceptable Use & Safety. There are no updates to any of these policies from last year. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Crystal Studer and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve the updated Cell Phone Policy. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

F. Meal Prices

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Jenny Thurnau to approve the 2024-25 school year meal prices. Each student will receive one free breakfast and one free lunch. Extras will be charged accordingly. There are no changes from the 2023-24 school year prices. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

G. Allina Health Contract

Motion by Jenny Thurnau and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve the renewal of the Allina Health Contract. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

H. Memorandum of Understanding

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between South Central Human Relations Center and Blooming Prairie Public Schools. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

I. Additional Building Project Contract Approvals

None at this time.

J. Acceptance of Bids

None at this time.

K. Rejection of Bids

None at this time.

L. Equipment Purchases for Building Project

None at this time.

VII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY

A. Building Project Financial Report

No update at this time.

B. Committee Reports

A committee report was given for the following committees: Buildings and Grounds/Facilities & ZED.

C. Enrollment Data

Enrollment for the 2023-24 school year per JMC as of May 31, 2024 was 331 at the elementary school (grades K-4) and 518 at the intermediate/high school (grades 5-12) with approximately 13 PSEO students.

D. Dates to Note

August 11 Strategic Planning at 5:00 p.m.
August 15 School Board Work Session at 6:00 a.m.
August 19 School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
August 28 Open House 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
September 3 First Day of School
September 12 School Board Work Session at 6:00 a.m.
September 16 School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

- Looking at potential avenues for grant writing.
- Rebate funds for BPPU went into the construction fund.
- MSHSL fees have decreased since attendance is up.
- Finishing a lot of details to the building and it is looking good. Thank you, Mr. Worke.
- Bidding out roofing for the elementary building.
- We have 3 people running for school board for 3 seats.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Dean Meshke to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m.
Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Tentatively, the next Regular School Board Work Session will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2024 at 6:00 a.m. in the High School Board Room.

Tentatively, the next Regular School Board Meeting will be Monday, September 16, 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