

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #756
BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA
SEPTEMBER 15, 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 Monday, September 15, 2025, 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 Rodney Krell, Kelly Braaten, Crystal Studer,
Dean Meshke, Brady Hulloper, Jon Sunde, Melissa Stoen

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried. (7 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/Medical Leaves, and Donations**

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Brady Hulloper to approve items in the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

B. Employment

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve Ross Reishus as the One Act Play advisor. Placement will be at Step 11 of the extracurricular schedule.
Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Brady Hulloper to approve Isaac Ille as an assistant track coach. Placement will be at Step 1 of the extracurricular schedule.
Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay, 1 abstain-Braaten)

Motion by Crystal Studer and seconded by Brady Hulloper to approve Isaac Ille as a junior high boys' basketball coach. Placement will be at Step 1 of the extracurricular schedule. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay, 1 abstain-Braaten)

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve Joshua Freese as an elementary paraprofessional. Placement will be at Step 2 of the paraprofessional schedule at \$16.27 per hour. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Jon Sunde to approve Sondra Hanenberger as a speech paraprofessional. She will be working 20 hours per week Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to noon. Placement will be at Step 5 of the paraprofessional schedule at \$17.32 per hour. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Crystal Studer and seconded by Jon Sunde to approve Melissa Stoen as an assistant academic triathlon advisor. Placement will be at Step 0 of the extracurricular schedule. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay, 1 abstain-Stoen)

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve Elissa Martinez as an elementary paraprofessional. Her start date will be September 15, 2025. Placement will be at Step 1 of the paraprofessional schedule at \$15.93 per hour. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

C. Volunteer Coaches

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Brady Hulloper to approve Brad Busho as a volunteer wrestling coach. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

D. Handbooks

Motion by Brady Hulloper and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve the updated Intermediate/High School Teacher Handbook. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

E. Proposed Levy Limitation and Certification 2025 Payable 2026

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve the proposed levy analysis. It is recommended that the "maximum" amount be approved. September 30th is the deadline for a school district to certify the levy to their home county auditor. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

F. Property and Casualty Insurance/Workers Compensation Insurance

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve the renewal for property and casualty insurance/workers compensation insurance from Jensen Agency. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

G. BPTA Contract

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve the contract with the BPTA for 2025-2027. Motion carried. (7 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

None at this time.

VII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY

A. Building Project Financial Report

Mr. Staloch gave an update on the elementary roofing.

B. Committee Reports

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

C. Enrollment Data

Enrollment for the 2025-26 school year per JMC as of September 9, 2025 was 320 at the elementary school (grades K-4) and 548 at the intermediate/high school (grades 5-12) with approximately 21 PSEO students.

D. Dates to Note

September 11 School Board Work Session at 6:00 a.m.

September 15 School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

October 10 No School for Students – Teacher Inservice

October 14 Parent/Teacher Conferences 7-12 Grade

October 15 No School for Students, Parent/Teacher Conferences 7-12 Grade

October 16 School Board Work Session at 6:00 a.m.

No School MEA Break

October 17 No School MEA Break

October 20 School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

November 7 End of First Quarter, Students Dismissed at 12:45 p.m.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

-Thank you to the school board negotiators and the BPTA for their work towards a successful contract.

-ZED Superintendent meeting was held. Thank you to Patrick, our ZED leader, and keeping the communication open.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Dean Meshke to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

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

Tentatively, the next Regular School Board Meeting will be on Monday, October 20, 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