

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #756
BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA
DECEMBER 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, December 15, 2025, at 5:15 p.m. (Open Forum at 5:00 p.m.)

OPEN FORUM – Lego League was present with Mrs. Berglund and Amanda Rennie. Students presented “Unearthed” and competed this last Saturday in Byron. Ten 5th/6th graders participated in this program.

I. CALL TO ORDER – CHAIRPERSON

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL - CLERK Dean Meshke, Brady Hullopeter, Melissa Stoen,
Rodney Krell, Kelly Braaten, Crystal Studer

ALSO PRESENT: Superintendent of Schools, High School Principal, High School
Associate Principal, Elementary Principal, Members of the BPTA,
& Student Representatives

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jon Sunde

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

V. PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Reports given by Mr. Schwarz, Mr. Worke, and Ms. Mach.

VI. ITEMS ON WHICH BOARD ACTION IS REQUESTED

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

Motion by Brady Hullopeter 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 Dean Meshke to approve Zack Hein as a Junior High Boys Basketball Coach. Placement will be at Step 0 of the extracurricular schedule.
Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Brady Hullopeter to approve Jessica Kremer as an Early Childhood Long-Term Substitute Teacher to cover for Bryah Moore while she is out on maternity leave. Her start date will be on or around December 12. Placement will be at BA Step 0 of the master contract. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Crystal Studer and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve Allison Krohnberg as a 4th Grade Long-Term Substitute Teacher to cover for Jenna Volgarino while she is out on maternity leave. Her start date will be on or around January 5. Placement will be at BA Step 0 of the master contract. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

C. Volunteer Coaches

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve Gabe Hein as a volunteer coach for varsity boys' basketball. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve Zack Hein as a volunteer coach for varsity boys' basketball. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Dean Meshke and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve Bo Zwiener as a volunteer coach for varsity wrestling. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve Brady Kittelson as a volunteer coach for varsity boys' basketball. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

D. 2026-27 Calendar

Motion by Brady Hullopeter and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve the proposed calendar for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

E. LTFM Projects

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve the tuck-pointing bid from Surety Waterproofing for \$62,287.67 per year for 3 years' of work on the high school and \$19,860.00 for work on the elementary school. Motion carried with a roll call vote. (6 Aye: Meshke, Hullopeter, Stoen, Krell, Braaten, Studer/0 Nay)

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve the window bid from Fairmont Glass at \$88,669.00 with demolition included. Motion carried with a roll call vote. (6 Aye: Meshke, Hullopeter, Stoen, Krell, Braaten, Studer/0 Nay)

6:00 p.m. – Budget/Levy Review and Discussion and Truth in Taxation Meeting

F. Final 2025 Payable 2026 Levy Limitation

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Brady Hullopeter to approve the final levy limitation for 2025 payable 2026. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

VII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY

A. Rotation of School Board Officers

No update at this time.

B. Building Project Financial Report

No update at this time.

C. Committee Reports

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

D. Enrollment Data

Enrollment for the 2025-26 school year per JMC as of December 4, 2025 was 318 at the elementary school (grades K-4) and 531 at the intermediate/high school (grades 5-12) with approximately 21 PSEO students.

E. Dates to Note

December 11	School Board Work Session at 6:00 a.m.
December 15	School Board Meeting at 5:00 p.m.
December 23	Teacher Inservice – Students dismissed at 12:45 p.m.
December 24-Jan 2	Christmas Holiday Break
January 19	Teacher Inservice – No School for Students
January 23	Students Dismissed at 12:45 p.m. – Teacher Inservice
February 16	Presidents Day – No School

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

- MN Paid Family Medical Leave will be effective January 1, 2026, and we are working on a handbook for staff.
- The Grand Ole Opry performance was very well received and a great fundraiser for the fine arts program.
- Dodge Family Services Collaborative will give \$30,000 for mental health support.
- Congratulations to Mr. Schwarz on the MESPA Southeast Division Leadership Award.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Dean Meshke and seconded by Melissa Stoen to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m.
Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Tentatively, the next Regular School Board Work Session will be held on Thursday, January 15 at 6:00 a.m. in the High School Board Room.

Tentatively, the next Regular School Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, January 20, 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