

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #756
BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA
JANUARY 20, 2026**

A regular meeting of the School Board of Independent School District #756, Blooming Prairie, Minnesota, was held in the High School Media Center on Tuesday, January 20, at 5:15 p.m.
(Open Forum at 5:00 p.m.)

OPEN FORUM – Lauren Berglund thanks the school board from the BPTA for School Board Appreciation Month.

I. CALL TO ORDER – CHAIRPERSON

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

V. PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Report given by Ms. Mach.

VI. ITEMS ON WHICH BOARD ACTION IS REQUESTED

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

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

B. Employment

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve Mark Lang as a Co-Head Trap Coach. Placement will be at Step 0 of the extracurricular schedule.
Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Brady Hulloper to approve Mark Symes as a Co-Head Trap Coach. Placement will be at Step 0 of the extracurricular schedule.
Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve Mary Anne Romeo as a 3rd Grade Long-Term Substitute Teacher to cover for Devin Hines while she is out on leave. Her start date will be January 19, 2026, and will continue until approximately March 9, 2026. Placement will be at BA Step 0 of the master contract. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve Kylie Forystek as the Head Volleyball Coach for the 2026-27 school year. Placement will be at Step 5 of the extra-curricular schedule. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

C. Volunteer Coaches

None at this time.

D. Designation of Local Depositories, Staff, Newspaper, & School Attorney

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve the following institutions as official depositories: MBT Bank, Blooming Prairie; Minnesota Liquid Asset Fund, New York; US Bank, St. Paul; and Wells Fargo, Minneapolis. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Crystal Studer and seconded by Jon Sunde to approve the following persons authorized to make electronic or paper transactions from any institution for the district: Christopher Staloch, Aimee Lake, Kari Forystek, and Nicole Bartness. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve the Steele County Times as the official school newspaper. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Brady Hullopeter and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve Hoversten, Johnson, Beckmann & Hovey, PLLP, Austin, MN as the district's designated school attorney. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

E. Promulgation of Seniority Lists for the Teaching Staff

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve the promulgation of seniority lists for the teaching staff. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

F. Foster Care Transportation Agreement

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve the foster care transportation agreement with Minnesota Prairie County Alliance. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

G. Designation/Rotation of School Board Officers

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve the following School Board Officers: Rodney Krell – Board Chair, Melissa Stoen – Vice Chair, Crystal Studer – Clerk, and Brady Hullopeter – Treasurer. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

H. School Board Assignments

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Brady Hullopeter to approve the committee assignments to remain the same except one change. Finance will now be Brady Hullopeter with Jon Sunde as an alternate. Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

I. Dodge County Contract

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve the contract with Dodge County for funding for mental health services (elementary school counselor).

Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

J. LTFM Projects

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Jon Sunde to approve the quotes from Johnson Floor Sanding to sand and finish the high school south gym floor (\$24,850) and the elementary gym floor (\$24,350). Motion carried with a roll call vote.

(7 Aye: Hullopeter, Sunde, Stoen, Krell, Braaten, Studer, Meshke/0 Nay)

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve the Garland Company to complete our roofing project for sections 4, 5, and 6 at the Blooming Prairie Elementary School. The project is estimated to be between \$600,000 and \$650,000. The remaining building project funds along with some LTFM funds will be used to pay for this project. Motion carried with a roll call vote. (7 Aye: Hullopeter, Sunde, Stoen, Krell, Braaten, Studer, Meshke/0 Nay)

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: Education Foundation, Negotiations, and Steele County Collaborative.

C. Enrollment Data

Enrollment for the 2025-26 school year per JMC as of January 8, 2026, was 319 at the elementary school (grades K-4) and 529 at the intermediate/high school (grades 5-12) with approximately 21 PSEO students.

D. Dates to Note

January 15	School Board Work Session at 6:00 a.m.
January 19	Teacher Inservice – No School for Students
January 20	School Board Meeting at 5:00 p.m.
January 23	Students Dismissed at 12:45 p.m. – Teacher Inservice
February 12	School Board Work Session at 6:00 a.m.
February 16	Presidents Day – No School
February 17	School Board Meeting at 5:00 p.m.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

- Thank you note to school board from the special education department.
- Meeting to update and review the crisis management plans.
- Looking for custodial positions.
- Working through multiple FMLAs for this spring.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Dean Meshke to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

Motion carried. (7 Aye/0 Nay)

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