

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #756
BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA
FEBRUARY 17, 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, February 17, at 5:15 p.m. (Open Forum at 5:00 p.m.)

OPEN FORUM – None

I. CALL TO ORDER – CHAIRPERSON

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL - CLERK Jon Sunde, Melissa Stoen, Kelly Braaten,
Crystal Studer, Brady Hullopeter

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rodney Krell, Dean Meshke

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Kelly Braaten to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried. (5 Aye/0 Nay)

V. PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Reports given by Mr. Schwarz and Ms. Mach

VI. ITEMS ON WHICH BOARD ACTION IS REQUESTED

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

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve items in the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried. (5 Aye/0 Nay)

B. Employment

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve Katelyn Hulst as a long-term substitute teacher for Kindergarten. Her tentative start date will be March 9, 2026, and will continue until approximately May 29, 2026. Placement will be at BA Step 1 of the master contract. Motion carried. (5 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Brady Hullopeter to approve Corwyn Gehring as a full-time night custodian at the intermediate/high school. Placement will be at Step 6 of the custodial contract at \$21.24 per hour with a start date of January 26, 2026. Motion carried. (5 Aye/0 Nay)

C. Volunteer Coaches

None at this time.

D. Final Seniority Lists for the Teaching Staff

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Brady Hulloper to approve the final seniority lists for the teaching staff. Motion carried. (5 Aye/0 Nay)

E. Resolution Discontinuing and Reducing Education Programs and Positions

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve the resolution discontinuing and reducing education programs and positions. Motion carried. (5 Aye/0 Nay)

F. MMC (HVAC) Service Contract

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Kelly Braaten to approve the service contract for 2026 with Metropolitan Mechanical Contractors (MMC) at \$40,350. Motion carried with a roll call vote. (5 Aye: Sunde, Stoen, Braaten, Studer, Hulloper/0 Nay)

VII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY

A. Class Sizes/Sections

Initial reports show Kindergarten will be a larger class, pre-school three-year-olds will be smaller, and pre-school four-year-olds will be larger.

B. Staffing

Aimee Lake and Mr. Staloch are reviewing projections and working with admin on potential classes for next year.

C. Crisis Response Plan Update

Mr. Staloch met with the Steele County Sheriff and BP Police Chief and will plan to meet again as a team to ensure alignment for our updated crisis plan. We will also be looking at adding pieces for cyber security.

D. Building Project Financial Report

We will be using additional building project funds for the previously approved elementary roof.

E. Committee Reports

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

F. Enrollment Data

Enrollment for the 2025-26 school year per JMC as of February 10, 2026, was 319 at the elementary school (grades K-4) and 527 at the intermediate/high school (grades 5-12) with approximately 21 PSEO students.

G. Dates to Note

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.
March 12	School Board Work Session at 6:00 a.m.
March 16	School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

March 27	Teacher Inservice – Students dismissed at 12:45 p.m.
April 2	Teacher Inservice – No School for Students
April 3-6	Easter Break – No School

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

None at this time.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Crystal Studer to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 p.m.
Motion carried. (5 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,

Crystal Studer
Clerk of the School Board
Independent School District #756
Blooming Prairie, Minnesota