

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #756
BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA
MARCH 16, 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 Monday, March 16, 2026, 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 Melissa Stoen, Rodney Krell, Kelly Braaten,
Crystal Studer, Dean Meshke, Brady Hulloper

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jon Sunde

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

B. Employment

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Brady Hulloper to approve Lauren Schammel as a junior high softball coach. Placement will be at Step 0 of the extracurricular schedule.
Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Brady Hulloper and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve Jake Tasker as a junior high baseball 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 Hulloper to approve Annika Kirchner as an elementary paraprofessional with a start date of February 25, 2026. Placement will be at Step 1 of the paraprofessional schedule at \$15.93 per hour. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

C. Volunteer Coaches

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve Jeffrey Severtson as a volunteer coach for trap shooting. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve Carl Peterson as a volunteer coach for trap shooting. Motion carried (6 Aye/0 Nay)

D. Food Service Purchases

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Brady Hulloper to approve the quote from Boelter totaling \$51,190.47 for a new dishwasher in the intermediate/high school kitchen. Motion carried with a roll call vote. (6 Aye: Stoen, Krell, Braaten, Studer, Meshke, Hulloper/0 Nay)

Motion by Crystal Studer and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve the quote from Culinex totaling \$19,461.28 for a new walk-in cooler in the elementary school kitchen. Motion carried with a roll call vote. (6 Aye: Stoen, Krell, Braaten, Studer, Meshke, Hulloper/0 Nay)

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve the quote from Boelter totaling \$2,226.76 for a new merchandising & display rack/cart in the elementary school kitchen. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

E. Pre-School Fees

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve the proposed pre-school fees for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

F. Education Identity & Access Management Resolution

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve the Education Identity & Access Management Resolution. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

G. Staff Development Waiver for FY 2027

Motion by Brady Hulloper and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve the staff development waiver for FY 2027. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

H. Revised Budget 2025-26

Motion by Brady Hulloper and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve the revised budget for 2025-26. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

I. Bus Contract 2026-2028

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Kelly Braaten to approve the bus contract for 2026-2028. The contract remains unchanged besides an increase in salary at 3% the first year and 3.5% the second year. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

J. Elementary Roofing Project

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Brady Hulloper to approve the elementary roofing project with Jackson & Associates of White Bear Lake, MN for \$667,000.00. Motion carried with a roll call vote. (6 Aye: Stoen, Krell, Braaten, Studer, Meshke, Hulloper/0 Nay)

K. Achievement and Integration

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve the achievement and integration plan of \$27,651.77 for STEM and Ag Industrial Trade costs. We are in year 2 of our 3-year plan. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

VII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY

A. Legislative Update

Mr. Staloch presented an update.

B. Strategic Plan

Mr. Staloch presented an update.

C. Taher Renewal 2026-27

A renewal will be provided once the state has released their numbers.

D. Building Project Financial Report

Roofing at the elementary will use up the remaining building project funds.

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

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.
March 28	Education Foundation Auction
April 2	Teacher Inservice – No School for Students
April 3-6	Easter Break – No School

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

- Mr. Staloch and the school board members thanked John Worke for his years of service.
- Reviewed legislation and potential impacts to upcoming school year.
- OnBoard U is a new MSBA learning platform. There are free and paid courses available for board members.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Dean Meshke to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.
Motion carried. (6 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