

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #756
BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA
APRIL 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 Monday, April 20, 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 Rodney Krell, Kelly Braaten, Dean Meshke,
Brady Hullopeter, Jon Sunde, Melissa Stoen

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Crystal Studer

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Brady Hullopeter and seconded by Kelly Braaten to approve the agenda as presented with the removal of the 3rd item under the leaves section within the consent agenda. This 3rd item under the leaves will be listed as a separate additional item after the consent agenda section.
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 Jon Sunde and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve items in the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

B. Additional Leave Request

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Brady Hullopeter to approve tabling Kurt Foster's leave request until the next school board meeting for further discussion. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

C. Employment

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve Jenny Cashman as an assistant track coach (.8). Placement will be at Step 0 of the extracurricular schedule.
Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

D. Volunteer Coaches

None at this time.

E. Resolution for MSHSL

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Jon Sunde to approve the MSHSL resolution for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

F. Title I Resolution

Motion by Brady Hulloper and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve the Title I Resolution for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

G. Student Insurance Program

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve participating in the “Student Assurance Services, Inc.” voluntary insurance coverage program for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

H. Speech Therapy Service Contract

Motion by Brady Hulloper and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve the Speech Therapy Service Contract with Speech Partners, LLC for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

I. Steele County Children’s Mental Health Collaborative Grant Application – FY27

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve the ASQSE (\$550) and Mental Health Worker (\$58,240) grants for FY27. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

J. READ Act Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve the READ Act MOU extension of the end date to June 30, 2027. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

K. School Management Services (SMS) Recommendation

Motion by Brady Hulloper and seconded by Jon Sunde to approve the recommendation by Mr. Staloch to table the SMS contract until the June meeting. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

VII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY

A. Pre-School Enrollment

Mr. Staloch provided an update.

B. Sports Fees

Mr. Staloch provided an update.

C. Legislative Updates

Mr. Staloch provided an update.

D. Building Project Financial Report

Mr. Staloch provided an update.

E. Committee Reports

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

F. Enrollment Data

Enrollment for the 2025-26 school year per JMC as of April 13, 2026 was 319 at the elementary school (grades K-4) and 524 at the intermediate/high school (grades 5-12) with approximately 21 PSEO students.

G. Dates to Note

April 16	School Board Work Session at 6:00 a.m.
April 20	School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
May 14	School Board Work Session at 6:00 a.m.
May 18	School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
May 22	Graduation Practice/Last Day for Seniors dismissed at 12:45 p.m.
May 29	Graduation 6:30 p.m./Last Day of School dismissed at 12:45 p.m.
June 1	Teacher In-Service (1/2 Day)

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

-Jon Sunde asked for clarification on how the Steele County Collaborative grant funding follows the school district students.

-The posting for the Dean of Students position for next school year closes tomorrow and there are 6 applicants so far.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Dean Meshke to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 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,

Melissa Stoen
Vice Chair of the School Board
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Blooming Prairie, Minnesota