

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #756
BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA
MAY 18, 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, May 18, 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 Kelly Braaten, Crystal Studer, Dean Meshke,
Brady Hulloper, Melissa Stoen, Rodney Krell

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 Brady Hulloper and seconded by Kelly Braaten 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 Kelly Braaten and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve Christopher Dibble as the Dean of Students for the Intermediate/High School. This will be an administrative position. The annual salary will be \$90,000 with a start date of July 1, 2026. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Brady Hulloper and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve Natallia Utley as a 7th-12th grade English Teacher for the 2026-27 school year. Placement will be at BA Step 0 of the master contract. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

C. Volunteer Coaches

Motion by Brady Hulloper and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve Michael Clayton as a volunteer coach for Junior High Softball. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

D. Committee Review

No changes to committee assignments were discussed thus no motion is necessary.

E. Substitute Teacher/Paraprofessional Rates

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve the substitute teacher rate to remain at \$150 per day for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Crystal Studer and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve the substitute paraprofessional rate to increase from \$15.93 to \$16.41 (3% increase) for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

F. Paraprofessional/Secretary Pay

Motion by Brady Hullopeter and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve the proposed paraprofessional pay schedule for 2026-27 and 2027-28. Each year will be a 3% increase with steps. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Brady Hullopeter to approve the proposed secretary pay schedule for 2026-27 and 2027-28. Each year will be a 3% increase with steps. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

G. Custodial Contract

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Brady Hullopeter to approve the proposed custodial contract changes for years 2026-27 and 2027-28. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

H. LTFM Projects

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Brady Hullopeter to approve the proposed LTFM project by MMC to furnish and install 44 steam trap build and replacements over the summer. The total cost of this work is \$31,998.00. Blooming Prairie Public Schools will be eligible for \$11,000 in rebates from Minnesota Energy. Motion carried with a roll call vote. (6 Aye: Braaten, Studer, Meshke, Hullopeter, Stoen, Krell/0 Nay)

VII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY

A. Strategic Plan Review

Mr. Staloch presented an update.

B. SMS Contract

Mr. Staloch presented an update.

C. Building Project Financial Report

Mr. Staloch presented an update.

D. Committee Reports

A committee report was given for the following committees: Education Foundation & Finance

E. Enrollment Data

Enrollment for the 2025-26 school year per JMC as of May 6, 2026 was 319 at the elementary school (grades K-4) and 523 at the intermediate/high school (grades 5-12) with approximately 21 PSEO students.

F. Dates to Note

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)
June 11	School Board Work Session at 6:00 a.m.
June 15	School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

-For graduation we will need two school board members to assist. Rod & Melissa volunteered. Be there by 5:45pm to assist with programs.

-Miner's Outdoor & Rec were given an award for being a business partner with the school. It was the first year partnering with Abby Bohlen's small engine class and provided great benefit to the students' learning.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Brady Hulloper to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 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