

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #756
BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA
JULY 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, July 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 Dean Meshke, Jon Sunde, Melissa Stoen,
Rodney Krell, Kelly Braaten, Crystal Studer,

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brady Hulloper

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Jon Sunde 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 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. Employment

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve Cynthia Shepherd as a high school science teacher for the 2026-27 school year. Placement will be at MA+10 Step 10 of the master contract. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve Evlyana Hanson as a 4th grade long-term substitute teacher for the beginning of the 2026-27 school year. Placement will be at BA Step 0 of the master contract. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve Mary Anne Romeo as an early childhood long-term substitute teacher for the beginning of the 2026-27 school year. Placement will be at BA Step 0 of the master contract. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Crystal Studer and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve Maren Forystek as the JV volleyball coach for the 2026-27 school year. Placement will be at Step 1 of the extracurricular schedule. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve Alison Mach as the Intermediate/High School Principal while continuing her role as activities director. The annual salary will be \$110,000 with a start date of July 1, 2026. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve Mary Worke being reduced to a 0.8 FTE for her position as High School Counselor. This change is effective at the beginning of the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Jon Sunde to approve Desiree Lashbrook as an Intermediate/High School Special Education Paraprofessional for the 2026-27 school year. Placement will be at Step 4 of the paraprofessional schedule at \$17.48 per hour. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve Natalee DeVries as an Elementary Special Education Paraprofessional for the 2026-27 school year. Placement will be at Step 1 of the paraprofessional schedule at \$16.41 per hour. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

C. Volunteer Coaches

None at this time.

D. School Board Meeting Dates

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve the proposed school board meeting dates listed below. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

August 17, 2026

September 21, 2026

October 19, 2026

November 16, 2026

December 21, 2026 (5:15 p.m.)

January 19, 2027 (Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. – due to Martin Luther King Day)

February 16, 2027 (Tuesday at 5:15 p.m. – due to Presidents' Day)

March 15, 2027

April 19, 2027

May 17, 2027

June 21, 2027

July 19, 2027

E. School Board Work Sessions

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve the school board work sessions to be the Thursday before the regular board meeting at 6:00 am. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

F. School Board Per Diem

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Kelly Braaten to approve the school board members per diem to remain the same with the exception of committee meetings increasing from \$80 to \$100. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

G. Public Hearing on Property Tax Levy Payable 2027

Motion by Crystal Studer and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve the public hearing for the property tax levy payable 2027 to be on December 21, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

H. Health & Safety Policy

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Jon Sunde to approve the Health & Safety policy.

Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

I. Public Data and Data Subjects Requests

Motion by Crystal Studer and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve the Public Data and Data Subjects Requests policy. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

J. LTFM Plan

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve the LTFM Ten-Year Plan.

Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

K. ZED 2026-27 LTFM Plan

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve the ZED 2026-27 LTFM Plan.

Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

L. MOU – Custodial Union & Temporary Facilities Manager

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve the MOU between the custodial union and ISD #756. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

M. CESO Contract – Business Management Services

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve the CESO contract.

Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

N. Resolution Limiting Open Enrollment

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve the resolution limiting open enrollment for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

O. Crisis Management Plan of Action

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Kelly Braaten to approve the ISD #756 Crisis Management Plan of Action. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

P. Snack Cart Fees

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve the snack cart fee increases.

Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

VII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY

A. Family Education Rights & Privacy Act

Mr. Staloch reviewed.

B. MN Permanent School Fund (PSF)

Mr. Staloch provided an update.

C. Football Co-op

The discussion for the football co-op was started in May due to proposed low numbers. In June as we prepared for camp, we continued discussions with Hayfield for the safety of our kids. This is a co-head coach program.

D. Building Project Financial Report

Mr. Staloch provided an update.

E. Committee Reports

A committee report was given for the following committees: Policy & ZED

F. Enrollment Data

Enrollment for the 2025-26 school year per JMC as of May 29, 2026 was 319 at the elementary school (grades K-4) and 522 at the intermediate/high school (grades 5-12) with approximately 21 PSEO students.

G. Dates to Note

July 16	School Board Work Session at 6:00 a.m.
July 20	School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
July 28	Filing period closes for filing affidavits of candidacy at 5:00 p.m.
August 13	School Board Work Session at 6:00 a.m.
August 17	School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
August 17-21	Flexible Teacher Work Day
August 24-27	Teacher Inservice
August 26	Int/HS Open House & Elementary Back to School Conferences
Sept 1	First Day of School for 5-12
Sept 2	First Day of School for K-4

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

- Reviewed MN Permanent School Fund. This will be on the November ballot as a proposal to amend this constitutional amendment to increase funding for public schools from 2.5% to 4.5%.
- Board Chair, Rod, would like to move employment back into the consent agenda. All present board members agreed with this change.
- The audit will start in August.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jon Sunde and seconded by Dean Meshke to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 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