

**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #756
BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINNESOTA
SEPTEMBER 21, 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, September 21, 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 Hullopeter

ALSO PRESENT:

Superintendent of Schools, High School Principal,
& Elementary Principal

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jon Sunde

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

B. AI (Artificial Intelligence) Policy

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Brady Hulloper to approve the AI Policy.
Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

C. Post-Secondary Enrollment Contract with Riverland

Motion by Brady Hullopeter and seconded by Melissa Stoen to approve the post-secondary enrollment contract with Riverland Community College. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

D. Proposed Levy Limitation and Certification 2026 Payable 2027

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve the proposed levy limitation and certification 2026 payable 2027. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

E. Property and Casualty Insurance/Workers Compensation Insurance

Motion by Kelly Braaten and seconded by Dean Meshke to approve the renewal with EMC from Jensen Agency for the period of 10/9/26-10/9/27. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

F. Resolution Relating to the Election of School Board Members and Calling the School District Election

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Brady Hullopetter to approve the resolution relating to the election of school board members and calling the school district election.

Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

G. Notice of General Election

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve the notice of general election. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

H. Superintendent Contract 2027-2030

Motion by Brady Hullopetter and seconded by Crystal Studer to approve the attached superintendent contract for July 1, 2027-June 30, 2030. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

I. Designation of Staff for Depositories

Motion by Melissa Stoen and seconded by Kelly Braaten to approve the designation of staff to process transactions for depositories as noted in the agenda. Motion carried. (6 Aye/0 Nay)

VII. ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION ONLY

A. Building Project Financial Report

All of the building project funds have been used.

B. Committee Reports

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

C. Enrollment Data

Enrollment for the 2026-27 school year per JMC as of September 9, 2026 was 340 at the elementary school (grades K-4) and 552 at the intermediate/high school (grades 5-12) with approximately 17 PSEO students.

D. Dates to Note

Sept 17	School Board Work Session at 6:00 a.m.
Sept 21	School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Oct 12	Parent/Teacher Conferences (5-12)
Oct 14	No School for Students/Teacher Inservice Parent/Teacher Conferences (5-12)
Oct 15	School Board Work Session at 6:00 a.m.
Oct 15-16	MEA Break-No School
Oct 19	School Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Nov 5	Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-4)
Nov 6	No School for Students/Teacher Inservice (5-12) Parent/Teacher Conferences (K-4)

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT OR BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

- Thank you to Jake for all his work helping clean up the elementary basement over the weekend.
- Thank you to the school board for all you do to support admin and our students.
- Thank you for allowing myself (Mr. Staloch) to lead this school as the superintendent for another three years.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Dean Meshke and seconded by Melissa Stoen to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 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