

**Board of Education 7 Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, March 16, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. - Merilyn F. Daniels Boardroom**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL/QUORUM/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Miljkovic called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and she directed the recording secretary to call the roll. Upon roll call the following members answered present: Snyder, Lucero-Bahr, Botello, Miljkovic, Fletcher-Gomez, Woods, and Papadopoulos.

Absent members: None.

Also present were: Dr. Shannon Dudek, Superintendent; Mrs. Elvia Villalobos, Curriculum Director; Mr. Christopher Blomquist, Business Manager; Ms. Cristina Montano, Recording Secretary; Dr. Joseph Krause, Principal; Mr. Al Buttimer, Principal; Dr. Theresa Ulrich, Principal; Mrs. Melissa Favata, Principal; Ms. Gina DiFiglio, JH Assistant Principal; Mr. Gus Gonzalez, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds; VFW representatives, Mr. Bill Thoms, Teacher/WDEA President, Mr. Dan West, JH Teacher, staff, families, and students.

**III. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- Freedom of Information (FOIA) Request - The board received one FOIA request this month from: 1) Oshea Smith from sunlightaccess.com; requesting contracts, agreements, amendments, and renewals for a list of vendors that we do not use. The request was responded to within the required timeline.
- Strive for Excellence - Strive for Excellence - The Board awarded Strive for Excellence recognitions to the Future City Team and the Wood Dale Junior High students who won the VFW essay contest.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Westview building principal Mr. Al Buttimer thanked Gus Gonzalez, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds and the maintenance staff for the expeditious manner in which the snow removal/cleanup was handled during the winter snow days. Board member, Ms. Jessica Snyder also thanked Gus for the custodial support provided during the WIBA building use season.

**V. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA INCLUDING MINUTES, FINANCIAL REPORTS AND PERSONNEL REPORT**

**1. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Regular Board Meeting Minutes February 17, 2026
- b. Closed Session Meeting Minutes February 17, 2026
- c. Special Meeting Minutes February 24, 2026

**2. Approval of Financial Reports**

- a. Treasurer's Report for February 2026
- b. Budget Status Report for February 2026
- c. Payroll in the Amount of \$893,341.55 for February 2026

**3. Approval of Personnel Report for the Month of February 2026**

- a. Dismissal - ratified the dismissal of **Lily Rosado**, Art Teacher @ OB/WV effective last day of teacher attendance.
- b. Resignation - accepted the resignation from **Alejandra Cervantes**, Teacher @ WV; **Alexa Henderson**, Teacher @ OB; **Christina Dellaquila**, Math Intervention Teacher @ WV; **Jasmina Selimovic**, Teacher @ JH; **Jacqueline Velasquez**, Dual Social Studies Teacher @ JH; and **Esmeralda Rios**, Teacher @ OB effective the last day of teacher attendance.

It was moved by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the board approve the consent agenda for the month of March, 2026.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Botello, Miljkovic, Fletcher-Gomez, Woods, and Lucero-Bahr.  
Nays – Snyder and Papadopoulos. Motion carried.

**VI. PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS**

**A.** Approval of Bills Payable in the Amount of \$219,663.12 for March 2026

It was moved by Ms. Snyder and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the board approve the payment of the monthly bills for March, 2026.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Woods, Botello, Snyder, Lucero-Bahr, Papadopoulos, Miljkovic, and Fletcher-Gomez.  
Nays – None. Motion carried.

## VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Enrollment Status Report – Dr. Dudek provided the board with a report on the current district enrollment.
- B. Second Quarter Update on 2025-2026 Board Goals - Dr. Dudek provided the Board with the second quarter update on the board goals established in September.
- C. Monthly Financial Update – Mr. Blomquist provided the Board with a detailed report regarding the financial status of the District.
- D. Informational Items and Communications – The following are important dates for upcoming school district events:
- Monday, March 30-April 3, 2026      Spring Break
  - Friday, April 3                              Good Friday Holiday
  - Monday, April 6, 2026                  Classes Resume
  - Tuesday, April 21, 2026                School Board Meeting – 7pm

## VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Teacher Mentor Committee - The newly organized Teacher Mentoring Committee met on February 19th. Dr. Dudek provided a report of the committee's purpose, goals, and objectives.

## IX. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of Resolution of Non-Renewal of Probationary Teacher(s) (First or Second Year) - Ms. Snyder presented the Resolution. It was moved by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Snyder that the Board approve the resolution for dismissal of probationary teachers (first or second year).

Roll call vote: Yeas – Papadopoulos, Fletcher-Gomez, Botello, Snyder, Lucero-Bahr, Woods, and Miljkovic.  
Nays – None. Motion carried.

2. ~~Approval of Resolution of Non-Renewal of Probationary Teachers (Final Year)~~ - This action item was no longer needed and stricken from the Action Items.
3. Approval of Renewal Contract with Arbor Management (Whitsons) for FY27 Food Service Management - It was moved by Ms. Snyder and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the Board approve the renewal contract with Arbor Management (Whitsons) for FY27 food service management.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Lucero-Bahr, Papadopoulos, Snyder, Miljkovic, Botello, and Fletcher-Gomez.  
Nays – Woods. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Renewal Contract for Auditor Evans, Marshall & Pease, P.C. FY2026-FY2029 - It was moved by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the Board approve the renewal contract for auditor Evans, Marshall & Pease, P.C. for FY2026 \$31,500, FY2027 \$32,000, FY2028 \$32,500, and FY2029 \$33,000.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Fletcher-Gomez, Miljkovic, Snyder, Lucero-Bahr, Botello, and Papadopoulos.  
Nays – Woods. Motion carried.

5. Approval of Amended IWAS 2024/25 School Calendar - It was moved by Mrs. Papadopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the Board approve the Amended IWAS 2025-2026 School Calendar. The calendar was amended due to the two emergency days that were taken on August 16, 2025 and January 23, 2026 and the last day of school for students was adjusted and changed to Wednesday, June 3, 2026.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Papadopoulos, Snyder, Miljkovic, Lucero-Bahr, Fletcher-Gomez, Woods, and Botello.  
Nays – None. Motion carried.

6. Approval of the NDSEC 26-27 Classroom Space Lease Agreement - It was moved by Ms. Snyder and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the board approve the NDSEC 2026-27 Classroom Space Lease Agreement for the use of two classrooms at ECEC in the amount of \$31,200.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Miljkovic, Papadopoulos, Woods, Fletcher-Gomez, Lucero-Bahr, Botello, and Snyder.  
Nays – None. Motion carried.

- X. CLOSED SESSION** - It was moved by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mrs. Papadopoulos that the board go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, dismissal of specific employees.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Snyder, Lucero-Bahr, Botello, Miljkovic, Fletcher-Gomez, Woods, and Papadopoulos.  
Nays – None. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 8:10 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 8:29 p.m.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Ms. Snyder and seconded by Mrs. Botello to adjourn the meeting.

After a voice vote President Miljkovic declared the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Aida Miljkovic, President

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Elitsa Papadopoulos, Secretary