

**Board of Education 7 Regular Meeting
 Thursday, July 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. - Boardroom**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL/QUORUM/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice President Cox called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and he directed the board clerk to call the roll. Upon roll call the following members answered present: Cox, Miljkovic, Fletcher-Gomez, and Woods.

Absent members: Petrella, Papadopoulos, and Daniels.

Also present were: Dr. John Corbett, Superintendent; Dr. Tim Arnold, Business Manager; and Ms. Cristina Montano, Board Clerk.

III. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Freedom of Information (FOIA) Request - The Board received a FOIA from IBEW Local 701 requesting the name of the general contractor for the work being done on the secure entries, in addition to a list of all the electrical contractors used at all four schools and the name of the electrical contractors being used for the secure entry project. These requests were filled within the required timeline.
- New Business Manager - Dr. Corbett introduced Dr. Tim Arnold to the board members. Dr. Arnold was appointed last month to serve as business manager; however, several board members had not met him yet.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments from the audience.

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

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. Public Hearing for Amended Budget Minutes June 18, 2024
- b. Public Hearing for Transfer of Funds Minutes June 18, 2024
- c. Regular Board Meeting June 18, 2024
- d. Closed Session I Meeting June 18, 2024

2. Approval of Financial Reports

- a. Treasurer's Report for June 2024
- b. Budget Status Report for June 2024
- c. Bills Payable for July 2024
- d. Approved Payroll for June 2024 and bills for July 2024 as summarized herein:

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| Payroll | 6/24 | \$1,913,002.21 |
| Bills Payable | 7/24 | <u>\$ 817,781.90</u> |
| Totals | | \$2,730,784.11 |

3. Approval of Personnel Report for the Month of July 2024

- a. Employment - ratified the employment of **Montserrat Chavez**, Paraprofessional @ OB; **Yesenia Castro**, Kindergarten Teacher @ OB; **Ritu Bindra**, Teacher @ JH; **Tiffany Shubalis**, Teacher @ WV; **Shiva Jameel**, Part-time Paraprofessional @ ECEC; **Mia Antczak**, Social Worker @ ECEC; **Emily Soto**, Paraprofessional @ ECEC; and **Daniella Rodriguez**, Teacher @ JH effective 7/18/24.
- b. Change of Position (for informational purposes only) - **Christine Ganas**, Paraprofessional @ JH to Paraprofessional @ WV effective the 2024-2025 school year.

Mr. Woods requested that the Bills for July, 2024 be removed from the Consent Agenda and be voted on separately.

It was moved by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the board approve the consent agenda (with the exception of the July, 2024 Bills) for the month of July, 2024.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Miljkovic, Fletcher-Gomez, Woods, and Cox.
 Nays – None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez and seconded by Mr. Woods that the board approve the bills for July, 2024.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Cox, Miljkovic, and Fletcher-Gomez.
 Nays – Woods. Motion carried.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- A. **Board Discussion of Process to Complete the Search for a New Superintendent for the 2025-26 School Year -**
The board discussed the timeline and proposed plan of action for their upcoming superintendent search. The board determined that a special meeting would be held on Wednesday, August 21, 2024 to interview search firms and begin the process. The board provided Dr. Corbett with the names of three firms they would like to invite to make presentations and be interviewed.

Mr. Petrella joined the open session at 7:17 p.m. (while the discussion above was in progress.)

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports for the month of July, 2024.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- 1. **Approval of Resolution Designated Appointment of Authorized Agent for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund -** Mr. Cox presented the Resolution. It was moved by Mrs. Miljkovic and seconded by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez that the Board approve Dr. Tim Arnold to be appointed as the District 7 designated authorized agent for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Fletcher-Gomez, Cox, Petrella, and Miljkovic.
Nays – None. Abstain - Woods. Motion carried.

- 2. **Approval of Change Order for Westview School Blacktop Project -** It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez that the Board approve the change order for the blacktop project at Westview in the amount of \$34,710.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Cox, Petrella, Miljkovic, and Fletcher-Gomez.
Nays – Woods. Motion carried.

- IX. **CLOSED SESSION -** It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the board enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees and pending litigation.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Miljkovic, Fletcher-Gomez, Woods, Cox, and Petrella.
Nays – None. Motion carried.

The board went into closed session at 8:01 p.m.

The board came out of closed session at 8:05 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic to adjourn the meeting. After a voice vote President Petrella declared the motion carried.

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Joe Petrella, President

Aida Miljkovic, Secretary