

**Wood Dale School District 7 Board of Education**  
**543 N. Wood Dale Rd. • Wood Dale, Illinois**  
**Regular Meeting • December 16, 2015 • 7:30 p.m. • Board Room**

**MINUTES**

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

President Petrella called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and he directed the secretary to call the roll. Upon roll call the following members answered present: Mr. Cox, Mr. Petrella, Mrs. Daniels, Mr. Lange, Mr. Woods, and Mrs. Botello.

Absent members: Mrs. Fletcher-Gomez.

Also present were: Dr. John Corbett, Superintendent; Mr. Abe Singh, Business Manager; Dr. Merri Beth Kudrna, Curriculum Director; Mrs. Shelly Skarzynski, Principal; Ms. Christina Cail, Principal, Mr. Al Buttimer, Principal, Ms. Connie Tadel, Principal; Ms. Cristina Montano, Administrative Secretary, staff, and several community members.

The Board and audience members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- Mr. Morong, District 7 Band Director, was at the Board meeting with four of his students. They performed holiday music, as brass quintet, for the Board and audience. Mr. Petrella and the Board members expressed their gratitude to Mr. Morong and the students for their performance.
- Dr Corbett announced that NDSEC has appointed Mr. James Nelson to serve as their new Executive Director. Mr. Nelson's appointment will be effective July 1, 2016.
- Mrs. Botello attended the Illinois School Board Conference in November and provided the Board with a brief report of information she gathered at the conference.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**CLOSED SESSION:** It was moved by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mrs. Daniels that the Board enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Botello, Daniels, Lange, Woods, Cox, and Petrella.  
Nays – none. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 7:46 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 7:52 p.m.

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

1. Approved Regular Board Meeting Minutes for November 18, 2015.
2. Approved Treasurer's Report for November 2015  
Approved Budget Status Report for November 2015  
Approved Payroll for November 2015 and bills for December 2015 as summarized herein:

Payroll	11/14	\$ 752,308.73
Bills Payable	12/14	\$ 276,785.14
Totals		\$1,029,093.87
3. Approved the dismissal of **Margarita Granados**, part-time Health Clerk @ WDJH

It was moved by Mr. Lange and seconded by Mr. Cox that the Board approve the consent agenda for the month of December, 2015.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Botello, Daniels, Lange, Woods, Cox, and Petrella.  
Nays – none. Motion carried.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- a. **Presentation of 2015 PARCC Scores & Illinois District & School Report Cards (Board Goal 1):** The PARCC scores and Illinois School/District Report Cards were shared with the Board members on Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Kudrna and the principals reviewed the information with the Board.
- b. **Draft School Calendar 2016-17** – It was reported that the process of constructing the calendar for the 2016/17 school year had begun. Dr. Corbett gave a brief overview to the Board and requested their input. A draft calendar will be made available for the January meeting and the Board will be asked to vote on the final calendar in February.

- c. **Wood Dale Education Foundation – Grants** – Each year the Wood Dale Education Foundation provides \$10,000 in grants to district teachers. Several years ago the Board established the tradition of matching the grants. The Board has continued to annually budget for this amount. A list of the grants approved this year was shared with the Board members for their review.
- d. **FORWARD Body Mass Index (BMI) 2014/15 Information** – The FORWARD BMI Reports were shared with the Board earlier this month. Obesity remains an issue for district students and their families. The district has taken action to assist families in better understanding this issue and the need to help their children achieve and maintain a healthy weight (FitnessGram, parent education events, changes in the lunch program & PE curriculum). The current FORWARD BMI reports will be shared with the staff and families. Hopefully, this will stimulate some reflection and more importantly action on the part of district families to address this important matter.
- e. **Monthly Financial Update & Recommended School Fees for 2016/17 (Board Goal 3a, 3b & 3c)** – Mr. Singh provided the Board with a detailed report regarding the financial status of the district. His report included: Treasure's Report, CPIU Update, State Delinquency, Fund Balances YTD. Mr. Singh also provided the Finance Committee's recommendation regarding fees for the 2016/17 school year. The 2016/17 fees will be voted on at the January Board meeting.
- f. **Informational Notices & Dates to Remember – Articles and notices were shared with the Board.**
  - Monday, December 21 - Winter Break Begins
  - Tuesday, January 5 - Classes Resume
  - Monday, January 18 - Martin Luther King Day – No School
  - Wednesday, January 20 - School Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

It was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Mr. Lange that the Board approve the Superintendent's Report for the month of December 2015. After a voice vote President Petrella declared the motion carried.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. **Finance Committee:** The Finance Committee met this evening, prior to the Board meeting. The committee discussed the Board Finance goals, the 2016/17 school fees, as well as the upcoming negotiations with the WDEA. Mr. Singh provided a report.
- b. **Communication Committee:** The Communication Committee met on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. The committee viewed the draft version of the new WD7 website and provided feedback to the administration. Dr. Corbett provided a report.

#### ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approval of 2015 Illinois District & School Report Cards:** It was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Mr. Cox that the Board approve the 2015 Illinois School & District Report Cards.  
  
Roll call vote: Yeas – Daniels, Botello, Cox, Petrella, Woods, and Lange.  
Nays – none. Motion carried.
2. **Approval of Job Description – Maintenance Technician:** It was moved by Mr. Lange and seconded by Mr. Woods that the Board approve the job description for Maintenance Technician.  
  
Roll call vote: Yeas – Cox, Petrella, Daniels, Lange, Botello, and Woods.  
Nays – none. Motion carried.
3. **Approval and Adoption of the Revisions to the Following Policies:** It was moved by Mrs. Botello and seconded by Mr. Cox that the Board approve and adopt the revisions to the following policies:
  - i. 2:150 Committees
  - ii. 2:160 Board Attorney
  - iii. 2:200 Types of School Board Meetings
  - iv. 4:170 Safety
  - v. 4:175 Convicted Child Sex Offender; Criminal Background Check and/or Screen; Notifications
  - vi. 4:50 Payment Procedures
  - vii. 5:50 Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace Tobacco Prohibition
  - viii. 5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
  - ix. 5:100 Staff Development Program
  - x. 6:15 School Accountability
  - xi. 6:50 School Wellness

- xii. 7:10 Equal Education Opportunity
- xiii. 7:140 Search & Seizure
- xiv. 7:260 Exemption from Physical Activity
- xv. 7:290 Suicide & Depression Awareness and Prevention
- xvi. 7:310 Restrictions on Publications and Written or Electronic Material
- xvii. 7:325 Student Fundraising Activities

Roll call vote: Yeas – Lange, Woods, Cox, Petrella, Botello, and Daniels.  
Nays – none. Motion carried.

**CLOSED SESSION** - It was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Mr. Woods that the Board enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee and collective negotiating matters or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Daniels, Cox, Lange, Petrella, Woods, and Botello.  
Nays – none. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 9:12 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 9:50 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** It was moved by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mr. Cox that the meeting be adjourned. After a voice vote President Petrella declared the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

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Joe Petrella, President

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Araceli Botello, Secretary