

**Board of Education 7 Regular Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. - Boardroom**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

President pro tem Cox called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and he directed the board clerk to call the roll. Upon roll call the following members answered present: Woods, Cox, Miljkovic, Fletcher-Gomez, and Botello.

Ms. Fletcher-Gomez joined the meeting via telephone.

Absent members: Petrella and Papadopoulos.

Also present were: Dr. John Corbett, Superintendent; Dr. Joe Bailey, Business Manager; Mrs. Elvia Villalobos, Curriculum Director, Ms. Cristina Montano, Board Clerk; Dr. Joe Krause, Principal; Dr. Theresa Ulrich, Principal; Mr. Alan Buttner, Principal; Mrs. Melissa Favata, Principal, Ms. Christine Lucero-Bahr, Ms. Jessica Snyder, Mrs. Pam Wawczak, Transportation Coordinator, Mr. Gus Gonzalez, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds, Dr. Shannon Dudek, members of the WD7 Transportation Department, students, parents, and community members.

Mrs. Papadopoulos arrived at 7:01 p.m.

**III. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- Freedom of Information (FOIA) Request - The board received one FOIA request this month from: 1) Mike Powers, Director of Organizing SMART Local 265; requesting information regarding construction and/or maintenance work planned for this year for any building owned or leased by our district. The request was responded to within the required timeline.
- Strive for Excellence - The board awarded two Strive for Excellence recognitions this evening: 1) Several Wood Dale Junior High students who won the VFW essay contest; and 2) Mrs. Pam Wawczak for her 37 years of service to the children, families, and staff of District 7.
- Mrs. Daniels Service Award - Dr. Corbett asked if any BOE members would be willing to work with him on developing the application and procedures for the Marilyn Daniels Service award. The goal is to be able to seek applicants in April to present the award in June.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments from the audience.

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

1. Approved Regular Meeting Minutes February 20, 2025
2. Approved Treasurer's Report for February 2025
3. Approved Budget Status Report for February 2025
4. Approved Payroll for February 2025 and bills for March 2025 as summarized herein:

|               |      |                     |
|---------------|------|---------------------|
| Payroll       | 2/25 | \$857,660.38        |
| Bills Payable | 3/25 | <u>\$253,238.65</u> |
| Totals        |      | \$1,110,899.03      |
5. Approved Personnel Report for the month of March, 2025
  - a. Employment - ratified the employment of **Cecilia Gamez Cerda**, P/T Evening Custodian @ WDJH, **Alondra Villegas**, Bilingual Paraprofessional @ OB, **Darlene Plesnicar**, Lunch Supervisor @ WV, **Robert Zimmerman**, P/T Evening Custodian @ OB, and **Anthony Spadaro**, Paraprofessional @ OB effective 3/20/25.
  - b. Resignation - approved the resignation of **Maria Kotlik**, Bilingual Interventionist Teacher @ OB and **Ronald Wissig**, Teacher @ WV effective the last day of teacher attendance.
  - c. Retirement - accepted the retirement of **Joseph Artner**, Bus Driver @ DO effective 2/28/25.
  - d. FMLA (for informational purposes only) - **Xiomara Herrera**, Secretary @ ECEC, intermittently beginning 3/3/25 through 4/28/25.
  - e. Change of Position - For Informational Purposes Only - **Doretta Schiddell**, Bus Driver/Custodian @ DO to Bus Dispatcher @ DO and **Elias Jacobo**, Courier @ DO to Transportation Technician/Courier @ DO effective 3/31/25.

6. Approval of Classified Job Descriptions
  - a. School Bus Dispatcher
  - b. Transportation Technician & Courier
  - c. School Secretary
  - d. Day Custodian
  - e. Maintenance Technician

Mr. Woods requested that the Bills for March, 2025 be removed from the Consent Agenda and be voted on separately.

It was moved by Mrs. Papadopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the board approve the consent agenda (with the exception of the March, 2025 Bills) for the month of March, 2025.

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

It was moved by Mrs. Botello and seconded by Mr. Woods that the board approve the bills for March, 2025.

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

## VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Enrollment Status Report – Dr. Corbett provided the board with a report on the current district enrollment.
- B. County Compliance Visit – Dr. Corbett reported that the DuPage County compliance visit was successful. WD7 was given a verbal summary stating the district is “in full compliance”. A written report from the compliance team is expected soon and will be shared with the board upon receipt. Dr. Corbett expressed his gratitude to all the administrators and staff members who assisted in gathering information to prepare for the compliance visit.
- C. Monthly Financial Update – Dr. Bailey 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 31-April 4, 2025      Spring Break
  - Monday, April 7, 2025                Classes Resume
  - Thursday, April 17, 2025            School Board Meeting – 7pm

## VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

## VIII. ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approval of Contract for Chief School Business Official Effective July 1, 2025** - It was moved by Mrs. Botello and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the board approve the contract for Mr. Christopher Blomquist to serve as the Chief School Business Office effective July 1, 2025.  
  
Roll call vote: Yeas – Papadopoulos, Fletcher-Gomez, Botello, Cox, and Miljkovic.  
Nays – None. Abstain - Woods. Motion carried.
2. **Authorization for Administration to Seek Bids for Sealcoating, Crack Filling, Patchwork & Re-striping at all District Parking Lots** - It was moved by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the board authorize the administration to seek bids for maintenance work on all district parking lots this summer.  
  
Roll call vote: Yeas – Fletcher-Gomez, Papadopoulos, Miljkovic, Botello, Cox, and Woods.  
Nays – None. Motion carried.
3. **Approval of Amended IWAS 2024/25 School Calendar** - It was moved by Mrs. Miljkovic and seconded by Mr. Woods that the board approve the amended 2024/25 school calendar indicating the change of last day of student attendance from June 4th to June 5th due to the emergency school closing on 2/12/25. The instructional staff's last half-day will change from June 5th to June 6th.  
  
Roll call vote: Yeas – Miljkovic, Fletcher-Gomez, Papadopoulos, Cox, Woods, and Botello.  
Nays – None. Motion carried.

4. **Approval of Resolution Approving Proposed Amendments to the DuPage West Cook Intergovernmental Agreement** - Mrs. Miljkovic presented the Resolution. It was moved by Mrs. Botello and seconded by Mrs. Papadopoulos that the Board approve the proposed amendments to the DuPage West Cook Intergovernmental Agreement.

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

5. **Approval of Transportation Contract for Special Education Students Served by NDSEC** - It was moved by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez that the Board approve the transportation contract for special education students served by NDSEC.

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

6. **Approval to Change the June Board of Education 7 Meeting Date from June 18, 2025 to June 12, 2025** - It was moved by Mrs. Botello and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the Board approve change of date for the June 18, 2025 meeting to June 12, 2025.

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

- IX. **CLOSED SESSION** - It was moved by Mrs. Papadopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the Board go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, dismissal of specific employees, pending litigation, and the placement of a student in a special education program.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Papadopoulos, Woods, Fletcher-Gomez, Botello, Cox, and Miljkovic.

Nays – None. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 7:42 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 8:12 p.m.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mrs. Botello and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic to adjourn the meeting. After a voice vote President Pro tem Cox declared the motion carried.

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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Todd Cox, Vice-President

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Aida Miljkovic, Secretary