

Wood Dale School District 7 Board of Education
543 N. Wood Dale Rd. • Wood Dale, Illinois
Regular Meeting • Thursday, February 17, 2022 • 7:00 p.m. • Center for the Arts (WDJH)

MINUTES

ROLL CALL/QUORUM/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Petrella called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and he directed the secretary to call the roll. Upon roll call the following members answered present: Cox, Petrella, Daniels, Miljkovic, Fletcher-Gomez, Woods, and Botello.

Ms. Fletcher-Gomez attended the meeting via telephone.

Absent members: None.

Also present were: Dr. John Corbett, Superintendent; Dr. Merri Beth Kudrna, Curriculum Director; Mr. Steve Wilt, Business Manager, Mr. Greg Cyrier, Technology Coordinator; Dan Cook, Technology Assistant; Ms. Cristina Montano, Executive Assistant; Mr. Joe Krause, Principal; Mr. Al Buttimer, Principal; Mr. Tim Shermak, Principal; and Mrs. Elvia Villalobos, Principal; staff, and community members (attended the meeting in-person and remotely).

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

- **Freedom of Information Act Requests:** It was reported that there were no FOIA requests received during the last month.
- **Strive For Excellence Recognition** - The District 7 Administrative Support Staff were awarded the Strive for Excellence Award in recognition of their ongoing support of the students, families, staff, and administrators throughout the pandemic.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (PART 1) - President Petrella requested Dr. Corbett provide his presentation regarding his recommendation for COVID mitigations prior to having the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

- A. Covid 19 Mitigation Update** - Dr. Corbett updated the Board regarding the latest information pertaining to Illinois schools' implementation of the COVID 19 mitigation requirements. Dr. Corbett provided historical and current COVID data and metrics for the Wood Dale zip code and the school district. Dr. Corbett presented his recommendation for the Board to authorize the administration to implement a Mask Not Required option for students, staff, and visitors. This program would be implemented on a date of the Boards choosing. The program would be monitored daily by the administration and district health staff and evaluated relative to local COVID data. The Board and administration would reserve the right to reimplement a Mask Mandatory rule if the local COVID data indicated a need. The Board discussed the recommendation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Petrella invited comments from audience members. He reviewed the policy for public comment prior to inviting the first audience member to address the Board. Seven members of the audience addressed the Board regarding COVID-19 mask wearing concerns and objections, including: 1) Ms. Elitsa Papadopoulos, 2) Ms. Ana Woch, 3) Ms. Urszula Baran, 4) Ms. Ana Beben, 5) Mr. Lukasz Woch, 6) Mr. Krzysztof Wyszowski, and 7) Ms. Dorothy Stasiu. Additionally, there were three comments from the public received on-line from: 1) Ms. Patricia Corcchia, 2) Malgorzata Belcik, and 3) Katie Moretti. These comments were read aloud to the Board.

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

1. Approved Regular Meeting Minutes for January 20, 2022 and Closed Session Meeting Minutes for January 20, 2022.
2. Approved Treasurer's Report for January 2022.
3. Approved Budget Status Report for January 2022.
4. Approved Payroll for January 2022 and bills for February 2022 as summarized herein:

Payroll	1/22	\$ 745,999.50
Bills Payable	2/22	<u>\$ 343,658.67</u>
Totals		\$1,089,658.17
5. Approved Personnel Report for the month of February 2022.
 - **Employment** – ratified the employment of **Maria Kotlik**, Bilingual Intervention Teacher @ JH/WV; and **Franchesca Ferguson**, Lunch Supervisor @ OB effective 2/17/22.
 - **Resignation** - accepted the resignation of **Itzel Ramirez-Sanchez**, Health Clerk @ JH effective 1/24/22.
 - **Retirement** - accepted the retirement request of **Joy Cheney**, Paraprofessional @ WV effective the last day of teacher attendance; and **Julie Ehrhardt**, Teacher @ WV effective the last day of teacher attendance.

Mr. Woods requested that the Bills for February, 2022 be removed from the Consent Agenda and be voted on separately.

It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the Board approve the consent agenda (with the exception of the February 2022 Bills) for the month of February 2022.

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

It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the Board approve the Bills for the month of February 2022.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (PART 2)

- B. Enrollment Status Report** – Dr. Corbett provided the Board with a report on the current district enrollment.
- C. Eight Week Math & English/Spanish Language Arts Progress Monitoring Report** – Dr. Kudrna and Ms. Rachel Schayer (Intervention Coach) presented the achievement results from the second 8 weeks of intervention services with students in Tiers II and III.
- D. Proposal for Summer School** - Dr. Corbett reviewed the summary of the proposed 2022 summer school program with the Board. The administration requested Board approval of this program this evening. This will allow the administration to begin sending information home to families and recruiting teachers immediately.
- E. Monthly Financial Update** – Mr. Wilt provided the Board with a detailed report regarding the financial status of the District. Mr. Wilt also provided information on the Flex Spending Resolution, an update on the Oakbrook slab repair project, and the plan to sealcoat all parking lots this summer.
- F. Informational Items and Communications** – The following are important dates for upcoming school district events:
- Monday, February 21 Presidents' Day - NO SCHOOL
 - Friday, February 25 School Improvement Half Day – Students attend AM only
 - Friday, March 4 Teacher Professional Development – NO SCHOOL
 - Tuesday, March 15 Election Day Holiday - NO SCHOOL
 - Thursday, March 17 School Board Meeting – 7pm
 - Monday, March 28 Spring Break Begins

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Multicultural Family Advisory Committee** - The Multicultural Committee met on February 10th. Dr. Corbett and the committee members reported on the meeting where they had several new families attend and held a discussion regarding their experiences in the district. Mrs. Botello was in attendance at the meeting to represent the Board.

ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Approval of Modifications to COVID-19 Mitigations** - It was recommended the Board authorize the administration to implement a Mask Not Required option for students, staff and visitors. This program will be implemented on Tuesday, February 22, 2022. The program will be monitored daily by the administration and district health staff and evaluated relative to local COVID data. The Board and administration reserve the right to reimplement a Mask Mandatory rule if the local COVID data indicate a need. After some discussion the Board unanimously agreed to vote and approve the Mask Not Required Option as presented by Dr. Corbett.

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

- 2. Approval of 2022/23 School Calendar** - It was moved by Mrs. Botello and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the Board approve and adopt the 2022/23 School Calendar as presented.

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

- 3. Approval of Resolution of Amended Cafeteria Plan Including the Health Flexible Spending Account and Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account** - Mr. Cox presented the Resolution. It was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the Board approve the Resolution of Amended Cafeteria Plan Including the Health Flexible Spending Account and Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account.

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

4. **Approval to Solicit Bids for Sealcoating for Parking Lots** - It was moved by Mrs. Botello and seconded by Mr. Cox that the Board authorize the administration to solicit bids to sealcoat all District 7 parking lots this summer.

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

5. **Approval of 2022 Summer School Program** - It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Woods that the Board approve the 2022 Summer School Proposal as presented by the administration this evening.

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

CLOSED SESSION - It was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Mr. Cox that the Board enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, and matters pertaining to individual students.

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

The Board went into closed session at 8:57 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 9:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the meeting be adjourned.

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Todd Cox, Vice-President

Araceli Botello, Secretary