

Wood Dale School District 7 Board of Education
543 N. Wood Dale Rd. • Wood Dale, Illinois
Regular Meeting • Thursday, March 18, 2021 • 7:00 p.m. • VIRTUAL MEETING

MINUTES

ROLL CALL/QUORUM/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Petrella called the virtual meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and he directed the Board Clerk Sub to call the roll. Upon roll call the following members answered present: Cox, Petrella, Fletcher-Gomez, Woods, and Botello.

Absent members: Daniels and Zuniga.

Also present were: Dr. John Corbett, Superintendent, Dr. Merri Beth Kudrna, Curriculum Director, Mr. Steve Wilt, Business Manager, Mr. Josh Halverson, Tech Coordinator, and Ms. Vicky Amaro, Administrative Asst. to Curriculum Director/Board Clerk Sub (attendees were present in the Boardroom and District Office); Mrs. Shelly Skarzynski, Principal; Mr. Al Buttimer, Principal; Mr. Tim Shermak, Principal; Mrs. Elvia Villalobos, Principal; Mr. Joe Krause, Assistant Principal; Ms. Kelly Gould, District Special Education Coordinator; staff, and community members (attended the meeting remotely).

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

- **Freedom of Information Act Requests:** Dr. Corbett reported that the district received one FOIA request from WLS regarding attendance data for District 7 students for in-person/remote learning. The request was fulfilled within the designated time.
- **Strive For Excellence Recognition** - The Board of Education recognized the Transition Planning Committee for their dedication and effort in assisting in the planning to safely open our schools for students and staff this fall during the COVID-19 pandemic.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was solicited via online for a period of two weeks prior to the virtual meeting. During this time, no public comments were received.

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

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

The Board went into closed session at 7:14 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 7:30 p.m.

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

1. Approved Regular Meeting Minutes for February 18, 2021 and Closed Session Meeting Minutes for February 18, 2021.
2. Approved Treasurer's Report for February 2021.
3. Approved Budget Status Report for February 2021.
4. Approved Payroll for February 2021 and bills for March 2021 as summarized herein:

Payroll	2/21	\$ 702,453.01
Bills Payable	3/21	<u>\$ 142,456.34</u>
Totals		\$ 844,909.35

5. Approved Personnel Report for the month of March 2021.
 - a. **Employment** - ratified the employment of **Pedro Carteno**, Part-time Custodian @ WV effective 3/18/21.
 - b. **Resignation** – accepted the resignation of **Concepcion Rodelo**, 2nd Grade Dual Language Teacher @ OB effective 6/9/21; **Athena Burbulis**, Special Education Teacher @ EC effective 6/9/21; **Melyssa Madeck**, Bus Driver @ DO effective 6/8/21; and **Alvaro Alvarez**, Custodian @ JH effective 3/18/21.

It was moved by Mrs. Botello and seconded by Ms. Mary Fletcher-Gomez that the Board approve the consent agenda for the month of March, 2021.

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

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. **Enrollment Status Report** – Dr. Corbett provided the Board with a report on the current district enrollment.
- B. **Expansion of Hybrid Learning (Board Goal #1)** - Within the last week the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and Illinois Department of Health (IDPH) relaxed the requirements for social distancing in schools, the administration has been investigating ways to increase the amount of time in-person students could spend in school. Dr. Corbett & Dr. Kudrna provided a report.

- C. **Curriculum Update - Unfinished Learning (Board Goal #1)** - Board members were previously provided with a video describing the unfinished learning that resulted from the pandemic. Dr. Kudrna provided the Board with information regarding the actions taken by the administration and staff to address unfinished learning with our students currently, as well as in the future.
- D. **Tax Abatement Presentation (Board Goal #3)** - At the February meeting the Board discussed approving a Resolution to abate taxes for the taxpayers. Mr. Wilt provided the Board with a presentation on the details of the abatement and its impact on the district and the local taxpayers.
- E. **Monthly Financial Update (Board Goal #3)** – Mr. Wilt provided the Board with a detailed report regarding the financial status of the District. His report also included an update on: 1) the need to bid for two school buses in April, 2) update on the E-Rate bid, and 3) the need to amend the fiscal year 2020 budget later this spring.
- F. **Informational Items and Communications** – The following are important dates for upcoming school district events:
- o Monday, March 29, 2021 Spring Break Begins
 - o Friday, April 2, 2021 Local Holiday- NO SCHOOL
 - o Monday, April 5, 2021 Teacher Professional Development - NO SCHOOL
 - o Tuesday, April 6, 2021 Teacher Professional Development - NO SCHOOL
 - o Wednesday, April 7, 2021 Classes Resume
 - o Thursday, April 15, 2021 School Board Meeting – 7pm

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **Policy Committee** - The Policy Committee met Wednesday, March 3rd to review a number of policies and make recommendations for first reading approval. Dr. Corbett and Policy Committee members, Mrs. Daniels, and Mr. Woods presented a report and answered questions.
- B. **Wellness Committee (Board Goals #2a, b & c)** - The Wellness Committee met on February 24th. Mrs. Fletcher-Gomez represented the Board on this committee. Mr. Wilt provided the Board with a report.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. ~~**Approval of Non-Renewal of Probationary Teacher**~~ — Action Item #1 was removed from the agenda because it was no longer needed.
2. **Approval of Resolution transferring funds from the educational fund of School District Number 7, DuPage County, Illinois, to the bond and interest fund of said School District and abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2020 to pay debt service on the General Obligation Limited School Refunding Bonds, Series 2013, and the General Obligation Limited Refunding School Bonds, Series 2020, of said School District.** - Mr. Cox presented the Resolution. It was moved by Mrs. Botello and seconded by Mr. Woods that the Board approve the Tax Abatement Resolution.

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

Nays – none. Motion carried.

3. **Approval of First Reading of Policies:** It was moved by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the Board approve the 1st Reading of the following policies:
- a. 1:30 School District Philosophy
 - b. 4:90 Student Activity and Fiduciary Funds
 - c. 6:340 Student Testing and Assessment Program
 - d. 7:100 Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students
 - e. 7:250 Student Support Services
 - f. 7:290 Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention
 - g. 7:300 Extracurricular Athletics
 - h. 7:40 Nonpublic School Students, Including Parochial and Home-Schooled Students Part-time Attendance

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

Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

The Board went into closed session at 8:19 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 8:47 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Woods that the meeting be adjourned.

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

The virtual meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Joe Petrella, President

Araceli Botello, Secretary