

**Wood Dale School District 7 Board of Education**  
**543 N. Wood Dale Rd. • Wood Dale, Illinois**  
**Regular Board Meeting • Wednesday, April 26, 2017 • 7:00 p.m. • Board Room**

**MINUTES**

**OLD BOARD**

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

President Pro tem Daniels called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and she directed the secretary to call the roll. Upon roll call the following members answered present: Mr. Cox, Mrs. Daniels, Mr. Lange, Mrs. Fletcher-Gomez, Mr. Woods, and Mrs. Botello.

Absent members: Petrella.

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

The Board and audience members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- Dr. Corbett reminded the Board about the upcoming staff appreciation event.
- Dr. Corbett extended an invitation to the Board, on behalf of Ms. Gruben, to attend the upcoming performance of Guys & Dolls at Wood Dale Junior High.
- Dr. Corbett shared information regarding a recent effort by Illinois Superintendents to make a statement to the General Assembly and the Governor urging them to pass a budget. Additional information regarding this effort can be found on the district website.
- Dr. Corbett informed the Board that Mr. Lange was honored at the April DuPage IASA meeting for his 38 years of service on the Wood Dale Board of Education.
- Dr. Corbett informed the Board that Mr. Morong and the Symphonic Band were one of only eight middle school bands throughout the state to have been selected to participate in the elite SuperState Band Festival, which will be held on Friday, May 5th at the University of Illinois in Urbana.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were a number of comment made by members of the public:

- An anonymous parent letter concerning the salaries of District 7 teachers and administrators was read by Ms. Chris Miller.
- Parent, Mr. John Aguilar read and submitted written comments praising the District 7 teachers who taught his children and expressing some questions and concerns about the proposed alternative compensation system being proposed by the Board of Education
- Parent Ms. Dorothy Trzeciak expressed her gratitude for the District 7 teachers and administrators who supported her children during their time attending school.
- Mr. Oronzo Peconio, newly elected President of the Fenton Board of Education, introduced himself to the Board and extended an invitation to the Board to meet with the District 2 & 100 Boards in an effort to identify ways in which the three districts could collaborate.
- Ms. Stacy Meiner, 4th grade teacher, invited the Board and the entire community to attend a Family Fitness Night at Westview School on May 11<sup>th</sup>. This event is part of the parent engagement efforts underway at all our schools.
- Parent, Ms. Gabriela Cortez expressed words of gratitude regarding the District 7 teachers and staff.

President Petrella joined open session at 7:45pm.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA INCLUDING MINUTES AND PERSONNEL REPORT**

1. Approved Regular Board Meeting Minutes for April 26, 2017, Closed Session I for April 26, 2017, and Closed Session II for April 26, 2017.
2. Approved Treasurer's Report for March 2017.  
Approved Budget Status Report for March 2017.  
Approved Payroll for March 2017 and bills for April 2017 as summarized herein:

Payroll	3/17	\$1,019,580.27
Bills Payable	4/17	<u>\$ 437,669.81</u>
Totals		\$1,457,250.08

3. Approve Personnel Report for the month of March, 2017.
  - Employment – ratified the employment of Cara Gamez, Early Intervention Teacher @ OB effective 4/26/17; Megan Shore, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade ESL Teacher @ OB effective 4/26/17; and Melisa Ledesma, Special Education/Bilingual Resource Teacher @ OB/WV effective 4/26/17.
  - Resignation – approved the resignation of Ana Baldeon-Wong, Paraprofessional @ EC effective 3/15/17.
  - Retirement – accepted the retirement of Alice Schwarz, Secretary @ JH effective 6/30/17.
4. Approval of Out-of-State Conference Travel Expenses
  - 2017 ISTE Conference, San Antonio, TX
    - 1) Shelly Skarzynski
    - 2) Josh Halverson
    - 3) Gina DiFiglio
    - 4) Lauren Hasse
    - 5) Ashley Perz
    - 6) Lauren Cipkin
  - 2017 Spanish Literacy Institute Conference, Chevy Chase, MD
    - 1) Elvia Villalobos

It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Daniels that the Board approve the consent agenda for the month of April, 2017.

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

**Review of Election Results - April 4, 2017:** The results of the April 4, 2017 election, received from the DuPage County Election Commission, were read aloud by President Petrella:

- Mr. Todd Cox was re-elected to a four-year term on the Wood Dale Board of Education.
- Mrs. Marilyn Daniels was re-elected to a four-year term on the Wood Dale Board of Education.
- Mr. Carl Lange was re-elected to a four-year term on the Wood Dale Board of Education.
- Mr. David Woods was re-elected to a four-year term on the Wood Dale Board of Education.

It was moved by Mr. Lange and seconded by Mrs. Fletcher-Gomez that the Board approve the election results received from the DuPage County Election Commission.

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

**Adjournment Sine Die:** It was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Mr. Woods that the last meeting of the old Board be adjourned sine die.

After a voice vote President Petrella declared the motion carried.

\*There was a short break while Board and community members enjoyed some refreshments to celebrate the re-election of the Board members.

## **NEW BOARD**

### **ROLL CALL/QUORUM**

The Board members determined that Mr. Petrella should serve as President Pro tem.

President Pro tem Petrella, administered the oath of office to re-elected Board members: Mr. Cox, Mrs. Daniels, Mr. Lange, and Mr. Woods.

President Pro tem Petrella called the Board meeting to order at 8:06 p.m. and directed the secretary to call the roll. Upon roll call the following members answered present: Daniels, Fletcher-Gomez, Botello, Cox, Petrella, Woods, and Lange.

Absent members: None.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

President Pro tem Petrella opened the floor for nominations for Board President. Mrs. Daniels nominated Mr. Petrella for Board President, seconded by Mrs. Botello. Hearing no other nominations, it was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the nominations be closed and the Board, declare by acclamation, Mr. Petrella elected as Board President to serve for two years. **After a voice vote to confirm the acclamation, Mr. Petrella was declared Board President.**

President Petrella opened the floor for nominations for Board Vice-President. Mrs. Daniels nominated Mr. Cox for Board Vice-President, seconded by Mr. Petrella. Hearing no other nominations, it was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Mr. Cox that the nominations be closed and the Board, declare by acclamation, Mr. Cox as Board Vice-President to serve for two years. **After a voice vote to confirm the acclamation, Mr. Cox was declared Board Vice-President.**

President Petrella opened the floor for nominations for Board Secretary. Mr. Cox nominated Mrs. Botello for Board Secretary, seconded by Mrs. Fletcher-Gomez. Hearing no other nominations, it was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Fletcher-Gomez that the nominations be closed and the Board, declare by acclamation, Mrs. Botello as Board Secretary to serve for two years. **After a voice vote to confirm the acclamation, Mrs. Botello was declared Secretary.**

**APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY**

It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Daniels that the Board appoint Ms. Cristina Montano to continue to serve as Recording Secretary for the Wood Dale Board of Education.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from the public.

**DETERMINE TIME & PLACE OF REGULAR MEETINGS**

President Petrella proposed the Board discuss the two proposed board meeting date & time schedules, 1) the third Wednesday or every month at 7:30pm or 2) the third Thursday of every month at 7pm. There was some discussion about the proposed change to the third Thursday of the month, with Mr. Woods stating he was not in favor of the change.

It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Mary Fletcher-Gomez that the Board approve the list of meeting dates for the third Thursday of every month at 7pm commencing the new school year, August 2017.

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

**APPOINTMENT TO BOARD COMMITTEES**

Mr. Petrella informed the Board that the appointments to all Board Committees would be made at the May, 2017 Board meeting. Mr. Petrella requested that Board members contact him if they had a particular committee on which they wanted to serve.

**CLOSED SESSION:** It was moved by Mrs. Botello and seconded by Mrs. Fletcher-Gomez that the Board enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing student discipline.

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

The Board went into closed session at 8:18 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 8:28 p.m.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- a. **Enrollment Status Report** – Dr. Corbett provided the Board with a written report of the current student enrollment in the district.
- b. **Regional Office of Education Compliance Visit Summary** – In February the Regional Office of Education sent their compliance team to the district to review the District 7: curriculum, personnel records, business practices and policies. Upon completion of the compliance visit, District 7 received full recognition. Additionally, there were 10 elements of our programs that the compliance team listed as areas of commendation. Three minor areas of concern were identified and an action plan has already been put in place to address these matters.

- c. **Monthly Financial Update (Board Goal 4b)** - Mr. Singh provided the Board with a detailed report regarding the financial status of the District. Additionally, his report included information regarding: Prairie Fest Intergovernmental Agreement & Status of Summer Projects 2017.
- d. **Informational Items and Communications** – Attached are notices and dates to remember regarding upcoming school district events.
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| ➤ Thursday & Friday, April 27-April 28 | JH Spring Musical 7pm                              |
| ➤ Wednesday, May 17, 2017              | School Board Meeting 7:30pm                        |
| ➤ Monday, May 22, 2017                 | JH 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Orientation 6:30pm |
| ➤ Tuesday, May 23, 2017                | Elementary Band Showcase 9:30am                    |
| ➤ Wednesday, May 24, 2017              | EC Moving Up Ice Cream Social 6pm & 7pm            |
| ➤ Thursday, May 25, 2017               | Spring Band Concert @ JH 7pm                       |
| ➤ Friday, May 26, 2017                 | School Improvement Day – Half Day                  |
| ➤ Monday, May 29, 2017                 | Memorial Day – No School                           |
| ➤ Thursday, June 1, 2017               | 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Promotional Exercises 7pm    |

It was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Mr. Lange that the Board approve the Superintendent's Report for the month of April, 2017.

After a voice vote President Petrella declared the motion carried.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Multicultural Parent Advisory Committee** – Mrs. Botello and Dr. Corbett met with the Multicultural Parent Advisory Committee on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. They provided a written report to the Board.

#### ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with City of Wood Dale for Prairie Fest 2017** – It was moved by Mr. Lange and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the Board approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Wood Dale allowing the city to use school district property for the Prairie Fest this summer.

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

Nays – none. Motion carried.

2. **Approval of Student Discipline Agreements** – It was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Mrs. Fletcher-Gomez that the Board approve the two student disciplinary agreements, as discussed in closed session.

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

Nays – none. Motion carried.

3. **Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Revised Policy 5:330 Educational Support Personnel** – It was moved by Mr. Lange and seconded by Mr. Cox that the Board approve the second reading and adoption of revised Policy 5:330 – Educational Support Personnel.

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

Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

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

Nays – none. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 8:59 p.m.

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

**Adjournment:** It was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Mrs. Fletcher-Gomez that the meeting be adjourned. After a voice vote President Petrella declared the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:51p.m.

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Mr. Joe Petrella, President

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Mrs. Araceli Botello, Secretary