

**Wood Dale School District 7 Board of Education**  
**543 N. Wood Dale Rd. • Wood Dale, Illinois**  
**Regular Meeting • Thursday, October 17, 2019 • 7:00 p.m. • Board Room**

**MINUTES**

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

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

Absent members: None.

Also present were: Dr. John Corbett, Superintendent; Dr. Merri Beth Kudrna, Curriculum Director; Mr. Steve Wilt, Business Manager; Mrs. Shelly Skarzynski, Principal; Mr. Al Buttimer, Principal; Mrs. Elvia Villalobos, Principal; Mr. Joe Krause, Assistant Principal, Ms. Cristina Montano, Administrative Secretary; staff, and community members.

**NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- **Strive for Excellence Awards to the Transportation Department** - The Board recognized Mrs. Wawczak and all the bus drivers for their dedication to safely transporting District 7 students to and from school each day. Dr. Corbett recounted numerous examples of the bus drivers going above and beyond their job requirements to assist students and families.
- **National Principals' Month** - Dr. Corbett noted that October is Principal Appreciation Month. The Board recognized the hard work and dedication of the District 7 Principals.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

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

1. Approved Regular Public Hearing Meeting Minutes for September 19, 2019, Board Meeting Minutes for September 19, 2019, and Closed Session Meeting Minutes for September 19, 2019.
2. Approved Treasurer's Report for September 2019.
3. Approved Budget Status Report for September 2019.  
Approved Payroll for September 2019 and bills for October 2019 as summarized herein:

Payroll	9/19	\$ 730,327.61
Bills Payable	10/19	<u>\$1,065,490.28</u>
Totals		\$1,795,817.89
4. Approved Personnel Report for the month of October, 2019.
  - a. **Resignation** – accepted the resignation of **Alexandra Leon**, Paraprofessional @ EC effective 9/27/19; and **Ana Ochoa**, Paraprofessional @ JH effective 10/4/19.
  - b. **Employment** – ratified the employment of **Mary Scherer**, Paraprofessional @ JH; and **Cristina Meza**, Paraprofessional @ JH effective 10/17/19.
5. Approved Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes & Recordings

It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez that the Board approve the consent agenda for the month of October, 2019.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Botello, Daniels, Zuniga, Fletcher-Gomez, Woods, Cox, and Petrella.  
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. KaBoom Grant Update** - Dr. Corbett provided a summary of the KaBoom! Playground build that took place on October 4th. Dr. Corbett recognized the staff and community members who participated in the event. Board members who took part in the Build Day also commented on their experiences regarding the playground build day.
- C. Portrait of a Graduate** - The first meeting of the Portrait of a Graduate (POG) team was held on October 1st. The members of the District 7 POG team provided the Board with a report. The group meets again on October 22nd.
- D. Summary of District 7 School Improvement Plans** – The principals provided the Board with a combined presentation of the 2019/20 School Improvement Plans for all four schools.
- E. Review of 2019 State School Report Cards (if available)** – Illinois School Code states that the Board of Education is to review the Annual State Report Card prior to it being made available to the public, which is October 31st. Dr. Corbett reported that he was informed that he will not receive copies of the report card until a few days prior to the 31st. Dr. Corbett stated that he will forward copies of the report card to the Board members as soon as he is provided access to the information.

F. **Monthly Financial Update** – Mr. Wilt provided the Board with a detailed report regarding the financial status of the District. He also provided information regarding the 2019 levy request, the 2019 Audit, Annual Financial Report and new insurance rates.

G. **Informational Items and Communications** – The following are important dates for upcoming school district events:

- Thursday, October 31, 2019      Teacher Professional Development/No School (PM only)
- Thursday, November 7, 2019      Fall Band Concert @ 7 p.m. – JH Center for the Arts
- Thursday, November 21, 2019      School Board Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

It was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Mr. Cox that the Board approve the Superintendent's Report for the month of October, 2019. After a voice vote President Petrella declared the motion carried.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Wellness Committee** - The Wellness Committee met on September 16th. They discussed their priorities for the 2019/20 school year including student focus groups and a review of the existing wellness policy. Mr. Wilt, Mrs. Zuniga, and Mrs. Fletcher-Gomez provided a report.
- **Multicultural Family Advisory Committee** - The Multicultural Family Advisory Committee met on October 2nd. The committee set three goals for the upcoming year and these goals were shared with the Board members. Mrs. Botello and Dr. Corbett provided a report.

**ACTION ITEMS:** Mr. Petrella announced that Agenda Item #4 (Approval of New Pay Rate for Retired Substitute Paraprofessionals ) was to be removed from the agenda and delayed until November.

1. **Approval of Tentative 2019 Tax Levy** – It was moved by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mrs. Daniels that the Board approve the tentative 2019 tax levy. This levy will capture 4.97% increase over last year's levy to account for the increase in CPI and new construction added to the tax rolls within the district this year. As required by law, the levy will be on display for 20 days prior to the approval of the final levy at the November Board meeting. This tax revenue will be collected in June and September of 2020.

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

2. **Approval of Dental, Vision & Life Insurance Rates for 2020** - It was moved by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez and seconded by Mr. Cox that the Board approve the 2020 Dental, Vision and Life Insurance rates as presented in the Business Manager's Report.

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

3. **Approval of the 2019 Audit and Annual Financial Report** - It was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the Board approve the Fiscal Year 2019 District 7 Annual Financial Report prepared by auditor, Evans, Marshall, Pease and presented this evening as part of the Business Manager's report.

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

4. ~~**Approval of New Pay Rate for Retired Substitute Paraprofessionals**~~

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

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Joe Petrella, President

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Araceli Botello, Secretary