

Wood Dale School District 7 Board of Education
543 N. Wood Dale Rd. • Wood Dale, Illinois
Regular Meeting • Thursday, November 21, 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, Petrella, Woods, and Zuniga.

Absent members: Fletcher-Gomez.

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

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

- **Board Member Appreciation Day** - Dr. Corbett announced that this week marked Illinois School Board Member Appreciation Day. On behalf of the students and families of Wood Dale 7 he expressed his gratitude to the Board members for all the time and energy they put forth to ensure District 7 operates smoothly.
- **NDSEC Annual Report** - Dr. Corbett provided each Board member with a copy of the Northeast DuPage Special Education Cooperative Annual Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

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 the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees and pending litigation.

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

The Board went into closed session at 7:05 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 7:28 p.m.

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

1. Approved Regular Meeting Minutes for October, 2019
 2. Approved Treasurer's Report for October 2019.
 3. Approved Budget Status Report for October 2019.
- Approved Payroll for October 2019 and bills for November 2019 as summarized herein:

Payroll	10/19	\$ 776,546.85
Bills Payable	11/19	<u>\$ 387,294.81</u>
Totals		\$1,163,841.66

Approved Personnel Report for the month of November, 2019.

- a. **FMLA** – accepted the FMLA request from **Steve Kante**, Custodian @ OB from 10/23/19 through 1/6/20; and **Mary Jeske**, Paraprofessional @ OB from 11/14/19 through 1/9/20.

It was moved by Mrs. Botello and seconded by Mr. Cox that the Board approve the consent agenda for the month of November, 2019.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Woods, Botello, Cox, Petrella, Daniels, and Zuniga.
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. **Portrait of a Graduate Update** - The Portrait of a Graduate (POG) team met on October 22nd and November 4th. The planning process is now complete. The superintendents would like to have a special Joint-Board meeting on March 11th to have all three Boards approve the plan at the same time. The members of the District 7 POG team (Mr. Petrella, Mrs. Botello, Dr. Kudrna, Mrs. Skarzynski & Mrs. Villalobos) provided the Board with a report.
- C. **Update on Implementation of Full Day Kindergarten Program & Developmentally Appropriate Practice Early Childhood through 3rd Grade (Board Goal #1D)** - The first trimester of the implementation of full day kindergarten is now completed and the program has been successful. The staff has also been working to incorporate more developmentally appropriate teaching practices across the primary grades. Dr. Kudrna provided the Board with a report.

- D. Math Fluency Committee Update (Board Goal #1A)** - The Math Fluency Committee has been working on developing a philosophy and grade level expectations for teaching math fluency. Dr. Kudrna provided an update for the Board.
- E. 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, as well as the resolutions for architectural and engineering services.
- F. Informational Items and Communications** – The following are important dates for upcoming school district events:
- Monday, November 25 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - No School
 - Tuesday, November 26 - Teacher Professional Development - No School
 - Wednesday, November 27 - Local Holiday – No School
 - Thursday, November 28 - Thanksgiving – No School
 - Friday, November 29 - Local Holiday – No School
 - Tuesday, December 10 - WV Holiday Program 6:30 p.m. @ Center for the Arts
 - Thursday, December 12 - OB Holiday Program 6:30 p.m. @ Center for the Arts
 - Tuesday, December 17 - EC Holiday Program 6 p.m. & 7 p.m.
 - Wednesday, December 18 – District 7 Holiday Choral Program 7 p.m. @ Center for the Arts
 - Thursday, December 19 - School Board Meeting 7 p.m.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Finance Committee (Board Goal #3C)** - The Finance Committee met on November 11th and November 21. Dr. Corbett and Committee Members provided a report and recommended: 1) The Board proceed with Phase 2 of the energy savings contract, 2) The Board agree to the request by the City Council to use the field at Westview for a stormwater project in exchange for expanding and improving the Westview parking lot at no expense to the school district, 3) the staff begin work on the maintenance/repair projects proposed to be completed during the 2019/20 school year, 4) Lunch & School Fees for the 2020/21 school year remain unchanged.
- **Wellness Committee** - The Wellness Committee met on November 6th. The committee members reported on: 1) establishing dates for student focus groups, 2) menu changes, and 3) revising the Wellness Policy.
- **Communication Committee (Board Goals #2A & #2B)** - The Communication Committee met on October 29th. The committee reported on the progress they have been making toward the three goals set last spring: 1) Making connections with local businesses, 2) Making connections with local senior citizens groups & 3) hosting a back to school family event for the entire district.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Approval of Final 2019 Tax Levy** - It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the Board approve the 2019 tax levy. This levy will capture a 4.97% increase over last year's tax extension to account for the increase in CPI and new construction added to the tax rolls within our District this year. This tax revenue will be collected in June and September of 2020.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Cox, Petrella, Daniels, Zuniga, Botello, and Woods.

Nays – none. Motion carried

2. **Approval of Resolution for Architectural Services** - The Resolution was presented by Mrs. Daniels. It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the Board approve the Resolution for Architectural Services.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Zuniga, Woods, Cox, Petrella, Botello, and Daniels.

Nays – none. Motion carried

3. **Approval of Resolution for Engineering Services** - The Resolution was presented by Mr. Cox. It was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Mrs. Zuniga that the Board approve the Resolution for Engineering Services.

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

4. **Approval of New Pay Rate for Retired Substitute Paraprofessionals** - It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Zuniga that the Board approve the new pay rate for retired substitute paraprofessionals as provided in the board packet.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Zuniga, Daniels, Petrella, and Cox.
Nays – Botello and Woods. Motion carried

5. **Approval of Lease with NDSEC for Early Childhood Classroom Rental** - It was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the Board approve the Lease with NDSEC for the rental of an Early Childhood Classroom for a half day program for the remainder of the 2019/2020 school year.

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

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 8:49 p.m.

Joe Petrella, President

Araceli Botello, Secretary