

Wood Dale School District 7 Board of Education
543 N. Wood Dale Rd. • Wood Dale, Illinois
Regular Meeting • Thursday, January 21, 2021 • 7:00 p.m. • Board Room

MINUTES

ROLL CALL/QUORUM/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Petrella called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and he directed the secretary to call the roll. Upon roll call the following members answered present: Cox, Petrella, Daniels, Zuniga, Fletcher-Gomez, and Botello.

Mrs. Botello attended the meeting virtually.

Absent members: Woods.

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. Cristina Montano, Administrative Secretary (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 Request** - The Board received two FOIA requests from: 1) SmartProcure requesting copies of all purchase orders for the last quarter. 2) Amazing Education Resources requesting a list of all staff positions and their school email addresses. The administration complied with the requests within the required timeline.
- **Strive for Excellence** - Mrs. Sue Malec, District Nurse, was awarded the Strive for Excellence Award for her 28 years of service to the district and all her efforts in organizing and executing the COVID- 19 protocols.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

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 legal counsel.

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

Nays – none. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 7:15 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 7:49 p.m.

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

1. Approved Closed Session Meeting for September 24, 2020
2. Approved Closed Session Meeting for September 30, 2020
3. Approved Closed Session Meeting for October 15, 2020
4. Approved Closed Session Meeting for October 29, 2020
5. Approved Regular Board Meeting for November 19, 2019
6. Approved Closed Session I Meeting for November 19, 2020
7. Approved Closed Session II Meeting for November 19, 2020
8. Approved Treasurer's Report for November & December 2020
9. Approved Budget Status Report for November & December 2020
10. Approved Payroll for November & December 2020 and bills for December 2020 & January 2021 as summarized herein:

Payroll	11/20	\$ 699,793.51
Payroll	12/20	\$ 684,254.06
Bills Payable	12/20	\$ 233,959.17
Bills Payable	1/21	\$ 528,671.80
Totals		\$2,146,678.54
11. Approved Personnel Report for the month of January, 2021
 - a. **Employment** – ratified the employment of **Ruben Tobar**, Paraprofessional @ EC; and **Xavier Placencio**, Custodian @ Districtwide effective 1/21/21.
 - b. **Resignation** - accepted the resignation of **Gabriela Rodriguez**, Paraprofessional @ JH effective 1/21/21.
 - c. **Retirement** - accepted the retirement request of **Shelly Skarzynski**, Principal @ JH effective 6/30/21; **Sue Malec**, Nurse @ Districtwide effective 6/11/21; and **Lisa Acord**, LMC @ WV effective 6/8/21.
12. Approval of Certified and Classified Employee Seniority Lists
13. Approval of List of Employees to File Statements of Economic Interest

It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Zuniga that the Board approve the consent agenda for the month of January, 2021.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Botello, Cox, Petrella, Daniels, Zuniga, 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 enrollment.
- B. **Curriculum Update (Board Goal #1)** - Dr. Kudrna and Dr. Corbett provided an update on the remote and hybrid instruction programs. They also provided an update on staff and family surveys, State assessments, academic interventions for students, and staff professional development.
- C. **Presentation of the Draft 2021/22 School Calendar** – Dr. Corbett provided the Board with a copy of the recommended calendar for the 2021/22 school year. The Board was informed that this draft will be shared with the community and staff for further feedback. Dr. Corbett will make a final calendar recommendation to the Board for approval at the February meeting.
- D. **Monthly Financial Update (Board Goals #3a)** – Mr. Wilt provided the Board with a detailed report regarding the financial status of the District. His report also included information regarding the architect recommended by the selection committee, 10 year Life Safety Survey, Stormwater/Westview Parking lot project, and the recommendation for 2021/22 school fees.
- E. **Informational Items and Communications** – Notices and dates to remember were provided regarding upcoming school district events.
 - Monday, February 15 Presidents' Day – No School
 - Thursday, February 18 School Board Meeting – 7pm
 - Friday, February 19 School Improvement Half Day – AM/PM Kindergarten in Attendance

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **Community Curriculum Advisory Committee (Board Goal #1)** - On December 9, 2020, Dr. Kudrna hosted a Community Curriculum Advisory Council Meeting. The administration sought input from the committee members regarding the status of remote learning. Mrs. Fletcher-Gomez was in attendance to represent the Board. A report was provided for the Board.
- B. **Multicultural Family Advisory Committee (Board Goals #2a, b & c)** - The Multicultural Committee met on January 14th. Dr. Corbett and the committee members reported on the goals they established for the 2020/21 school year. Mrs. Botello and Mrs. Zuniga were in attendance at the meeting to represent the Board.
- C. **Wellness Committee (Board Goals #2a, b & c)** - The Wellness Committee met on Thursday, January 14th. Mr. Wilt reported that they discussed their priorities for the 2020/21 school year which include a review of the existing wellness policy. Mrs. Zuniga and Mrs. Fletcher-Gomez were in attendance to represent the Board.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approval of Legal Counsel for Negotiations** - It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Zuniga that the Board approve the law firm of Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick & Kohn to serve as the Board's legal counsel for teacher negotiations.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Daniels, Fletcher-Gomez, Botello, Cox, Petrella, and Zuniga.
Nays – None. Motion carried.
2. **Approval to Begin to Develop FY22 Tentative Budget** - It was moved by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez and seconded by Mrs. Daniels that the Board authorize the Administration to develop the FY22 Tentative Budget.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Cox, Petrella, Daniels, Zuniga, Botello, and Fletcher-Gomez.
Nays – None. Motion carried.
3. **Approval of Contract of Architectural Firm of Record** - It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Zuniga that the Board approve the Standard Form of Agreement between Wood Dale School District 7 and STR Partners LLC, naming STR Partners LLC as the architectural firm of record for Wood Dale School District 7.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Zuniga, Fletcher-Gomez, Cox, Petrella, Botello, and Daniels..
Nays – None. Motion carried.
4. **Approval of Ten Year Life Safety Survey** - It was moved by Mrs. Zuniga and seconded by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez that the Board approve the 10 Year Life Safety Survey prepared by the architectural firm of Green Associates Inc.

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

5. **Approval of Administrators' 2020/21 Salary Increases** - It was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Mr. Cox that the Board approve the Administrators' 2020/21 Salary increases as discussed in closed session.

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

6. **Approval of Mid-Year Salary Adjustment - Maintenance Personnel** - It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Zuniga that the Board approve the Mid-Year Salary Adjustment for a Maintenance employee as discussed in closed session.

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

7. **Approval of Superintendent's Goals** - It was moved by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez and seconded by Mrs. Zuniga that the Board approve the Superintendent's Goals.

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

8. **Approval of School, Lunch, Outdoor Education, and Springfield Trip Fees for 2021/22** - It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Zuniga that the Board approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee that there be no increase in school fees and lunch fees for the 2021/22 school year. All other fees, including Outdoor Education and Springfield fees will also remain unchanged for the 2021/22 school year.

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

CLOSED SESSION - It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Zuniga 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 – Fletcher-Gomez, Botello, Zuniga, Daniels, Petrella, and Cox.
Nays – none. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 8:55 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 9:20 p.m.

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

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

President Petrella declared the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Joe Petrella, President

Araceli Botello, Secretary