

Board of Education 7 Regular Meeting
Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. - Marilyn F. Daniels Boardroom

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL/QUORUM/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Miljkovic called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and she directed the recording secretary to call the roll. Upon roll call the following members answered present: Snyder, Lucero-Bahr, Botello, Miljkovic, Fletcher-Gomez, and Papadopoulos.

Absent members: Woods.

Also present were: Dr. Shannon Dudek, Superintendent; Mrs. Elvia Villalobos, Curriculum Director; Mr. Christopher Blomquist, Business Manager; Ms. Cristina Montano, Recording Secretary; Dr. Joseph Krause, Principal; Mr. Al Buttimer, Principal; Dr. Theresa Ulrich, Principal; Mrs. Melissa Favata, Principal; Ms. Gina DiFiglio, JH Assistant Principal; Mr. Gus Gonzalez, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds; and Mr. Bill Thoms, Teacher/WDEA President..

III. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Freedom of Information (FOIA) Request - The board received one FOIA request this month from Michael Henry requesting information regarding criminal background checks on elected board members. Dr. Dudek reported that this request had been sent to other districts in Illinois and noted it was not required to furnish this information. The FOIA request was responded to in the required timeframe.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments from the audience.

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

1. Approval of Minutes

- Regular Board Meeting January 20, 2026
- Closed Session Meeting January 20, 2026

2. Approval of Financial Reports

- Treasurer's Report for January 2026
- Budget Status Report for January 2026
- Payroll in the Amount of \$1,291,653.62 for January 2026

3. Approval of Personnel Report for the Month of February 2026

- Employment - ratified the employment of **Nicholas Honcharuk**, Bus Driver @ District Office and **Victoria Barrios**, Part-time Custodian @ OB effective 2/17/26.
- Resignation - accepted the resignation from **Xiomara Herrera**, Secretary @ EC effective 2/27/26.
- Retirement - accepted the letter of intent to retire from **Leticia Cano**, Paraprofessional @ EC effective the last day of teacher attendance; **Amy Ragnanese**, Paraprofessional @ WV effective the last day of teacher attendance and **Theresa Ulrich**, Principal @ OB effective June 30, 2026.

It was moved by Ms. Snyder and seconded by Mrs. Papadopoulos that the board approve the consent agenda for the month of February, 2026.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Botello, Snyder, Miljkovic, Fletcher-Gomez, Woods, and Papadopoulos.
Nays – None. Motion carried.

VI. PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS

A. Approval of Bills Payable in the Amount of \$530,133.92 for February 2026

It was moved by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Snyder that the board approve the payment of the monthly bills for February, 2026.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Woods, Botello, Snyder, Papadopoulos, Miljkovic, and Fletcher-Gomez.
Nays – None. Motion carried.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. Enrollment Status Report – Dr. Dudek provided the Board with a report on the current district enrollment.

B. Mid-Year School Improvement Plan Updates - The Principals provided the board with updates on their individual School Improvement Plans.

- C. Proposal for Summer School Program 2026 – Ms. Gina DeFiglio presented the proposed 2026 Summer School Program. The administration will be sending information home to families and recruiting teachers for the program.
- D. Monthly Financial Update – Mr. Blomquist provided the Board with a detailed report regarding the financial status of the District and information regarding the proposed upcoming construction projects.
- E. Informational Items and Communications – The following are important dates for upcoming school district events:
- Monday, February 16 Presidents' Day - NO SCHOOL
 - Tuesday, February 17 School Board Meeting 7pm
 - Thursday, February 26 Winter Band Concert @ Center for the Arts 7pm
 - Friday, February 27 Teacher Professional Development - NO SCHOOL
 - Thursday, March 5 JH PTO Meeting 6:30 pm
 - Friday, March 6 JH PTO
 - Tuesday, March 11 OB/WV PTO Meeting @ WV 6:30pm
 - Tuesday, March 18 MPAC Meeting @ WD Public Library 6-7pm
 - Thursday, March 20 School Board Meeting 7pm
 - Monday, March 31-April 4 Spring Break

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Wellness Committee - The Wellness Committee met on January 27th to discuss planning for the Pura Vida Fun Run 2026. Mr. Blomquist provided information regarding planning, funding, and timeline.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approval of the Amended Certified Teacher Seniority List Previously Adopted 1/20/26** - It was moved by Ms. Snyder and seconded by Mrs. Papadopoulos that the Board approve the amended Certified Teacher Seniority List previously adopted on 1/20/26. The list was amended to reflect six teachers who moved up in tenure based on their service anniversary date.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Woods, Botello, Snyder, Papadopoulos, Mijkovic, and Fletcher-Gomez.
Nays – None. Motion carried.
2. **Approval of 2026-2027 School Calendar** - Mrs. Papadopoulos requested that the approval of the 2026-2027 school calendar be moved to the March 16, 2026 meeting to allow for further review. It was moved by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the approval of the 2026-2027 school calendar be moved to the March 16, 2026 meeting.

After a voice vote President Mijkovic declared the motion carried.
3. **Approval of Summer School Program for 2026** – It was moved by Ms. Snyder and seconded by Mrs. Papadopoulos that the Board approve the 2026 Summer School Program as presented in the Superintendent's Report.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Papadopoulos, Snyder, Mijkovic, Botello, Fletcher-Gomez, and Woods.
Nays – None. Motion carried.
4. **Approval of the HVAC Replacement Project at ECEC/District Office Building** - Mr. Woods requested that the approval of the HVAC replacement project at ECEC/District Office be moved to the March 16, 2026 meeting to request to modify and add a specified completion date on the contract. It was moved by Ms. Snyder and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the approval of the HVAC replacement project at ECEC/District Office building be moved to the March 16, 2026 meeting.

After a voice vote President Mijkovic declared the motion carried.
5. **Approval of the Asbestos Removal Project at OB/JH (Summer 2026)** - It was moved by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez that the Board approve the Asbestos Removal Project at OB/JH schools.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Papadopoulos, Snyder, Mijkovic, Fletcher-Gomez, Woods, and Botello.
Nays – None. Motion carried.
6. **Approval of Meraki Licenses (E-Rate)** - It was moved by Mrs. Botello and seconded by Mrs. Papadopoulos that the Board approve the Meraki licenses (E-Rate).

Roll call vote: Yeas – Mijkovic, Papadopoulos, Woods, Fletcher-Gomez, Botello, and Snyder.
Nays – None. Motion carried.

- X. CLOSED SESSION** - It was moved by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez that the board go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, dismissal of specific employees.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Snyder, Botello, Miljkovic, Fletcher-Gomez, Woods, and Papadopoulos.
Nays – None. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 8:51 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 9:25 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mrs. Botello to adjourn the meeting.

After a voice vote President Miljkovic declared the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Aida Miljkovic, President

Elitsa Papadopoulos, Secretary