

Board of Education 7 Regular Meeting
Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 7:02 p.m. - Boardroom

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL/QUORUM/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Petrella called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and he directed the board clerk to call the roll. Upon roll call the following members answered present: Cox, Miljkovic, Petrella, Fletcher-Gomez, and Papadopoulos.

Absent members: Woods.

Also present were: Dr. John Corbett, Superintendent; Ms. Cristina Montano, Board Clerk; Dr. Joe Krause, Principal; Mr. Al Buttimer, Principal; Dr. Theresa Ulrich, Principal; Mrs. Melissa Favata, Principal, Mrs. Elvia Villalobos, Curriculum Director, Mr. Gus Gonzalez, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds, Mrs. Araceli Botello, and family members of Mrs. Marilyn Daniels.

III. ACTION ITEM

- A.** It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the Board approve the appointment of Mrs. Araceli Botello to fill the vacated term of Mrs. Marilyn Daniels until April, 2025.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Papadopoulos, Miljkovic, Fletcher-Gomez, Cox, and Petrella.
Nays – none. Motion carried.

IV. NEW BOARD MEMBER TAKES OATH OF OFFICE AND IS SEATED

President Petrella administered the oath of office to newly appointed Board member Mrs. Araceli Botello.

President Petrella called the Board meeting to order after Mrs. Botello was seated and directed the board clerk to call the new roll. Upon roll call the following members answered present: Petrella, Papadopoulos, Miljkovic, Cox, Botello, and Fletcher-Gomez.

Absent members: Woods.

V. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Freedom of Information (FOIA) Requests** - The Board received two FOIA requests this month from: (1) Bry Ember requested lease and current lease/maintenance/service contracts for all district printing copies; and (2) SmartProcure-requested all current employee/staff contact information. These requests were filled within the required timeline.
- B. NDSEC Annual Report** - Dr. Corbett provided an overview of the NDSEC Annual Report and board members were given copies of the document.
- C. Strive for Excellence Recognition** - Board members were recognized for Strive for Excellence as November was Illinois School Board Member Appreciation Month.
- D. Board Committee Adjustments Announced** - Mr. Petrella announced several amendments to board committees as a result of Mrs. Botello joining the board.
- E. Honoring the Memory of Mrs. Marilyn Daniels** - The board honored the memory of Mrs. Marilyn Daniels and her years of service to our community. Board members and administrators shared memories of working with Mrs. Daniels. Mrs. Daniels' granddaughter made a statement to the board on behalf of the Daniels family. A description of the **Mrs. Marilyn Daniels Service Award** was provided.

VI. ACTION ITEM

- A.** It was moved by Mrs. Papadopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the Board approve the initiation of the *Mrs. Marilyn Daniels Service Award* to be presented to a worthy and eligible candidate every June beginning in June of 2025.

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

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments from the audience.

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

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular Board Meeting October 17, 2024
- b. Closed Session Meeting October 17, 2024
- c. Special Meeting November 14, 2024
- d. Closed Session Special Meeting November 14, 2024

2. Approval of Financial Reports

- a. Treasurer’s Report for October 2024
- b. Budget Status Report for October 2024
- c. Bills Payable for November 2024
- d. Approved Payroll for 9/13/24, 9/27/24 and 10/25/24 and bills for November 2024 as summarized herein:

Payroll	9/13, 9/27 & 10/25	\$1,277,276.44
Bills Payable	11/21	<u>\$ 358,690.95</u>
Totals		\$1,635,967.39

3. Approval of Personnel Report for the Month of October 2024

- a. Employment - Ratified the employment of **Carlos Alvarez-Cuatepitz**, Bilingual Paraprofessional @ OB and **Elizabeth Bedolla**, Bilingual Paraprofessional @ OB effective 11/21/24.
- b. Resignation - Accepted the resignation of **Mary Vogel**, Paraprofessional @ OB effective 11/11/24; **Enza Levar**, Paraprofessional @ OB effective 11/14/24; **Anna Broda**, Part-time 1:1 Nurse @ ECEC/OB; **Tim Arnold**, Business Manager @ DO effective 11/30/24; and **Sue Maentanis**, Lunch Supervisor @ WV effective 11/21/24.
- c. Retirement - Accepted the request for retirement from **Pam Wawczak**, Coordinator of Transportation @ DO effective 3/28/25.

It was moved by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the board approve the consent agenda for the month of November, 2024.

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

Dr. Corbett noted Mrs. Pam Wawczak’s retirement and her many years of dedicated service to the children, families, and staff of the Wood Dale 7 school community.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT - Dr. Corbett noted the audit report was being commuted to the December meeting as the auditor was unable to attend the meeting this evening as planned.

- A. Enrollment Status Report** - Dr. Corbett provided up to date enrollment information.
- ~~**B. Presentation of 2024 Audit** - Mr. Chris Scalet, the lead auditor from Evans, Marshall & Pease will provide the board with a summary of the 2024 audit. The board was provided with copies of the audit last month. The board will be asked to approve the audit on the regular agenda this evening.~~
- C. Presentation of 2024 Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) Scores** - Members of the administrative team presented a summary of the IAR scores. These scores were provided to the board several weeks ago for review. There was a 10% gain in English Language Arts achievement scores and a 5% gain in Math achievement scores. All schools were ranked as commendable on their summative designations.
- D. Update on 2024/25 Board of Education Goals** - Dr. Corbett provided the board with an update on the progress achieving the 2024/25 board goals. This is a first quarter update, as the goals were adopted in September and have been in place for 3 months.
- E. Monthly Financial Update** - Dr. Corbett provided the board with a detailed report regarding the financial status of the District. His report included an explanation and summary of the tentative levy.
- F. Update of Superintendent Search (President Petrella)** - President Petrella provided an update on the superintendent search being led by BWP and Associates.
- G. Informational Items & Communications** - Notices and dates to remember were provided regarding upcoming school district events.
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 - ❖ 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 6:00 p.m. @ Center for the Arts
- ❖ Thursday, December 12 - OB Holiday Program 6:00 p.m. @ Center for the Arts
- ❖ Wednesday, December 18 - Winter Choral Concert 7:00 p.m. @ Center for the Arts
- ❖ Thursday, December 19 - School Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **Community Curriculum Advisory Committee** - The Community Curriculum Advisory Committee met on November 6th and discussed numerous curriculum issues. Mrs. Villalobos provided a report.
- B. **Wellness Committee** - The Wellness Committee met on November 6th and discussed the topic of student treats at school and feedback provided for next year's Pura Vida Fun Run/Walk. Dr. Corbett provided the report.
- C. **Multicultural Committee** - The Multicultural Committee met on October 22nd and discussed the plans for the upcoming Multicultural Festival scheduled for March 27, 2025. Dr. Corbett provided a report.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS - President Petrella noted the vote on the approval of the audit was being commuted to the December meeting as the auditor was unable to attend the meeting this evening as planned.

~~1. **Approval of 2024 Audit** - It is recommended the board approve the 2024 audit.~~

2. **Approval of Tentative Tax Levy** - It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the Board approve the tentative 2024 tax levy. This levy will capture a 6.81% increase over last year's tax extension to account for the increase in CPI and new construction added to the tax rolls within the District this year. This tax revenue will be collected in June and September of 2025.

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

3. **Approval of Resignation Agreement** - It was moved by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the Board approve the resignation agreement of Mr. Fred Willhoit.

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

4. **Approval of Interim Business Manager Contract** - It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the Board approve the contract for Interim Business Manager, Dr. Joseph Bailey, beginning December 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

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

5. **Approval of Resolution for Appointment of School Treasurer** - Mr. Cox presented the Resolution. It was moved by Mrs. Miljkovic and seconded by Mr. Cox that the board approve the resolution appointing Dr. Joseph Bailey as Wood Dale School District 7 Treasurer for a term starting November 21, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

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

6. **Approval of Resolution of Surety Bond of Treasurer** - Mrs. Papadopoulos presented the Resolution. It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the board approve the Resolution of Surety Bond of Treasurer.

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

7. **Approval of Resolution Designating Appointment of Authorized Agents for IMRF** - Mr. Cox presented the Resolution. It was moved by Mrs. Papadopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the board approve the Resolution Designating Appointment of Authorized Agents for IMRF.

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

8. **Approval of Resolution Designating Appointment of Authorized Agents for Itasca Bank** - Ms. Fletcher-Gomez, presented the Resolution. It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the board approve the Resolution Designating Appointment of Authorized Agents for Itasca Bank.

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

- IX. CLOSED SESSION** - It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the board enter into executive session
1) For the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. 2) Security procedures, school building safety and security.

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

The board went into closed session at 8:24 p.m.

The board came out of closed session at 8:57 p.m.

- X. ADJOURNMENT** - It was moved by Mrs. Papadopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic to adjourn the meeting. After a voice vote President Petrella declared the motion carried.

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

Joe Petrella, President

Aida Miljkovic, Secretary