

Wood Dale School District 7 Board of Education
543 N. Wood Dale Rd. • Wood Dale, Illinois
Regular Meeting • Thursday, April 20, 2023 • 7:00 p.m. • Board Room

MINUTES

OLD BOARD

ROLL CALL/QUORUM/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Petrella called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and directed the recording secretary to call the roll. Upon roll call the following members answered present: Mr. Cox, Mr. Petrella, Mrs. Miljkovic, Ms. Fletcher-Gomez, Mr. Woods, and Mrs. Botello.

Absent members: Mrs. Daniels.

Also present were: Dr. John Corbett, Superintendent; Mr. Steve Wilt, Business Manager; Dr. Merri Beth Kudrna, Curriculum Director, Ms. Cristina Montano, Recording Secretary; Mr. Joe Krause, Principal; Mr. Al Buttimer, Principal; Dr. Theresa Ulrich, Principal; Mrs. Elvia Villalobos, Principal; Ms. Kelly Gould, Special Education Coordinator; staff, and community members.

The Board and audience members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

- **Freedom of Information Requests** - Dr. Corbett reported that two FOIA requests were received this month. 1) SmartProcure requested an active roster of District 7 employees with contact information. 2) SmartProcure requested purchasing records from 1/16-4/17 and a vendor list. 3) LocalLabs requested information regarding the District mission statement. All three requests were responded to within the required timeframe.
- **Retiring Board Member** - Dr. Corbett announced that retiring Board Member, Mrs. Araceli Botello, would be honored at the end of the Old Board Meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were received.

CLOSED SESSION - It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the Board enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees and negotiations.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Botello, Miljkovic, Fletcher-Gomez, 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 7:11 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ON TRANSFER OF \$500,000 FROM OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE FUND TO CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND TO CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND - Mr. Wilt provided the public with a presentation regarding the transfer of \$500,000 from operations and maintenance fund to capital projects fund to capital projects fund.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING FUND TRANSFER

No public comments were received.

Mrs. Daniels entered the open session at 7:15 p.m.

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

1. Approved Regular Board Meeting Minutes for March 16, 2023, Closed Session I Meeting Minutes for March 16, 2023, and Closed Session II for March 16, 2023.
2. Approved Treasurer's Report for March 2023.
3. Approved Budget Status Report for March 2023.
Approved Payroll for March and bills for April 2023 as summarized herein:

Payroll	3/23	\$1,202,379.65
Bills Payable	4/23	<u>\$ 848,569.47</u>
Totals		\$2,050,949.12
4. Approved the District 7 2023/24 Concussion Oversight Committee
5. Approved the Personnel Report for the month of April, 2023.
 - a. **Resignation** – accepted the resignation of **Lesly Yanez**, Paraprofessional @ EC effective 4/6/23.
 - b. **Retirement** – accepted the retirement request from **Debbi Parenti**, Special Education Secretary @ EC effective 6/30/23.

Mr. Woods requested that the bills for April, 2023 be removed from the Consent Agenda and be voted on separately.

It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Woods that the Board approve the consent agenda (with the exception of the April 2023 Bills) for the month of April 2023.

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

Nays – None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mrs. Botello and seconded by Mr. Woods that the Board approve the Bills for the month of April 2023.

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

Nays - Woods. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- **Presentation of Overview of Revised K-8 Health & Physical Education Curriculum:** Dr. Kudrna presented an overview of the revised K-8 Health and Physical Education Curriculum. She described how the curriculum was developed and will be implemented. She also noted that the curriculum had been on display on the District 7 website for public comment for several weeks and no comments were received. Mrs. Sarah Campbell, Instructional Coach, Mr. Vince Esposito & Ms. Holly Ward, P.E. Teachers at JH, also presented information regarding the revised curriculum.
- **Presentation of District-Wide Security Camera Project:** Mr. Wilt presented the administration's recommendation to the Board regarding the purchase and installation of a comprehensive security camera system at the Early Childhood Education Center, Oakbrook School & Westview School. The new security camera system will be similar to the one currently being used at the junior high school. The installation will include vape detectors in the junior high student bathrooms.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approval of Five Year Contract Between the Wood Dale Board of Education and the Wood Dale Education Association** - It was moved by Mrs. Botello and seconded by Mrs. Daniels that the Board approve the five year contract between the Wood Dale Board of Education and the Wood Dale Education Association.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Cox, Petrella, Daniels, Miljkovic, Botello, Fletcher-Gomez, and Woods.
Nays – None. Motion carried.
2. **Approval of Contract for Early Childhood Education Center Principal** - It was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Mr. Cox that the Board approve the contract of Melissa Favata to serve as Principal of Oakbrook School beginning July 1, 2023.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Miljkovic, Fletcher-Gomez, Woods, Cox, Petrella, Botello, and Daniels.
Nays – None. Motion carried.
3. **Approval of Revised K-8 Health & Physical Education Curriculum** - It was moved by Mrs. Botello and seconded by Mr. Cox that the Board approve the revised k-8 health and physical education curriculum to begin implementation in the 2023/24 school year.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Daniels, Cox, Miljkovic, Petrella, Fletcher-Gomez, Woods, and Botello.
Nays – None. Motion carried.
4. **Approval of the Purchase of a District-Wide Security Camera System** - It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the Board approve the purchase of a district-wide security camera system from Proven IT in the amount of \$202,755.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Miljkovic, Daniels, Fletcher-Gomez, Petrella, Botello, and Cox.
Nays – Woods. Motion carried.
5. **Approval of the Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Transfer of \$500,000 from the Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Capital Projects Fund** - Mrs. Daniels presented the Resolution. It was moved by Mrs. Botello and seconded by Mr. Cox that the Board approve the Resolution authorizing and directing the transfer of \$500,000 from the operations and maintenance fund to the capital projects fund.

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

6. **Approval of Resolution of Notice to Remedy** - Mr. Cox presented the Resolution of Notice to Remedy. It was moved by Mrs. Botello and seconded by Mr. Woods that the Board approve the Notice to Remedy for a tenured teacher.

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

7. **Review & Approval of Reported Election Results - April 4, 2023** - The information from the DuPage County Election Commission website was reviewed and confirmed the following:

- Mrs. Marilyn Daniels was elected to a two year term on the Wood Dale Board of Education.
- Mrs. Mary Fletcher-Gomez was re-elected to a four year term on the Wood Dale Board of Education.
- Mrs. Elitsa Papadopoulos was elected to a four year term on the Wood Dale Board of Education.

It was moved by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mr. Cox that the Board approve the election results from the DuPage County Election Commission.

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

RECOGNITION

Superintendent Corbett and District 7 Board members recognized retiring Board member, Mrs. Araceli Botello, for her years of service on the Board of Education. President Petrella presented Mrs. Botello with a plaque for her dedication to the children and families of District 7.

ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE

It was moved by Mrs. Botello and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the last meeting of the old Board be adjourned sine die. After a voice vote President Petrella declared the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

*There was a short break while Board member Mrs. Araceli Botello said goodbye and thank you to the Board and exited the meeting.

NEW BOARD

ROLL CALL/QUORUM

Vice-President Cox opened the floor for nominations for Board President pro tem. It was moved by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mrs. Daniels that Mr. Cox serve as President Pro tem.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Cox, Fletcher-Gomez, and Woods.
Nays – None. Motion carried.

President Pro tem Cox administered the oath of office to newly elected Board members: Mrs. Daniels, Ms. Fletcher-Gomez, and Mrs. Papadopoulos.

President Pro tem Cox called the Board meeting to order at 8:07 p.m. and directed the recording secretary to call the roll. Upon roll call the following members answered present: Mrs. Papadopoulos, Mrs. Daniels, Mrs. Fletcher-Gomez, Mr. Woods, and Mr. Cox.

Absent members: None.

Also present were: Dr. John Corbett, Superintendent; Mr. Steve Wilt, Business Manager; Dr. Merri Beth Kudrna, Curriculum Director, Ms. Cristina Montano, Recording Secretary; Mr. Joe Krause, Principal; Mr. Al Buttimer, Principal; Dr. Theresa Ulrich, Principal; Mrs. Elvia Villalobos, Principal; Ms. Kelly Gould, Special Education Coordinator; staff, and community members.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

All Board members agreed they would elect officers on a pro-tem basis. A second election of officers will be conducted at the May, 2023 meeting to elect permanent officers after the two new Board members are seated. Thus allowing all seven Board members to participate in the process of choosing the Board leaders.

President Pro tem Cox opened the floor for nominations for Vice-President Pro tem. Ms. Fletcher-Gomez nominated Mrs. Daniels for Board Vice-President Pro tem, seconded by Mr. Woods. Hearing no other nominations, it was declared by acclamation, Mrs. Daniels was elected as Board Vice-President Pro tem. After a voice vote to confirm the acclamation, Mrs. Daniels was declared Board Vice-President Pro tem.

President Pro tem Cox opened the floor for nominations for Board Secretary. Mr. Woods nominated Ms. Fletcher-Gomez for Board Secretary, seconded by Mr. Cox. Hearing no other nominations, it was declared by acclamation, Ms. Fletcher-Gomez was elected as Board Secretary Pro tem. After a voice vote to confirm the acclamation, Ms. Fletcher-Gomez was declared Board Secretary Pro tem.

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

It was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Mr. Woods that the Board appoint Ms. Cristina Montano to continue to serve as Recording Secretary for the Wood Dale Board of Education.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Woods, Papadopoulos, Cox, Daniels, and Fletcher-Gomez.
Nays – None. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

DETERMINE TIME & PLACE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

President Pro tem Cox proposed the Board vote on meeting dates at the May, 2023 meeting.

It was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Mr. Woods that the Board approve the list of meeting dates at the next meeting and move the May 18, 2023 meeting to Wednesday, May 17th.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Daniels, Papadopoulos, Cox, and Woods.
Nays – Fletcher-Gomez. Motion carried.

DETERMINE PROCESS FOR FILLING TWO OPEN BOARD VACANCIES

The Board members discussed the timeline and process for reviewing applications and interviewing candidates to fill the two vacant Board positions. The Board agreed that the candidates would be appointed and seated on Wednesday, May 17th.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARD COMMITTEES

President Pro tem Cox informed the Board that the appointments to all Board Committees would be made after all seven Board members had been seated.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. **Enrollment Status Report** – Dr. Corbett provided the Board with a report on the current enrollment of the district.
- B. **Update Summer School Program for 2023** - Dr. Corbett informed the Board that the administration is planning to add an afternoon tutoring component to the existing summer school program. This addition to the summer program will be fully funded with federal ESSER funds.
- C. **Update Portrait of a Graduate** - In the winter of 2020 the Board engaged in a community project along with Districts 2 and 100. The goal was to develop an agreed upon Portrait of a Graduate for the three school districts. In March of 2020 the three Boards held a joint meeting to approve the plan and a week later the COVID lockdowns began. The plan has been shelved since that time. Dr. Corbett reported that he recently held a meeting with the District 2 & 100 Superintendents regarding the status of the Portrait of a Graduate Project. Dr. Corbett updated the Board regarding the plan to reintroduce the program to the community.
- D. **Monthly Financial Update** - Mr. Wilt provided the Board with a detailed report regarding the financial status of the District. Additionally, his report included information regarding the: 1) Update on the food service contract with Arbor Management for Fiscal Year 2024, 2) Proposal for new district-wide phone system, and 3) Medical insurance rates for Fiscal Year 2024.
- E. **Informational Items & Communications** – The Board was provided with the following information regarding upcoming district events.

Wednesday, May 17th	School Board Meeting 7pm
Friday, May 26th	School Improvement Day – Half Day
Monday, May 29th	Memorial Day – No School

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **Wellness Committee** - The Wellness Committee met on April 11th. The committee discussed the food sharing program which is part of Board policy. They also began to plan the Pura Vida Fun Run & Walk scheduled for fall of 2023. Mr. Wilt and Mrs. Fletcher-Gomez provided a report.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approval of Health Insurance Rates for Fiscal Year 2023** - It was moved by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez and seconded by Mrs. Daniels that the Board approve the FY24 health insurance rates with a 12.4% increase in the PPO rate and a 9.5% increase in the HMO rate. The Dental PPO and vision rates will be unchanged for FY24 and the life insurance and Dental HMO rates will be unchanged through FY25.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Fletcher-Gomez, Woods, Cox, Papadopoulos, and Daniels.
Nays – None. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION: It was moved by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the Board enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, and performance or dismissal of specific employees, and the selection of individuals to fill public office.

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

The Board went into closed session at 8:42 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 9:51 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Mrs. Papadopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Daniels that the meeting be adjourned. After a voice vote President Pro tem Cox declared the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

Todd Cox, President Pro tem

Mary Fletcher-Gomez, Secretary Pro tem