

**Board of Education 7 Regular Meeting
 Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. - Boardroom**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL/QUORUM/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President pro tem Cox called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and he directed the board clerk to call the roll. Upon roll call the following members answered present: Cox, Petrella, Daniels, Miljkovic, Papadopoulos, and Fletcher-Gomez.

Mr. Petrella joined the meeting via telephone.

Mrs. Miljkovic joined the meeting via telephone.

Absent members: Woods.

Also present were: Dr. John Corbett, Superintendent; Mr. Steve Wilt, Business Manager; Mrs. Elvia Villalobos, Curriculum Director, Ms. Cristina Montano, Board Clerk; Mr. Joe Krause, Principal; Dr. Theresa Ulrich, Principal; Mrs. Melissa Favata, Principal, and staff members.

III. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Freedom of Information (FOIA) Request - The Board received one FOIA request this month from the American Federation of Teachers. The request was for the cost of health insurance premiums on the plans offered to all employees. The request was responded to within the required timeline.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments from the audience.

V. CLOSED SESSION - (Order of this item is different from the published agenda).

It was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Mrs. Papadopoulos that the Board go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, dismissal of specific employees and pending litigation.

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

The Board went into closed session at 7:12 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 7:29 p.m.

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

1. Approved Regular Meeting Minutes February 15, 2024
2. Approved Closed Session Minutes for February 15, 2024
3. Approved Treasurer’s Report for February 2024
4. Approved Budget Status Report for February 2024
5. Approved Payroll for February 2024 and bills for March 2024 as summarized herein:

Payroll	2/24	\$ 840,386.61
Bills Payable	3/24	<u>\$ 603,986.92</u>
Totals		\$1,444,373.53
6. Approved Personnel Report for the month of March, 2024
 - a. Employment - ratified the employment of **Michelle Kachnik**, Special Education Paraprofessional @ EC, **Areli Macias**, Special Education Paraprofessional @ WV, **Sandra Johnson**, Administrative Assistant to Curriculum Director @ DO, and **Olga Gomez**, Evening Custodian effective 3/21/24.
 - b. Dismissal - ratified the dismissal of **Nina Stair**, Paraprofessional @ WV effective 3/11/24.
 - c. Resignation - approved the resignation of **Cassandra Clair**, Teacher @ WV effective 2/22/24, **MacKenzie Conrad**, Arts & Music Teacher @ OB effective 4/4/24, **Saira Alvarado**, School Nurse 1:1 @ OB effective 4/12/24, **Ellen Uhlir**, Speech Pathologist @ OB effective the last day of teacher attendance, **Steve Wilt**, CSBO/Business Manager @ District Office effective 6/30/24, and **Paula Molina Villa**, Custodian @ WV effective 3/21/24.
 - d. Retirement - accepted the retirement of **Jaime Riano**, Custodian @ District Office effective 3/29/24.
 - e. FMLA (for informational purposes only) - **Marisela Carrera-Carrillo**, Custodian @ JH will begin a 12-week FMLA beginning on 2/5/24, and **Allison Williams**, Social Worker @ OB will begin intermittent FMLA.

- f. Leave of Absence (LOA) For Informational Purposes Only - **Giselle Corral**, Health Clerk @ OB will begin a 6-week LOA beginning approximately 4/19/24.

It was moved by Mrs. Papadopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the Board approve the consent agenda for the month of March, 2024.

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

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Enrollment Status Report – Dr. Corbett provided the Board with a report on the current district enrollment.
- B. Student & Teacher Attendance Update - Dr. Corbett presented student attendance data for the last month in an effort to monitor the Board of Education goal. Dr. Corbett also presented updated teacher attendance data as requested by the Board of Education.
- C. Social Media Initiative - Dr. Corbett presented a summary of the information in the Jonathan Haidt video that was sent to the Board in advance. He also provided some recommendations for statements the Board can make regarding student technology and social media use beginning with the 2024/25 school year.
- D. ComEd Project – Dr. Corbett presented information regarding the request made by ComEd to install underground cable on a portion of the ball fields. This information had also been provided to the Board previously via memo. The majority of the project would be on park district property. Dr. Corbett asked the Board for a consensus regarding whether or not to provide consent to move forward with the project. There were no objections from the Board members regarding this project..
- E. Presentation of 6th-8th Grade Social Science Curriculum – Mrs. Villalobos and members of the curriculum team presented an overview of the revised/updated 6th - 8th grade Social Science curriculum. The complete curriculum was provided to Board members in advance of this meeting and was available on the website for public review and comment for the last several weeks.
- F. Tax Abatement Presentation – Mr. Wilt provided the Board with a presentation regarding the tax abatement information. The Board received memos in advance to provide background information on the abatement.
- G. Monthly Financial Update – Mr. Wilt provided the Board with a detailed report regarding the financial status of the District. Mr. Wilt also provided information on the status of the copier and food service requests for proposals as well as the electric sign project.
- H. Informational Items and Communications – The following are important dates for upcoming school district events:
- Monday, March 25-29, 2024 Spring Break
 - Monday, April 1, 2024 Classes Resume
 - Thursday, April 18, 2024 School Board Meeting – 7pm

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Wellness Committee** - The Wellness Committee met on March 5th and discussed meal composition and menu improvements with representatives from Arbor Management. Mr. Wilt provided a report along with Mrs. Papadopoulos who represented the Board at this meeting.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approval of 6th-8th Grade Social Science Curriculum** – It was moved by Mrs. Papadopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Daniels that the Board approve the 6th-8th Grade Social Science Curriculum.

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

2. **Approval of Room Rental Lease Agreement with NDSEC for the 2024/25 School Year** - It was moved by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez and seconded by Mrs. Papadopoulos that the Board approve the Room Rental Lease Agreement with NDSEC in the amount \$15,000 for the 2024/25 School Year.

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

3. **Approval of the FY24 Amended Budget** - It was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Mrs. Papadopoulos that the Board approve the FY24 Amended Budget.

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

- 4. **Approval of Resolution Abating the Taxes Heretofore Levied for the Year 2023 to Pay Debt Service on the General Obligation Limited Refunding School Bonds, Series 2020, of School District 7** - Mrs. Daniels presented the Resolution. It was moved by Mrs. Papadopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the Board approve the Resolution to Abate the Taxes Heretofore Levied for the Year 2023 to Pay Debt Service on the the General Obligation Limited Refunding School Bonds, Series 2020, of School District 7.

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

- 5. **Approval of Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Transfer of Money From the Education Fund to the Debt Service Fund in the Amount of \$390,000** - Mrs. Papadopoulos presented the Resolution. It was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez that the Board approve the Resolution authorizing and directing the transfer of money from the Education Fund to the debt service fund in the amount of \$390,000.

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

CLOSED - SESSION was moved to take place prior to the approval of the Consent Agenda

X. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Papadopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Daniels to adjourn the meeting. After a voice vote President Pro tem Cox declared the motion carried.

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Joe Petrella, President

Aida Miljkovic, Secretary