

Wood Dale School District 7 Board of Education
543 N. Wood Dale Rd. • Wood Dale, Illinois
Regular Meeting • Thursday, March 21, 2019 • 7:00 p.m. • Board Room

MINUTES

ROLL CALL/QUORUM/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Petrella called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and he directed the secretary to call the roll. Upon roll call the following members answered present: Cox, Petrella, Daniels, Fletcher-Gomez, Woods, and Botello.

Absent members: Lange.

Also present were: Dr. John Corbett, Superintendent; Mr. Steve Wilt, Business Manager; Dr. Merri Beth Kudrna, Curriculum Director; Mrs. Shelly Skarzynski, Principal; Mr. Al Buttimer, Principal; Mr. Tim Shermak, Principal; Ms. Elvia Villalobos, Principal; Ms. Cristina Montano, Administrative Secretary, staff and community members.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

- **Freedom of Information Act Requests (FOIAs)** - Dr. Corbett reported to the Board on the following Freedom of Information Requests received since the February Board meeting: 1) United Union of Roofers - regarding copies of payroll records, 2) NYU Charter Schools - regarding copies of charter school applications, 3) SmartProcure - regarding copies of purchase orders issued since December 1st, 4) Advanced Waste - regarding copies of contracts with waste management companies, 5) Emeric Services - regarding copies of contracts with custodian service companies. All these FOIA requests were responded to within the required timeline.
- **Fenton Honor Roll** - Dr. Corbett informed the Board that Fenton High School was one of 373 high school districts in the United States and Canada that was selected by the College Board to be named as an AP honor roll school. This is because Fenton simultaneously achieved increases in access to Advanced Placement courses for a broader number of students and also maintained or improved the rate at which their AP students earned scores of 3 or higher on AP exams. Additionally, Fenton was chosen as one of three high schools, out of the 373, to be named AP District of the Year. Fenton hosted an all school celebration on March 20th and Dr. Corbett attended to represent District 7.
- **Oakbrook Garden Grant** - Dr. Corbett informed the Board that Mr. Shermak applied for and received a grant to install a garden at Oakbrook School. The installation of the garden will be similar to the KaBoom playground project, as it will be a community event involving volunteers. The tentative build day for the garden is Saturday, May 11th. The value of the grant is \$12,000.
- **Letter from Parent** - Following the attack on the Mosque in New Zealand the administration received a letter from a parent. The mother expressed that she is proud her children attend the Wood Dale Schools, as they practice the Muslim faith and have never been bullied or discriminated against because of their faith. Dr. Corbett read the entire letter to the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

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

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

Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

The Board came out of closed session at 7:57 p.m.

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

1. Approved Regular Board Meeting Minutes for February 21, 2019 and Closed Session Meeting Minutes for February 21, 2019.
2. Approved Treasurer's Report for February 2019.
3. Approved Budget Status Report for February 2019.

Approved Payroll for February and bills for March 2019 as summarized herein:

Payroll	2/19	\$ 715,438.39
Bills Payable	3/19	<u>\$ 212,876.22</u>
Totals		\$ 928,314.61

4. Approved Personnel Report for the month of March, 2019.
 - a. **Employment** – ratified the employment of **Beth Ruscitti**, Teacher @ OB effective 8/15/19; **Concepcion Rodelo**, Teacher @ OB effective 8/15/19; and **Alexandra Leon**, Paraprofessional @ EC effective 3/21/19.
 - b. **Resignation** – accepted the resignation of **Katie Berger**, Special Education Teacher @ WV; **Cara Gamez**, Teacher @ OB; **Lauren Hasse**, LMC Teacher @ JH; **Brienne Kelly**, Teacher @ WV; and **Elyce Boonstra**, Social Worker @ EC effective 6/10/19.
 - c. **FMLA** - approved the FMLA request from **Staci Rafferty**, Teacher @ JH from approximately 4/11/19 through 6/10/19 and the request from **Ana Gonzalez**, Teacher @ OB for change from 7 weeks to 12 weeks beginning 3/4/19.
 - d. **Dismissal** - ratified the dismissal of **Christine Birchfield**, Paraprofessional @ WV and **Dolores Gonzalez**, Lunch Supervisor @ OB effective 3/21/19.

It was moved by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the Board approve the consent agenda for the month of March, 2019.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Botello, Cox, Petrella, and Daniels.

Nays – Fletcher-Gomez and Woods. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. **Enrollment Status Report** – Dr. Corbett provided the Board with a report on the current district enrollment.
- B. **Update on Portrait of a Graduate Project** - Dr. Corbett informed the Board that although he and the Superintendents from Bensenville 2 and Fenton 100 have been working on this project, they have been experiencing difficulties identifying a facilitator. Dr. Corbett stated he believes the project will be delayed until the fall of 2019.
- C. **OTUS - Student Learning & Data Management System (Board Goal 2a)** - Dr. Kudrna and Mr. Halverson were going to provide this report. Mr. Halverson was unable to attend the meeting so Dr. Kudrna provided an abbreviated report and the full report will be presented to the Board at the April meeting.
- D. **Standards Based Learning (Board Goal 2a)** - The administration and the faculty have been working on revising the standards based marking system that was first implemented in 2008. Additionally, next fall the kindergarten teachers will be implementing a new system to track the learning of their students. Dr. Kudrna and Instructional Coach, Lisa Applequist, provided a report for the Board.
- E. **Monthly Financial Update** – Mr. Wilt provided the Board with a detailed report regarding the financial status of the District. His report also included information regarding the final contract with Control Technology Solutions (CTS) and a review of the fund transfer which the Board will be asked to approve as an action item.
- F. **Informational Items and Communications** – The following are important dates for upcoming school district events:
 - Monday, March 25, 2019 Spring Break Begins
 - Monday, April 1, 2019 Classes Resume
 - Thursday, April 11, 2019 OB Kindergarten Orientation 6:30pm
 - Thursday, April 18, 2019 School Board Meeting – 7pm
 - Thursday, April 19, 2019 Local Holiday - NO SCHOOL

It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Daniels that the Board approve the Superintendent's Report for the month of March, 2019. After a voice vote President Petrella declared the motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports for the month of March.

ACTION ITEMS - President Petrella announced that due to a zoning issue related to the parking lot expansion project at Oakbrook the item, "Approval of Bid for the Expansion of the Oakbrook School Parking Lot" will be removed from the list of action items and voted on at a later date.

1. **Approval of Contract with Control Technology Solutions for Energy Savings Project at Junior High & Oakbrook** - It was moved by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the Board approve the contract with Control Technology Solutions for the amount of \$1,722,500 for the Energy Savings Project at the junior high and Oakbrook School.

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

Nays – None. Motion carried.

2. **Approval of Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Transfer of \$1,000,000 from the Operations & Maintenance Fund to the Capital Projects Fund** - The Resolution was presented by Mr. Cox. It was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Mr. Woods that the Board approve a resolution authorizing and directing the transfer of \$1,000,000 from the Operations & Maintenance Fund to the Capital Projects Fund.

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

Nays – None. Motion carried.

REMOVED FROM ACTION ITEMS

- ~~3. **Approval of Bid for the Expansion of the Oakbrook School Parking Lot**~~

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the meeting be adjourned. After a voice vote President Petrella declared the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Joe Petrella, President

Araceli Botello, Secretary