

Wood Dale School District 7 Board of Education
543 N. Wood Dale Rd. • Wood Dale, Illinois
Regular Meeting • Thursday, January 19, 2023 • 7:00 p.m. • Boardroom

MINUTES

ROLL CALL/QUORUM/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Petrella called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and he directed the secretary to call the roll. Upon roll call the following members answered present: Cox, Petrella, Daniels, Miljkovic, Woods, and Botello.

Absent members: Fletcher-Gomez.

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

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

- **Freedom of Information Requests** - The Board received one FOIA request this month from Smartprocure requesting all purchase orders from 11/2/22 - 1/17/23. The FOIA request was responded to within the required timeline.
- **Strive for Excellence Recognition** - The WD7 Social Workers were awarded the Strive for Excellence recognition for their efforts in coordinating the annual Angel Tree Program. This program provides holiday gifts for students and families in need. The Social Workers were also recognized for going above and beyond to provide comfort and support to the District 7 students, families, and staff members who struggled with mental and emotional health issues throughout the pandemic. Each of the Principals commended the Social Workers for their support to staff, students, and families.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was also no public comment from the audience.

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

1. Approved Regular Board Meeting for December 15, 2022
2. Approved Treasurer's Report for December 2022
3. Approved Budget Status Report for December 2022
4. Approved Payroll for December 2022 and bills for January 2023 as summarized herein:

Payroll	12/22	\$ 783,878.71
Bills Payable	1/23	<u>\$6,730,171.46</u>
Totals		\$7,514,050.17
5. Approved Personnel Report for the month of January, 2023
 - a. **Employment** - ratified the employment of **Claudia Garcia Chinchilla**, Paraprofessional @ OB; **Mackenzie Parry**, Part-time Teacher @ OB; **Zezzlee Velez Solano**, Paraprofessional @ WV effective.
 - b. **Retirement** - accepted the retirement of **Merri Beth Kudrna**, Curriculum Director, effective 6/30/23; and **Mary Jeske**, Paraprofessional @ WV effective the last day of teacher attendance.
6. Approval of Certified and Classified Employee Seniority Lists
7. Approval of List of Employees to File Statements of Economic Interest

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

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

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

Nays – None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mr. Cox that the Board approve the Bills for the month of January 2023.

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

Nays - Woods. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. **Enrollment Status Report** – Dr. Corbett provided the Board with a report on the current enrollment.
- B. **Curriculum Update - Use of ESSER Funds** - Dr. Kudrna and representatives from the Curriculum Team reported on the use of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds awarded to the Board. This report was in direct response to Board Goal 3b: *Provide the community with regular reports regarding outcomes for students resulting from the investment of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) grant money. Specifically in the areas of:*
 - 1) Student Achievement,
 - 2) Professional Development,
 - 3) Curriculum.

- C. **Information and Discussion Regarding Policy: 7:70 - Students-Attendance and Truancy** - Dr. Corbett presented the Board with the minor changes required by school code to update Policy 7:70. The State Board requires that the revised policy be submitted to their office this month. Dr. Corbett made his recommendations to waive the first reading and adopt the revised policy to submit to ISBE and be in compliance per the deadline.
- D. **Monthly Financial Update** – Mr. Wilt provided the Board with a detailed report regarding the financial status of the District. His report also included a summary and recommendation regarding the purchase of RTUs for the Early Childhood Center, and recommended fees for the 2023/24 school year. Mr. Woods had several questions regarding the RTUs.
- E. **Informational Items and Communications** – Notices and dates to remember were provided regarding upcoming school district events.
- Thursday, February 16 School Board Meeting – 7pm
 - Monday, February 20 Presidents' Day – No School
 - Thursday, February 23 Winter Band Concert @ Center for the Arts 7pm
 - Friday, February 24 School Improvement Half Day – AM/PM Kindergarten in Attendance
 - Tuesday, February 28 Election Day - No School

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Multicultural Family Advisory Committee** - The Multicultural Family Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, January 18th. A report was provided to the Board regarding an upcoming multicultural fair planned for March 2nd for the WD7 community.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approval of 2023/24 School Calendar** - It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the Board approve the 2023/23 School Calendar included in the Board packet and reviewed at the December Board meeting.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Daniels, Botello, Cox, Petrella, Woods, and Miljkovic.
Nays – None. Motion carried.
2. **Approval to Begin to Develop FY24 Tentative Budget** - It was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the Board authorize the Administration to begin developing the FY24 Tentative Budget.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Cox, Petrella, Daniels, Mijkovic, Botello, and Woods.
Nays – None. Motion carried.
3. **Approval of School, Lunch, Outdoor Education, and Springfield Trip Fees for 2023/24** - It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the Board approve the recommendation from the Finance Committee that school fees and all other fees, including Springfield fees not be changed for the 2023/24 school year. It was further recommended that lunch prices be increased by .15 cents to a total of \$3.00 beginning with the 2023/24 school year.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Miljkovic, Woods, Cox, Petrella, Botello, and Daniels.
Nays – None. Motion carried.
4. **Approval of Contract for Curriculum Director** - It was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the Board approve the contract for Mrs. Elvia Villalobos to serve as Curriculum Director beginning July 1st 2023.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Daniels, Cox, Miljkovic, Petrella, Woods, and Botello..
Nays – None. Motion carried.
5. **Approval of Bid From Quality Mechanical Inc., for the Purchase and Installation of Three HVAC Rooftop Units & Mini-Split for the Early Childhood Education Center in the Amount of \$293,300** - It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the Board approve the bid from Quality Mechanical, Inc. for the purchase and installation of three HVAC rooftop units and mini-split for the Early Childhood Education Center in the amount of \$293,300.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Miljkovic, Daniels, Petrella, Botello, and Cox.
Nays – Woods. Motion carried.
6. **Approval of First Reading and Adoption of Policy: 7:70 - Students-Attendance and Truancy** - It was moved by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mr. Cox that the Board approve the first reading, waive the second reading, and adopt the revised version of Policy 7:70 Student-Attendance & Truancy.

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

CLOSED SESSION - It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic 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 – Cox, Daniels, Miljkovic, Petrella, Woods, and Botello.
Nays – None. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 8:23 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 8:56 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the meeting be adjourned.

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

President Petrella declared the meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Joe Petrella, President

Araceli Botello, Secretary