

**Wood Dale School District 7 Board of Education**  
**543 N. Wood Dale Rd. • Wood Dale, Illinois**  
**Regular Meeting • Thursday, October 21, 2021 • 7:00 p.m. • Board Room**

**MINUTES**

**ROLL CALL/QUORUM/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

Absent members: Woods.

Also present were: Dr. John Corbett, Superintendent, Dr. Merri Beth Kudrna, Curriculum Director, Mr. Steve Wilt, Business Manager, Mr. Dan Cook, Technology Assistant and Ms. Cristina Montano, Executive Assistant; Mr. Joe Krause, Principal; Ms. Gina DiFiglio, Assistant Principal, Mr. Al Buttimer, Principal; Mr. Tim Shermak, Principal; and Mrs. Elvia Villalobos, Principal.

**NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- FOIA Requests - Dr. Corbett reported that four FOIA requests were received this month: 1) Locallabs.com for COVID related demographic data that had already been reported to the health department; 2) Locallabs.com for information regarding literature the district has in their libraries regarding the 1619 Project, including books written by specific authors; 3) NBC 5 for a list of unclaimed funds held by the district reported to the IL Treasurer that are due to the district; and 4) Smartprocure for invoices from 7/1 -10/20. All these requests were responded to in the required timeframe.
- Strive for Excellence Recognition - The Board recognized all District 7 parents/families for all they have done to support their children and collaborate with the district throughout the pandemic.
- Mr. Buttimer informed the Board of an adopt-a-classroom grant Westview received from Subaru. The grant was in the amount of \$3,000, which was awarded to select Westview teachers to purchase materials for their classrooms.
- This fall District 7 was notified that a perfect score was received during our special education LEA Determination Review. Documents were shared with the Board. Dr. Corbett recognized District 7 Special Education Coordinator, Ms. Kelly Gould.
- Illinois Principals' Appreciation Month - Dr. Corbett noted that October is Principal Appreciation Month. The Board recognized the hard work and dedication of the District 7 Principals.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment was solicited via online for a period of two weeks prior to the virtual meeting. During this time, no public comments were received. There was also no public comment from the audience.

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

1. Approved Regular Budget Hearing Meeting Minutes for September 23, 2021, Board Meeting Minutes for September 23, 2021, Closed Session I Meeting Minutes for September 23, 2021, and Closed Session II Meeting Minutes for September 23, 2021.
2. Approved Treasurer's Report for September 2021.
3. Approved Budget Status Report for September 2021.  
Approved Payroll for September 2021 and bills for October 2021 as summarized herein:

Payroll	9/21	\$ 754,723.52
Bills Payable	10/21	\$ 513,236.57
Totals		<u>\$1,267,960.09</u>
4. Approved Personnel Report for the month of October, 2021.
  - a. **Employment** – ratified the employment of **Debra Schalke**, Paraprofessional @ WV effective 10/21/21.
  - b. **Resignation** – accepted the resignation of **Liane Matuszak**, Paraprofessional @ EC effective 10/25/21; **David Burgos Torres**, Custodian @ JH effective 10/18/21; and **Audrey Johnson**, Bus Driver @ DO effective 10/27/21.

It was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Mr. Cox that the Board approve the consent agenda for the month of October, 2021.

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

Nays – none. Motion carried.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- A. **Enrollment Status Report** – Dr. Corbett provided the Board with a report on the current district enrollment.
- B. **City of Wood Dale Request for Use of School Grounds for Prairie Fest 2022** - The City of Wood Dale requested the use of school district property, from July 28th through July 31st, to host Prairie Fest this summer. Dr. Corbett recommended the Board grant this request, as long as there is an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) in place, as in previous years. The Board directed Dr. Corbett to contact the City to begin developing the IGA.
- C. **Summary of District 7 School Improvement Plans** – The principals provided the Board with a combined presentation of the 2021/22 School Improvement Plans for all four schools.

- D. Timeline - 2021 State School Report Cards** - Illinois School Code states that the Board of Education is to review the Annual State Report Card prior to it being made available to the public, which is October 30<sup>th</sup>. Due to the pandemic the School Report Card and timeline for release of information has been adjusted this year. Dr. Kudrna provided the Board with a timeline of events for the release of the report card information this year.
- E. Presentation of the Elementary Secondary School Emergency Relief Grant (ESSER - III) Spending Plan** - Part of the requirements for receiving the ESSER III money is to provide opportunities for public input regarding the spending plan. Mr. Wilt provided the Board with a summary of the ESSER III spending plan. The plan will also be posted on the District website to allow members of the community to review the recommended plan and provide input.
- F. Presentation of the 2021 Audit and Annual Financial Report** - A copy of the 2021 Audit and Financial Report was delivered to all Board Members the week of October 12th. Mr. Wilt provided the Board with a brief summary of the documents.
- G. Monthly Financial Update** – Mr. Wilt provided the Board with a detailed report regarding the financial status of the District. He also provided information regarding the 2021 levy request, the 2021 Audit, and Annual Financial Report.
- H. Informational Items and Communications** – The following are important dates for upcoming school district events:
- Friday, October 29, 2021                      Teacher Professional Development/No School (PM only)
  - Thursday, November 4, 2021              Fall Band Concert @ 7 p.m. – JH Center for the Arts
  - Thursday, November 18, 2021              School Board Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Community Curriculum Advisory Council (CCAC)** - The CCAC met on October 13th and discussed the Multi-tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) program for our students. They also discussed the return to in-person instruction with COVID procedures. Dr. Kudrna and Mrs. Botello provided a report.

## ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approval of Tentative 2021 Tax Levy** – It was moved by Mrs. Botello and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the Board approve the tentative 2021 tax levy. This levy will capture a 4.99% increase over last year's tax extension to account for the increase in CPI and new construction added to the tax rolls within our District this year. As required by law, the levy will be on display for 20 days prior to the approval of the final levy at the November Board meeting. This tax revenue will be collected in June and September of 2022.

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

2. **Approval of the 2021 Audit and Annual Financial Report** - It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Daniels that the Board approve the Fiscal Year 2021 District 7 Annual Financial Report prepared by auditor, Evans, Marshall, & Pease, P.C.

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

**CLOSED SESSION** - It was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez that the Board go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees.

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

The Board went into closed session at 8:22 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 8:27 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** It was moved by Mrs. Botello and seconded by Mr. Cox that the meeting be adjourned. After a voice vote President Petrella declared the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

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Joe Petrella, President

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Araceli Botello, Secretary