

Wood Dale School District 7 Board of Education
543 N. Wood Dale Rd. • Wood Dale, Illinois
Regular Meeting • Thursday, June 18, 2020 • 7:00 p.m. • VIRTUAL MEETING

MINUTES

ROLL CALL/QUORUM/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Petrella called the virtual meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and he directed the secretary to call the roll. Upon roll call the following members answered present: Cox, Petrella, Daniels, Zuniga, Fletcher-Gomez, Woods and Botello. (All Board members were present in the Boardroom)

Absent members: None.

Also present were: Dr. John Corbett, Superintendent & Ms. Cristina Montano, Administrative Secretary (Both present in the Boardroom); Dr. Merri Beth Kudrna, Curriculum Director; Mr. Steve Wilt, Business Manager, ; Mrs. Shelly Skarzynski, Principal; Mr. Al Buttner, Principal; Mr. Tim Shermak, Principal; Mrs. Elvia Villalobos, Principal; Mr. Joe Krause, Assistant Principal; Mr. Dan Cook, Technology Assistant; Mrs. Dorothy Lange and Mr. Aaron Lange (All attended the meeting remotely)

TRIBUTE TO CARL LANGE

Dr. Corbett provided a picture presentation to honor Mr. Carl Lange, Board member for 41 years, who passed away in May. All of the Board members had an opportunity to share some memories of working with Mr. Lange. Mr. Lange's wife and son joined remotely. Mr. Petrella asked the Board and audience to join him in a moment of silence to remember Mr. Lange and his years of service to the children and families of Wood Dale District 7.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Dr. Corbett reviewed the activities that were completed by the staff to close out the school year. He highlighted the creativity demonstrated by the administrators and staff who found ways to hold virtual activities for students, families, and staff. Of special note was the Promotional Exercises video created by Mrs. Skarzynski, Mr. Speiden, and the staff of Wood Dale Junior High.
- Dr. Corbett informed the Board that the paperless Board meeting software (Boardbook) was to be upgraded and all Board members would need to be trained prior to the next Board meeting. Dr. Corbett stated that Board members would have the opportunity to receive training via video or in person if needed.
- Dr. Corbett reported that one FOIA request was received this month from WLS regarding how the district tracked attendance and student engagement during mandated remote learning. The information was provided; however, the district requested an extension on the timeline.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were received via email or when the audience was asked for comments.

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

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

Nays – none. Motion carried

The Board went into closed session at 7:23p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 9:00 p.m.

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

1. Approved Virtual Meeting Minutes May 21, 2020.
2. Approved Virtual Closed Session Minutes May 21, 2020.
3. Approved Special Meeting Minutes June 11, 2020.
4. Approved Special Meeting Closed Session Minutes June 11, 2020
5. Approved Treasurer's Report for May 2020.
6. Approved Budget Status Report for May 2020.
7. Approved Payroll for May 2020 and bills for June 2020 as summarized herein:

Payroll	5/20	\$ 709,095.14
Bills Payable	6/20	<u>\$ 672,369.10</u>
Totals		\$1,381,464.24
8. Approved Personnel Report for the month of June 2020.
 - a. **Resignation** - accepted the resignation of **Melisa Ledesma**, Bilingual Special Education Teacher @ OB effective 6/10/20; and **Conner Eisenmenger**, Music/Art Teacher @ OB effective 6/15/20.
 - b. **Retirement** – accepted the retirement request of **Patti Meenan**, Building Secretary @ EC effective 6/30/20.
9. Approval of District Membership in the Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA).

It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Zuniga that the Board approve the consent agenda for the month of June, 2020.

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

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. **Summaries of the 2019/20 School Improvement Plans (Board Goal 1a)** – The principals presented summaries of their 2019/20 School Improvement Plans. Due to the pandemic, the administrators were unable to collect end of the year student assessment data, so the summaries were different this year. The principals highlighted the work they have been doing with the staff to meet the learning, nutritional, and social emotional needs of the students and their families. The Board members expressed their gratitude to the administrators for their efforts and creativity in meeting the demands of educating our students under these unique circumstances.
- C. **Parent/Student Handbook 2019/20 Revisions** - Dr. Corbett informed the Board that the recommended changes/additions to the 2020/21 Parent/Student Handbook would be postponed until the July 2020 Board meeting due to the pending implementation of new fall 2020 instruction guidelines related to the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- D. **Status Report - School/Instruction Fall 2020** - Dr. Corbett provided the Board with a report regarding the latest information on the status of how instruction will be implemented in the fall: Remote Learning, In-person, or Hybrid. Dr. Corbett also included the impact each model would potentially have on the overall district budget.
- E. **Monthly Financial Update (Board Goal 3)** – Mr. Wilt provided the Board with a detailed report regarding the financial status of the District. His report also included a final recommendation on the bus bids discussed in May, financial projections relative to the impact of COVID-19, an update on summer projects, and the status of the audit.
- F. **Informational Items and Communications** – Notices and dates to remember were provided to the Board.
 - Monday, July 6 Remote Summer School Begins
 - Friday, July 31 Last Day of Remote Summer School

COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports for the month of June.

President Petrella announced that Action Item number 1 was to be removed from the agenda because the document needs to stay open due to possible changes due to the pandemic.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Approval of 2020/21 Parent/Student Handbook** – Board Policy requires annual approval of the Parent/Student Handbook. The changes in the document have been reviewed by the Board. It is recommended that the Board provide final approval of the 2020/21 Parent/Student Handbook as presented this evening.
2. **Approval of NDSEC 2020/21 Classroom Space Lease Agreement** - It was moved by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mrs. Zuniga that the Board approve the 2020-2021 NDSEC Classroom Space Lease Agreement allowing NDSEC to rent two classrooms in the Early Childhood Building.

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

Nays – none. Motion carried

3. **Approval of 2020/21 Classified Staff Salaries** - It was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Mr. Cox that the Board approve the 2020/21 Classified Staff Salaries. All classified staff will receive a 2.3% increase which is the same as the Consumer Price Index for 2019 which is a cost of living increase.

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

Nays – Woods and Petrella. Motion carried

4. **Approval of 2020/21 Administrator Contracts** - Due to the financial uncertainty caused by the pandemic, it was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Zuniga that the Board freeze the 2020/21 administrator's salaries, with the exception of the salary for the Chief School Business Official. In the month of November the Board will reassess the district's financial situation and determine if a salary increase can be provided to administrators. If an increase can be provided it will be retroactive to July 1st. The earliest this action could take place would be the December Board meeting.

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

Nays – Botello. Motion carried

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

The virtual meeting adjourned at 11:12 p.m.

Joe Petrella, President

Araceli Botello, Secretary