

Wood Dale School District 7 Board of Education
543 N. Wood Dale Rd. • Wood Dale, Illinois
Regular Meeting • Wednesday, May 17, 2023 • 7:00 p.m. • Boardroom

MINUTES

ROLL CALL/QUORUM/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Pro tem Cox called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and he directed the recording secretary to call the roll. Upon roll call the following members answered present: Cox, Daniels, Fletcher-Gomez, Woods, and Papadopoulos.

Absent members: None.

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

The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ACTION ITEM

1. **Appointment of Two New Board Members to Fill Vacant Terms Through April 2025** - After the April 2023 election two Board positions were left unfilled. Subsequently, the five remaining Board members solicited and vetted candidates to fill these vacancies. The Board determined they would appoint Mr. Joe Petrella and Mrs. Aida Miljkovic to fill these two vacancies. Thus, Mr. Joe Petrella and Mrs. Aida Miljkovic will hold these seats until April 2025.

It was moved by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mrs. Daniels that the Board approve the appointment of Mr. Joe Petrella and Mrs. Aida Miljkovic to the Wood Dale Board of Education to serve until April 2025.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Papadopoulos, Daniels, Fletcher-Gomez, Woods, and Cox.
Nays – none. Motion carried.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS TAKE THE OATH OF OFFICE & ARE SEATED - Mr. Petrella and Mrs. Miljkovic recited the Oath of Office administered by President Pro tem Cox and were then seated with the Board.

NEW BOARD ROLL CALL/QUORUM

President Pro tem Cox called to order the meeting (with the two new Board members) at 7:06 p.m. He directed the recording secretary to call the roll. Upon roll call the following members answered present: Woods, Papadopoulos, Cox, Petrella, Daniels, Miljkovic, and Fletcher-Gomez.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

As agreed upon at the May meeting, the Board held elections for officers to serve for the next two years. The election of officers was delayed until after the appointment of the two new Board members so all seven Board members could participate in the election.

President Pro tem Cox opened the floor for Board President nominations. Mrs. Daniels nominated Mr. Petrella for Board President seconded by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez. Hearing no other nominations, it was declared by acclamation, Mr. Petrella was elected as Board President. After a voice vote to confirm the acclamation, Mr. Joe Petrella was declared Board President.

President Petrella opened the floor for Board Vice-President nominations. Ms. Fletcher-Gomez nominated Mr. Cox for Board Vice-President seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic. Hearing no other nominations, it was declared by acclamation, Mr. Todd Cox was elected as Board Vice-President. After a voice vote to confirm the acclamation, Mr. Todd Cox was declared Board Vice-President.

President Petrella opened the floor for Board Secretary nominations. Mr. Cox nominated Mrs. Miljkovic for Board Secretary seconded by Mrs. Daniels. Hearing no other nominations, it was declared by acclamation, Mrs. Aida Miljkovic was elected as Board Secretary. After a voice vote to confirm the acclamation, Mrs. Aida Miljkovic was declared Board Secretary.

DETERMINE TIME & PLACE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS - It was moved by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that all Board meetings be held the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the District Office.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Daniels, Cox, Miljkovic, Petrella, Fletcher-Gomez, and Papadopoulos.
Nays – Woods. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARD COMMITTEES

President Petrella informed the Board that he will announce Board committee assignments at the June 15, 2023 meeting.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

- **Final Vote Canvas:** Dr. Corbett informed the Board members that they had each been provided with a copy of the official canvas of the April 4th election from the DuPage County Election Commission.
- **Freedom of Information Act Requests:** Dr. Corbett reported that the district received three FOIA requests from: 1) Mr. Bryan Kolak, regarding Superintendent emails; 2) Locallabs, for emails and invoices/vouchers between the school district and Lurie's Children's Hospital; and 3) Data Research, for directory information for all District 7 staff members. The requests were fulfilled within the designated timeline.
- **National Day of Prayer:** Dr. Corbett informed the Board that he had attended an event held by Pastor Heller from Calvary Lutheran Church. The Pastor prayed for all people in leadership positions in our country, state and city. Members of the Wood Dale Police Department were also in attendance at the event.
- **Strive for Excellence Recognition:** Members of the Wood Dale Junior High Future City Team were recognized for being Chicago Regional State Champions & International Competitors. The Board honored the students on the Future City Team and their Coach, Mr. Dan West, for their achievements.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments to the Board.

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

Roll call vote: Yeas – Miljkovic, Woods, Fletcher-Gomez, Petrella, Papadopoulos, and Cox. (Mrs. Daniels was excused and did not vote.)

Nays – None. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 7:40 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 8:06 p.m.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA INCLUDING MINUTES, FINANCIAL REPORTS AND PERSONNEL REPORT**1. Approval of Minutes**

- Regular Board Meeting April 20, 2023
- Closed Session I Meeting April 20, 2023
- Closed Session II Meeting April 20, 2023

2. Approval of Financial Reports

- Treasurer's Report for April 2023
- Budget Status Report for April 2023
- Bills Payable for May 2023
- Approved Payroll for April 2023 and bills for May 2023 as summarized herein:

Payroll	4/23	\$ 772,741.94
Bills Payable	5/23	<u>\$ 432,916.23</u>
Totals		\$1,205,658.17

3. Approval of Personnel Report for the Month of May 2023

- Employment - ratified the employment of **Alejandra Cervantes**, Teacher @ WV effective 7/1/23.
- Resignation - accepted the resignation of **Daria Nalborczyk**, Teacher @ OB, **Karen Gershman**, Speech Pathologist @ WV, **Sabryna Tenorio**, Speech Pathologist @ OB, and **Sarah Johnson**, Teacher @ OB effective the last day of teacher attendance.
- Dismissal - approved the dismissal of **Greg Cyrier**, Technology Coordinator @ District Office effective 5/12/23.

4. Approval of District Membership in the Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA)**5. Approval of Semi Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes & Recordings**

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

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

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

Nays – none. Motion carried.

It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the Board approve the Bills for the month of May, 2023.

Roll call vote: Yeas - Cox, Fletcher-Gomez, Papadopoulos, 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 district enrollment.
- B. Curriculum Adoption Review - Junior High Math** - Dr. Kudrna, Mrs. Teresamarie Loxas, Mrs. Kirstin Subach, and Mrs. Ashley Garbacz presented an overview of the revised junior high math curriculum. This curriculum was on display on the district website for public comment and was also reviewed by the Community Curriculum Advisory Council. Access to the revised curriculum was provided to the Board members two weeks previous.
- C. Monthly Financial Update** – Mr. Wilt provided the Board with a detailed report regarding the financial status of the District. He also provided information on: student accident insurance rates, the treasurer's bond surety, and the proposed contract extension with Arbor Management.
- D. Informational Items and Communications** – Notices and dates to remember were provided to the Board regarding upcoming school district events.
- Thursday, May 11 WV Open House 6:30 pm
 - Monday, May 15 2nd Grade parent Orientation 6:30 pm
 - Tuesday, May 16 EC Ages 3-5 Development Screening 3-5 pm
 - Tuesday, May 16 OB 23-24 Kindergarten Orientation 6 pm
 - Wednesday, May 17 EC Ages 3-5 Developmental Screening 3-5pm
 - Thursday, May 18 School Board Meeting 7pm
 - Thursday, May 25 Spring Band Concert @ Center for the Arts 7pm
 - Friday, May 26 Teacher Professional Development Day No School - PM only (Gr. 1-8)
 - Monday, May 29 Memorial Day – No School
 - Friday, June 2 8th Grade Dance 6:30 pm
 - Thursday, June 8 OB Field Day
 - Thursday, June 8 Last Day of School
 - Thursday, June 8 JH 8th Grade Promotional Exercises – 7 pm
 - Thursday, June 15 School Board Meeting – 7:00 pm

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Community Curriculum Advisory Committee** – On April 25th, Dr. Kudrna hosted the last Community Curriculum Advisory Council Meeting of the year. The administration sought input from the committee members regarding District Federal Grants, Parent/Student Handbook Revisions, Student Discipline Policy and Procedures, and Behavioral Interventions for Students with Disabilities. A report was provided for the Board.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Approval of Adoption of Revised Junior High Math Curriculum** - It was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the Board approve the adoption of the Revised Junior High Math Curriculum for the 2023/24 school year.

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

- 2. Approval of 2023/24 Salaries for Classified Employees**

Mr. Woods requested that the salaries for Mrs. Vicky Amaro and Mr. Marco Velarde be removed and voted on separately.

It was moved by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mr. Cox that the 2023/24 salaries for classified employees, as presented in closes session, be approved with the exception of the salary recommendations for Mrs. Vicky Amaro and Mr. Marco Velarde.

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

It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez that the Board approve the salary of Mrs. Vicky Amaro for 2023-2024 as presented in closed session.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Petrella, Daniels, Miljkovic, Cox, Papadopoulos, and Fletcher-Gomez.
Nays – Woods. Motion carried

It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez that the Board approve the salary of Mr. Marco Velarde for 2023-2024 as presented in closed session.

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

Nays – Woods and Papadopoulos. Motion carried

- 3. Approval of 2023/24 Salaries for Administrators** - It was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Mr. Cox that the Board approve the 2023/24 Administrator salaries as presented in closed session.

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

Nays – None. Motion carried.

- 4. Approval of Resolution for Appointment of School Treasurer** - Mr. Cox presented the Resolution. It was moved by Mrs. Papadopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the Board approve the Resolution appointing Mr. Steven Wilt as Wood Dale School District 7 Treasurer for a term of two years effective July 1, 2023.

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

Nays – None. Motion carried.

- 5. Approval of Resolution of Surety Bond of Treasurer** - Mrs. Daniels presented the Resolution. It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez that the Board approve the Resolution of Surety Bond of Treasurer.

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

Nays – None. Motion carried.

- 6. Approval of Student Accident Insurance** - It was moved by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the Board approved Arthur Gallagher & Co Insurance for school time student accident coverage on a mandatory blanket basis, covering all students for the 2023-24 school year at an annual cost of \$4,500.

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

Nays – None. Motion carried

- 7. Approval of Non-Competitive Procurement Contract for School Year 2023/24 with Arbor Management for Food Service** - It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the Board approve the non-competitive procurement contract with Arbor Management with an increase of 8.3% over the 2022/23 school year.

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

Nays – Woods. Motion carried

- 8. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Wood Dale Park District** - It was moved by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez and seconded by Mr. Cox that the Board approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Wood Dale Park District for use of the District 7 buses for field trips this summer.

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

Nays – None. Motion carried

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Joe Petrella, President

Aida Miljkovic, Secretary