

**Wood Dale School District 7 Board of Education**  
**543 N. Wood Dale Rd. • Wood Dale, Illinois**  
**Regular Meeting • Thursday, November 19, 2020 • 7:00 p.m. • VIRTUAL**

**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, Zuniga, Fletcher-Gomez, Woods, and Botello.

Absent members: None.

Also present were: Dr. John Corbett, Superintendent, Dr. Merri Beth Kudrna, Curriculum Director, Mr. Steve Wilt, Business Manager, Mr. Josh Halverson, Tech Coordinator, and Ms. Cristina Montano, Administrative Secretary (attendees were present in the Boardroom and District Office); Mrs. Shelly Skarzynski, Principal; Mr. Al Buttimer, Principal; Mr. Tim Shermak, Principal; Mrs. Elvia Villalobos, Principal; Mr. Joe Krause, Assistant Principal; staff, and community members (attended the meeting remotely).

**NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- **Freedom of Information Act Requests** - Dr. Corbett reported that no FOIA requests were received this month.
- **NDSEC Annual Report** - Dr. Corbett provided each Board member with a copy of the Northeast DuPage Special Education Cooperative Annual Report.
- **Strive for Excellence Award Early Childhood Staff** - The Board recognized Early Childhood Principal Mrs. Elvia Villalobos and her staff for earning the Gold Circle of Quality from the Illinois State Board of Education as a result of the comprehensive evaluation they underwent during the 2019-20 school year.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

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

1. Approved Regular Meeting Minutes for October, 2020
2. Approved Special Meeting Minutes October 29, 2020
3. Approved Treasurer's Report for October 2020
4. Approved Budget Status Report for October 2020
5. Approved Payroll for October 2020 and bills for November 2020 as summarized herein:

Payroll	10/20	\$ 745,450.76
Bills Payable	11/20	\$ 281,949.02
Totals		\$1,027,399.78
6. Approved Personnel Report for the month of November, 2020
  - a. **Employment** – ratified the employment of **Lauren O'Brien**, Special Education Teacher @ WV effective 11/19/20; ratified the change in status of **Doretta Schiddell**, Part-time to Full-time Employee @ District Office effective 11/19/20; ratified the change in position of **Jorge De La Torre**, Full-time Custodian @ Oakbrook to Full-time Courier @ District Office effective 11/19/20.
  - b. **Resignation** - accepted the resignation of **Dan Leitner**, Part-time Custodian @ District Office effective 10/30/20 and **Yenyfer Martinez**, Paraprofessional @ ECEC effective 11/27/20.
7. Approval of Concussion Oversight Committee

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

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

Nays – none. Motion carried.

**CLOSED SESSION** - It was moved by Mr. Woods 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 or legal counsel and pending litigation.

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

Nays – none. Motion carried.

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

The Board came out of closed session at 9:02 p.m.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- A. Enrollment Status Report** – Dr. Corbett provided the Board with a report on the current district enrollment.
- B. Presentation of School Improvement Plans 2020/21** - The Principals presented summaries of their 2020/21 School Improvement Plans.
- C. Possible Return of Grades 3-8 Academic Life Skills Program (ALSP) Special Education Programming to District:**  
There are currently ten District 7 students enrolled in the NDSEC ALS Program. The administration considered recommending the Board hire their own teacher and bring some of these students back to WD7 for school. Upon conducting an educational and financial analysis of the proposal it was determined the district could not sustain a long term program that would be equal to the program currently being provided by NDSEC. The administration recommended continued enrollment of these students in the NDSEC program.
- D. Review of Board Policy 7:270 Administering Medicines to Students:** Last January, the Policy Committee presented this policy for first reading. There were options for the Board to consider regarding having staff administer emergency: asthma medication, glucagon, anti-opioid, and epipen injector. The Board determined the policy should only provide for the administration of the epipen injector. It was recommended the Board approve the policy this evening.
- E. Review of Board Goals 2020/21:** The Board reviewed the final draft of the proposed Board Goals for the 2020/21 school year.
- F. Monthly Financial Update** – Mr. Wilt provided the Board with a detailed report regarding the financial status of the District. He also provided information regarding restructuring the bond debt and the levy.
- G. Informational Items and Communications** – The following are important dates for upcoming school district events:
- Monday, November 23 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - No School
  - Tuesday, November 24 - Teacher Professional Development - No School
  - Wednesday, November 25 - Local Holiday – No School
  - Thursday, November 26 - Thanksgiving – No School
  - Friday, November 27 - Local Holiday – No School
  - Tuesday, December 8 - K-5 Virtual Holiday Music Program 6pm
  - Monday, December 14 - Half-Day School Improvement - Students Attend PM only
  - Thursday, December 17 - School Board Meeting - CANCELED
  - December 21, 2020 - January 1, 2021 Winter Break
  - Monday, January 6 - JH Virtual PTO Meeting 6:30pm
  - Monday, January 11 - Half-Day School Improvement - Students Attend PM only
  - Tuesday, January 12 - Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee Virtual Meeting 6-8pm
  - Tuesday, January 12 - OB/WV Virtual PTO Meeting 6:30-8pm
  - Monday, January 18 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday - No School
  - Thursday, January 21 - EC Ages 3-5 Development Screening 3-5:30pm
  - Thursday, January 21 - School Board Meeting 7pm

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Finance Committee** - The Finance Committee met on November 5th. The Committee members provided a report and recommendations on: 1) maintenance/repair projects to be completed during the 2020/21 school year, 2) lunch & school fees for the 2021/22 school year.
- **Multicultural Committee** - The Multicultural Committee met on October 27th. The Committee members reported on the goal they established for the 2020/21 school year. The Committee is currently focused on increasing its membership to facilitate more input from school families.
- **Communication Committee** - The Communication Committee met on October 26th. The Committee reported on the goals they established for the 2020/21 school year. The goals will focus on enhanced communication with families during the pandemic, as well as ensuring the greater Wood Dale community is aware of activities taking place in the schools during remote and hybrid instruction.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **Approval of 2020/21 Board of Education Goals** - It was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Mr. Cox that the Board approve the goals they established for the 2020/21 school year as discussed in the Superintendent's Report.

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

2. **Approval of Final 2020 Tax Levy** - It was moved by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mr. Cox that the Board approve the 2020 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. This tax revenue will be collected in June and September of 2021.

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

3. **Approval of the Resolution Authorizing a Supplemental Property Tax Levy to Pay the Principal of and Interest on Outstanding Limited Bonds of the District** - The Resolution was presented by Mr. Cox. It was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez that the Board approve the Resolution Authorizing a Supplemental Property Tax Levy to Pay the Principal of and Interest on Outstanding Limited Bonds of the District.

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

4. **Approval of the Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$3,000,000 General Obligation Limited Refunding School Bonds of the District for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of the District, providing for the purchase and cancellation of certain of the outstanding bonds, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said refunding bonds, and authorizing the proposed sale of said refunding bonds to the purchaser thereof** - Mrs. Daniels presented the Resolution. It was moved by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez and seconded by Mrs. Zuniga that the Board approve the Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$3,000,000 General Obligation Limited Refunding School Bonds of the District for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of the District, providing for the purchase and cancellation of certain of the outstanding bonds, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said refunding bonds, and authorizing the proposed sale of said refunding bonds to the purchaser thereof.

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

5. **Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Policy 7:270 Administering Medicines to Students** - It was moved by Mrs. Botello and seconded by Mrs. Zuniga that the Board approve the second reading and adoption of Policy 7:270 Administering Medicines to Students.

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

6. **Approval of Cancellation of December 2020 Board of Education Meeting** - It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the Board cancel the December 17, 2020 meeting of the Board of Education.

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

7. **Approval of Authorization to Pay December 2020 Bills** - It was moved by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the Board authorize the Superintendent to pay December bills on December 18, 2020 subject to Board receipt of the bills payable list for review on December 11, 2020, any bills in question would be removed and held for approval at the January Board meeting.

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

**CLOSED SESSION** - It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Zuniga that the Board enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, collective negotiations matters, and student discipline.

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

The Board went into closed session at 10:45 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 11:14 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:16 p.m.

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Joe Petrella, President

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Araceli Botello, Secretary