

Wood Dale School District 7 Board of Education
543 N. Wood Dale Rd. • Wood Dale, Illinois
Regular Meeting • Thursday, October 15, 2020 • 7:00 p.m. • VIRTUAL

MINUTES

ROLL CALL/QUORUM/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice President Cox called the virtual meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and he directed the secretary to call the roll. Upon roll call the following members answered present: Cox, Daniels, Fletcher-Gomez, Woods, and Botello (all Board members were present in the Boardroom).

Absent member: Petrella and Zuniga.

Also present were: Dr. John Corbett, Superintendent, Dr. Merri Beth Kudrna, Curriculum Director, Mr. Steve Wilt, Business Manager, Mr. Josh Halverson, Tech Coordinator, Ms. Cristina Montano, Administrative Secretary and Mr. Dan Cook, Technology Assistant (attendees were present in the Boardroom and District Office); Mrs. Shelly Skarzynski, Principal; Mr. Al Buttner, 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

- **Email Communication to the Board:** Dr. Corbett shared an email received for the Board from the parent of a future kindergarten student. The family had a question regarding the start date for school for the 2022 school year.
- **Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB):** Dr. Corbett notified the Board of their membership renewal in the IASB. He reminded Board members to consider taking advantage of the information on the IASB website as well as the training opportunities they offer.
- **Illinois Principal Appreciation Week:** Dr. Corbett informed the Board that next week is Illinois Principal Appreciation Week. He thanked the WD7 principals for all their hard work year round and especially for all they have done to operate the schools during the pandemic.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

CLOSED SESSION - It was moved by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the Board enter into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, and collective negotiations matters

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

Nays – none. Motion carried

The Board went into closed session at 7:09 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 7:46 p.m.

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

1. Approved Budget Hearing Meeting September 24, 2020.
2. Approved Regular Board Meeting September 24, 2020
3. Rescheduled Regular Board Meeting September 30, 2020
4. Committee of the Whole Meeting October 7, 2020
5. Approved Treasurer's Report for September 2020.
6. Approved Budget Status Report for September 2020.
7. Approved Payroll for September 2020 and bills for October 2020 as summarized herein:

Payroll	9/20	\$ 684,611.57
Bills Payable	10/20	<u>\$ 595,542.36</u>
Totals		\$1,280,153.93

8. ~~Approved Personnel Report for the month of October 2020:~~

a. **Employment**

Vice President Cox announced that there were no personnel items; therefore, the Personnel Report was removed from the Consent Agenda.

It was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez that the Board approve the Consent Agenda for the month of October 2020.

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

Nays – None. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Enrollment Status Report** – Dr. Corbett provided the Board with a written report with the overall enrollment trends for the last 5 years. District enrollment is down 47 students from last school year. There has been an overall drop in attendance of 59 students since 2016.
- B. Update on Implementation of Hybrid Instruction** - Dr. Kudrna and Dr. Corbett provided an update on hybrid instruction as well as the plans that are underway for moving into the second trimester in November.
- C. Timeline - 2020 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 30th. Dr. Corbett provided the Board with a timeline of events for the release of the report card. He informed the Board that he will forward report card summary information for them to review prior to October 30th.
- D. 2020 Fenton HS Senior Profile Report** - Annually, Fenton High School provides Districts 2 & 7 with a report detailing the post graduation plans of their seniors. This year the data was not as complete as usual due to the pandemic and Fenton staff not being able to contact 100% of their seniors. The Board was provided with the opportunity to review and discuss their impressions of the report.
- E. Review Draft Board Goals for 2020/21** - The administration drafted some goals based on the feedback and direction provided by the Board at their Committee of the Whole meeting on Wednesday, October 7th. Dr. Corbett presented the draft goals and the Board provided feedback. Dr. Corbett will incorporate the feedback and bring the goals back to the Board for final approval at their November meeting.
- 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 the 2020 levy request, the 2020 Audit, Annual Financial Report, the plan to restructure the finance for bonds, and new insurance rates for dental, vision, and additional life.
- G. Informational Items and Communications** – Notices and dates to remember were provided regarding upcoming school district events.
 - Wednesday, October 7 JH PTO McDonald's Drive Thru Night - Fundraiser 11am-8pm
 - Monday, October 12 Columbus Day – No School
 - Tuesday, October 13 Teacher Professional Development – No School
 - Thursday, October 15 School Board Meeting 7:00pm

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. There were no committee reports for the month of October.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Approval of Tentative 2020 Tax Levy** - It was moved by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez and seconded by Mr. Woods that the Board approve the tentative 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. By law the tentative levy must be on display for 20 days prior to approval of the final levy at the November Board meeting. This tax revenue will be collected in June and September of 2021.

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

Nays – None. Motion carried

2. **Approval of the 2020 Audit and Annual Financial Report** - It was moved by Mrs. Botello and seconded by Mrs. Daniels that the Board approve the Fiscal Year 2020 District 7 Audit and Annual Financial Report prepared by auditor, Evans, Marshall, & Pease.

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

Nays – None. Motion carried

3. **Approval of New Insurance Rates** - It was moved by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez and seconded by Mr. Woods that the Board approve the new insurance rates through Guardian for dental, vision, and additional life insurance.

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

Nays – None. Motion carried

4. Approval of Second Reading and Adoption of Policies - It was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the Board approve the Second Reading and Adoption of the following policies:

- a. 2:125 Board Member Compensation; Expenses
- b. 2:140 Communications to and from the Board
- c. 2:160 Board Attorney
- d. 2:220 School Board Meeting Procedure
- e. 2:230 Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board
- f. 2:265 Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure
- g. 4:20 Fund Balances
- h. 4:180 Pandemic Preparedness
- i. 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
- j. 5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited
- k. 5:35 Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act
- l. 5:60 Expenses
- m. 5:220 Substitute Teachers
- n. 6:280 Grading and Promotion
- o. 7:10 Equal Education Opportunities
- p. 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited
- q. 7:70 Attendance and Truancy
- r. 7:185 Teen Dating Violence Prohibited
- s. 7:190 Student Behavior
- t. 7:340 Student Records
- u. 8:10 Connection with the Community
- v. 8:30 Visitors and Conduct on School Property
- w. 8:110 Public Suggestions and Concerns

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

Nays – Woods. Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT: It was moved by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez that the meeting be adjourned.

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

Nays – none. Motion carried

The virtual meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Joe Petrella, President

Araceli Botello, Secretary