

**Board of Education 7 Regular Meeting  
Thursday, September 26, 2024 at 7:08 p.m. - Boardroom**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

President Petrella called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. and he directed the board clerk to call the roll. Upon roll call the following members answered present: Papadopoulos, Miljkovic, Fletcher-Gomez, Woods, Cox, and Petrella.

Absent members: Daniels.

Also present were: Dr. John Corbett, Superintendent; Dr. Tim Arnold, Business Manager; Mrs. Elvia Villalobos, Curriculum Director, Ms. Cristina Montano, Board Clerk; Mr. Joe Krause, Principal; Mr. Al Buttimer, Principal; Dr. Theresa Ulrich, Principal; Mrs. Melissa Favata, Principal, Ms. Michelle Barton, Ms. Alexandra Rodriguez, and Ms. Dolores Cortes Trevino.

**III. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- Freedom of Information (FOIA) Requests - The Board received one FOIA request this month from Mid-America Carpenters Regional Council requesting all information related to the secure door entry projects at the JH and OB. This request was filled within the required timeline.
- Strive for Excellence - The Board of Education recognized the staff of the Early Childhood Education Center for receiving the Gold Circle of Quality Rating after undergoing a recent evaluation by the Illinois State Board of Education. Mrs. Favata, Principal, and three staff members were present to receive the award.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments from the audience.

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

**1. Approval of Minutes**

- Regular Board Meeting August 22, 2024
- Closed Session Meeting August 22, 2024
- Special Meeting September 18, 2024

**2. Approval of Financial Reports**

- Treasurer's Report for August 2024
- Budget Status Report for August 2024
- Bills Payable for September 2024
- Approved Payroll for August 2024 and bills for September 2024 as summarized herein:

Payroll	8/24	\$ 694,648.03
Bills Payable	9/24	<u>\$1,917,665.24</u>
Totals		\$2,612,313.27

**3. Approval of Personnel Report for the Month of September 2024**

- Employment - ratified the employment of **Tibisay Garcia Guerra**, Paraprofessional @ WV; **Cassidy Anderson**, Social Worker @ Districtwide; **David Duran**, Bilingual Paraprofessional @ OB; **Marilyn Garcia Meraz**, Bilingual Paraprofessional @ OB effective 9/26/24.
- Resignation - accepted the resignation of **Rosy Arellano-Flores**, Paraprofessional @ OB effective 9/6/24; **Montserrat Chavez**, Paraprofessional @ OB effective 8/30/24; **Martin Hernandez**, Custodian @ EC effective 9/6/24; and **Susan Helmke**, Paraprofessional @ EC effective 9/27/24.

**4. Administrator & Teacher Compensation Report 2024/25**

Mr. Woods requested that the Bills for September, 2024 be removed from the Consent Agenda and be voted on separately.

It was moved by Mrs. Fletcher-Gomez and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the board approve the consent agenda (with the exception of the September, 2024 Bills) for the month of September, 2024.

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

It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the board approve the bills for September, 2024.

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

**VI. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

- A. **Enrollment Status Report** - Dr. Corbett provided up to date enrollment information.
- B. **Enrollment Trends** - Dr. Corbett provided a report of total enrollment from the 2018 school year through present. The report shows district enrollment continues to decline; some of this can be attributed to the loss of housing within the district boundaries.
- C. **Review of Board Policy 7:180 - Preventing of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment** - Dr. Corbett informed the board that the Illinois State Board of Education requires all school districts to review, re-evaluate, and as necessary revise or update the bullying prevention policy every two years. The board policy was updated on June 18, 2024. The board members had an opportunity to discuss the policy and no changes were recommended. The district complied with the requirements and submitted their policy report before the deadline.
- D. **Presentation of 2024-25 Board of Education Goals** - Dr. Corbett shared a final draft copy of the Board of Education Goals for all board members to review two weeks prior to the meeting. Dr. Corbett reviewed the draft goals with the board. Dr. Corbett asked the board members for any recommendations, changes and/or questions regarding the final copy. There were none.
- E. **Monthly Financial Update** - Dr. Arnold provided the Board with a detailed report regarding the financial status of the District.
- F. **Informational Items & Communications** - Notices and dates to remember were provided regarding upcoming school district events.
 

❖ Thursday, October 3	EC Ages 3-5 Developmental Screening 3-5pm
❖ Thursday, October 10	JH PTO McTeacher Night 4:30-6:30pm
❖ Friday, October 11	WV 5th Grade Outdoor Education Field Trip
❖ Monday, October 14	Columbus Day – No School
❖ Tuesday, October 15	Teacher Professional Development – No School
❖ Thursday, October 17	School Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
❖ Thursday, October 31	Teacher Professional Development Half-Day

**VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. **Wellness Committee Report** - The Wellness Committee met on September 5th. The committee discussed the Pura Vida 5K Run and Walk. Dr. Arnold provided the board with a report.

**VIII. ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Approval and Adoption of the Wood Dale School District 7 2024-2025 Budget** - It was moved by Mrs. Fletcher-Gomez and seconded by Mr. Cox that the board adopt the 2024-2025 Budget as presented this evening.  
  
Roll call vote: Yeas – Miljkovic, Fletcher-Gomez, Cox, Petrella, and Papadopoulos.  
Nays – Woods. Motion carried.
2. **Review and Approval of Bullying Policy 7:180 Preventing of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment** - It is was moved by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the board acknowledge that they have reviewed and approved Policy 7:180 Preventing of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment.  
  
Roll call vote: Yeas – Cox, Miljkovic, Petrella, Fletcher-Gomez, Woods, and Papadopoulos.  
Nays – None. Motion carried.
3. **Approval of 2024-25 Board of Education Goals** - It was moved by Mrs. Fletcher-Gomez and seconded by Mr. Cox that the Board approve the Board Goals for 2024/25.  
  
Roll call vote: Yeas – Miljkovic, Fletcher-Gomez, Petrella, and Cox.  
Nays – Woods and Papadopoulos.
4. **Approval of 2024-25 Superintendent Goals** - It was moved by Mrs. Fletcher-Gomez and seconded by Mr. Cox that the board approve the Superintendent Goals for 2024/25.  
  
Roll call vote: Yeas – Petrella, Miljkovic, Cox, Papadopoulos, Woods, and Fletcher-Gomez.  
Nays – None.

5. **Approval of Resolution Authorizing Intervention in Property Tax Assessment Appeals** - The Resolution was presented by Mr. Cox. It was moved by Mrs. Fletcher-Gomez and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the board approve the Resolution authorizing the law firm of Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Liftin & Taylor to represent the Board of Education in property tax assessment appeals.

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

- IX. **CLOSED SESSION** - It was moved by Mrs. Miljkovic and seconded by Mr. Cox 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 – Woods, Cox, Papadopoulos, Petrella, Miljkovic, and Fletcher-Gomez.  
Nays – None. Motion carried.

The board went into closed session at 7:41 p.m.

The board came out of closed session at 8:02 p.m.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic to adjourn the meeting. After a voice vote President Petrella declared the motion carried.

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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Joe Petrella, President

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Aida Miljkovic, Secretary