

**Wood Dale School District 7 Board of Education**  
**543 N. Wood Dale Rd. • Wood Dale, Illinois**  
**RESCHEDULED/CONTINUED Regular Meeting from September 24, 2020**  
**Thursday, September 30, 2020 • 6:00 p.m. • VIRTUAL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

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

President Petrella called the virtual meeting to order at 6:03 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 member: None.

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 Buttmer, 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**

- Dr. Corbett provided the Board with a copy of the memorial to Carl Lange that was included in the October issue of the Illinois School Board Association Journal. Dr. Corbett stated that a copy of the Journal would be delivered to Dorothy Lange as a keepsake.
- Dr. Corbett read an email received from Pastor Terry McDorman from Wood Dale Community UMC. Pastor McDorman stated he would be inviting the congregation of Wood Dale Community UMC to join in prayer for the students, faculty & administrators of District 7 along with their combined families. They would be praying for health, patience, and a successful year of learning.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**CLOSED SESSION** - It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Woods that the Board enter into Closed 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 – Botello, Daniels, Zuniga, Fletcher-Gomez, Woods, Cox, and Petrella.

Nays – none. Motion carried

The Board went into closed session at 6:07 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 7:34 p.m.

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

1. Approved Virtual Board Meeting Minutes August 20, 2020.
2. Approved Correction of Regular Board Meeting Minutes July 20, 2020.
3. Approved Treasurer's Report for August 2020.
4. Approved Budget Status Report for August 2020.
5. Approved Payroll for August 2020 and bills for September 2020 as summarized herein:

Payroll	8/20	\$ 480,745.31
Bills Payable	9/20	<u>\$ 559,698.87</u>
Totals		\$1,040,444.18
6. Approved Personnel Report for the month of September 2020.
  - a. **Employment** - ratified the employment of **Xiomara Herrera**, Secretary @ ECEC; and **Gabriela Rodriguez**, Bilingual Paraprofessional @ JH effective 9/30/20.
  - b. **FMLA** – approved the 6-week FMLA request of **Sarah Campbell**, Instructional Coach @ DO starting 9/18/20.
  - c. **Retirement** - accepted the retirement request of **Larry Corso**, Custodian @ JH effective 10/1/20; and **Steve Kante**, Custodian @ JH effective 9/30/20.
  - d. **Resignation** - accepted the resignation of **Cristina Garcia**, Bilingual Paraprofessional @ JH effective 9/22/20.
7. Approved Memos of Understanding with the Wood Dale Education Association.
  - a. Teacher Evaluation Modifications 2020/2021
  - b. Early Dismissal Modifications 2020/2021

It was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the Board approve the Consent Agenda for the month of September 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 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. Corbett provided the Board with an update on the gradual implementation of hybrid instruction which began on Monday, September 21st. Dr. Kudrna gave an overview of the implementation of the curriculum. Each principal provided information regarding the implementation of hybrid instruction & learning at their schools. Full implementation of the hybrid program will begin on Monday, October 5th.
- C. Revision of 2020-2021 School Calendar** – A proposed revised 2020-2021 School Calendar was presented to the Board. The half-day school improvement days were adjusted to compensate for the removal of Early Dismissals due to the new remote/hybrid school schedules.
- D. Monthly Financial Update** – Mr. Wilt provided the Board with a detailed report regarding the financial status of the District. His report also included an update on the final stages of the CTS energy work, as well as some new information of the possibility of refinancing the Board's bond debt.
- E. Informational Items and Communications** – Notices and dates to remember were provided regarding upcoming school district events.
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| ➤ 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. Policy Committee** - The Policy Committee met on September 15th to discuss the policy updates recommended by the Illinois School Board Association. All Board members received copies of the recommended changes. Many of the changes are related to the Federal Government's revised Title IX rules and new State rules related to the pandemic policy. Dr. Corbett and Policy Committee members, Mrs. Daniels, and Mr. Woods presented a report and answered questions.

### ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. Approval and Adoption of the Wood Dale School District 7 2020/21 Budget** - It was moved by Mrs. Zuniga and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the Board adopt the 2020/21 Budget.

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

- 2. Approval of the Resolution to Transfer \$700,000 from the District's Operation and Maintenance Fund into its Capital Projects Fund** - Mrs. Daniels presented the Resolution. It was moved by Mrs. Botello and seconded by Mrs. Zuniga that the Board approve the \$700,000 transfer from the District's Operation and Maintenance Fund into its Capital Projects Fund.

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

- 3. Approval of Revised of 2020-2021 School Calendar** - It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Woods that the Board approve the revised 2020/21 calendar as presented in the Superintendent's report.

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

- 4. Approval of First Reading of Policies** - It was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Mr. Cox that the Board approve the First Reading of the following policies:
- 2:125 Board Member Compensation; Expenses
  - 2:140 Communications to and from the Board
  - 2:160 Board Attorney
  - 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
- v. 8:10 Connection with the Community
- w. 8:30 Visitors and Conduct on School Property
- x. 8:110 Public Suggestions and Concerns

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

- 5. Approval of Legal Counsel** - It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mr. Woods that the Board approve Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick & Kohn LLP as additional legal counsel for the Board of Education 7.

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

President Petrella informed the Board that the scheduled second closed session was not necessary and therefore canceled.

**ADJOURNMENT:** It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Zuniga that the meeting be adjourned.

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

The virtual meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

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Joe Petrella, President

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