

Wood Dale School District 7 Board of Education
543 N. Wood Dale Rd. • Wood Dale, Illinois
Regular Meeting • Thursday, November 18, 2021 • 7:00 p.m. • Board Room

MINUTES

ROLL CALL/QUORUM/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Absent members: Botello and Petrella.

Also present were: Dr. John Corbett, Superintendent; Dr. Merri Beth Kudrna, Curriculum Director; Mr. Steve Wilt, Business Manager, Mr. Dan Cook, Technology Assistant; Ms. Cristina Montano, Executive Assistant; Mr. Joe Krause, Principal; Ms. Gina DiFiglio, Assistant Principal; Mr. Al Buttimer, Principal; Mr. Tim Shermak, Principal; and Mrs. Elvia Villalobos, Principal.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

- **Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests** - Dr. Corbett reported that one FOIA request was received this month: 1) Localabs.com regarding any financial transactions between WD7 and Panorama Education. The District had nothing to report and the request was responded to in the required timeframe.
- **NDSEC Annual Report** - Dr. Corbett informed the Board that the NDSEC Annual Report was published and provided each member with a copy.
- **Board Recognition** - Dr. Corbett informed the audience that November 15 was designated as "School Board Members Day" in Illinois. He went on to recognize the outstanding efforts of the District 7 Board members, as well as the nearly 6,000 elected school board members throughout the state and the roles and tasks that they execute. Dr. Corbett also shared facts and figures regarding demographics from the IASB biennial member survey. The WD7 Board was acknowledged for their commitment to the district and community.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was solicited via online for a period of two weeks prior to the virtual meeting. During this time, no public comments were received. There was also no public comment from the audience.

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

1. Approved Regular Board Meeting Minutes for October 21, 2021, and Closed Session Meeting Minutes for October 21, 2021.
2. Approved Treasurer's Report for October 2021.
3. Approved Budget Status Report for October 2021.

Approved Payroll for October 2021 and bills for November 2021 as summarized herein:

Payroll	10/21	\$ 784,887.53
Bills Payable	11/21	<u>\$ 239,886.71</u>
Totals		\$1,024,774.24

4. Approved Personnel Report for the month of November, 2021.
 - a. **Employment** – ratified the employment of **Albert Garcia**, Paraprofessional @ WV effective 11/18/21; **Leopoldo Lopez**, Custodian @ JH effective 11/18/21; and **Linda Merkle**, Bus Driver @ DO effective 11/18/21..
 - b. **Resignation** – accepted the resignation of **Debra Schalke**, Paraprofessional @ WV effective 11/12/21; and **Xochitl Olague**, Health Clerk @ JH effective 11/11/21.

Mr. Woods requested that the Bills for November, 2021 be removed from the Consent Agenda and be voted on separately.

It was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez that the Board approve the consent agenda (with the exception of the November 2021 Bills) for the month of November 2021.

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

It was moved by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the Board approve the Bills for the month of November, 2021.

Roll call vote: Yeas - Cox, Daniels, Mikjkovic, and Fletcher-Gomez.
Nays - Woods. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. **Enrollment Status Report** – Dr. Corbett referred the Board members to a link with the school and district enrollment information.
- B. **Student Safety Assessment System** - Board Policy 4:190 requires that the district have a Threat Assessment team in place. The purpose of this team is to educate staff members on their duty to report threats to the administration for investigation. Additionally, these teams are required to systematically review any threat brought forth and determine the credibility of each threat. If a threat is deemed credible the team will determine a plan of action. Dr. Corbett provided a summary of this system for the Board.

- C. **Eight Week Math & English/Spanish Language Arts Progress Monitoring Report** - Dr. Kudrna and Ms. Rachel Schayer (Intervention Coach) presented the student achievement results from the first 8 weeks of intervention services with students in Tiers I and II.
- D. **Monthly Financial Update** – Mr. Wilt provided the Board with a detailed report regarding the financial status of the District. He also reviewed the information regarding the levy and the TRS Supplemental Savings Plan.
- E. **Informational Items and Communications** – The following are important dates for upcoming school district events:
- Monday, November 22 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - No School
 - Tuesday, November 23 - Teacher Professional Development - No School
 - Wednesday, November 24 - Local Holiday – No School
 - Thursday, November 25 - Thanksgiving – No School
 - Friday, November 26 - Local Holiday – No School
 - Tuesday, December 14 - EC Holiday Program
 - Thursday, December 16 - OB Holiday Program 6:30 p.m. @ Center for the Arts
 - Thursday, December 19 - School Board Meeting 7 p.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Finance Committee** - The Finance Committee met on October 26th. They provided a report and recommendations on: 1) Maintenance/repair projects to be completed during the 2021/22 school year, 2) Lunch & School Fee recommendations for the 2022/23 school year. The committee recommended that fees be decreased and lunch prices remain the same. Board members: Todd Cox, Joe Petrella & David Woods. Administrative members: Wilt, Gonzalez & Corbett.
- **Communication Committee** - The Communication Committee met on November 16th. The Committee reported on the goal they established for the 2021/22 school year. They plan to focus on revitalizing the school and district Facebook programs in an effort to reach more community members. Board members: Mary Fletcher-Gomez & Todd Cox. Administrative members: Corbett.
- **Multicultural Committee** - The Multicultural Committee met on November 1st. The Committee members provided a summary of their meeting. The committee will continue to focus on recruiting new parent members. Board members: Araceli Botello & Aida Miljkovic. Administrative members: Villalobos & Corbett.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approval of Final 2021 Tax Levy** - It was moved by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez that the Board approve the 2021 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 2022.

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

2. **Approval of Resolution to Participate in the Teacher Retirement System (TRS) Supplemental Savings Plan** - Mrs. Daniels presented the Resolution. It was moved by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the Board approve the Resolution to Participate in the Teacher Retirement System (TRS) Supplemental Savings Plan.

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

CLOSED SESSION - It was moved by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the Board go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees.

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

The Board went into closed session at 8:15 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 8:29 p.m.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Joe Petrella, President

Araceli Botello, Secretary