

Wood Dale School District 7 Board of Education

543 N. Wood Dale Rd. • Wood Dale, Illinois

RESCHEDULED Regular December Meeting • Thursday, January 4, 2024 • 7:00 p.m. • Boardroom

MINUTES

ROLL CALL/QUORUM/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Petrella called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and he directed the Board Clerk to call the roll. Upon roll call the following members answered present: Cox, Petrella, Miljkovic, and Fletcher-Gomez.

Absent members: Daniels, Woods, and Papadopoulos.

Also present were: Dr. John Corbett, Superintendent; Mr. Steve Wilt, Business Manager; Mrs. Elvia Villalobos, Curriculum Director, Ms. Cristina Montano, Recording Secretary; and Mr. Gus Gonzalez, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds.

NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

- **Freedom of Information Request** - The Board received one FOIA request this month from: 1) Mr. Patrick Lee from Change the Air Foundation requested any indoor air quality reports from District 7 buildings. The request was responded to within the required timeline.
- **Strive for Excellence** - The December Board of Education meeting to be held on 12/15/23 was canceled due not having quorum. Although no official meeting was held on that date, Mr. Cox and Dr. Corbett recognized Mr. John Binneboese, Senior Vice President of Itasca Bank & Trust Co., for his ongoing dedication to District 7 and the Education Foundation. Also recognized were Mrs. Julie Wagner, Art Teacher, and 5th grade art students for creating the holiday greeting cards that were distributed by the Board of Education during the month of December.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments from the audience.

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

1. Approved Public Hearing for Truth in Taxation Minutes for November 16, 2023
2. Approved Regular Meeting Minutes November 16, 2023
3. Approved Closed Session Minutes for November 16, 2023
4. Approved Treasurer's Report for November 2023.
5. Approved Budget Status Report for November 2023.
6. Approved Payroll for November 2023 and bills for December 2023 as summarized herein:

Payroll	11/23	\$1,050,988.68
Bills Payable	12/23	<u>\$ 849,607.75</u>
Totals		\$1,900,596.43
7. Approved Personnel Report for the month of December, 2023.
 - a. **Employment** - ratified the employment of **Nina Stair**, Special Education Paraprofessional @ OB effective 1/4/24; **Najwa Algami**, Special Education Paraprofessional @ OB effective 1/4/24; and **Gloria Escalante**, Building Secretary @ JH effective 1/4/24.
 - b. **Resignation** - accepted the resignation of **Jacquelyn Terrazas**, Building Secretary @ JH effective 12/13/23; and **Ellen Barbian**, Paraprofessional @ EC effective 12/22/23.

It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez that the Board approve the Bills for the month of December, 2023.

Roll call vote: Yeas - Miljkovic, Fletcher-Gomez, Cox, and Petrella.

Nays - None. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Enrollment Status Report** – Dr. Corbett provided the Board with a report on the current district enrollment. Dr. Corbett informed the Board that with the recent changes in residential housing at Mohawk Manor there are 14 families and a total of 16 students who will be potentially leaving the district.
- B. Student & Teacher Attendance Update** - Dr. Corbett presented student attendance data for the last month in an effort to monitor the Board of Education goal. He also presented updated teacher attendance data as requested by the Board of Education.
- C. Present Draft of 2024/25 School Calendar** – Dr. Corbett provided the Board with a copy of the 2024/25 draft calendar for feedback. He will share the draft calendar with families and staff beginning 1/5/24 for public comment. Dr. Corbett will present his final recommendation for the 2024/25 calendar to the Board at the January 18th meeting.
- D. Recommendations for School Fees 2024/25** - Mr. Wilt presented the recommended school fees for the 2024/25 school year. These fees were recommended by the Finance Committee. The Board will be asked to vote on these recommendations at the January 18th meeting.
- E. 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: 1) A summary of the bids for the secure entryway renovations at Oakbrook and Junior High, and 2) Information regarding the need to amend the budget in the spring.

F. Informational Items and Communications – The following are important dates for upcoming school district events:

- Monday, December 25th through Friday, January 5th - Winter Break
- Monday, January 8th - Teacher Institute Day - No School
- Tuesday, January 9th - Classes Resume
- Thursday, January 11th - EC Ages 3-5 Development Screening 3-5pm
- Friday, January 12th - JH PTO School Dance 7-9pm
- Monday, January 15th - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School
- Thursday, January 18th - School Board Meeting 7:00pm

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Communication Committee** - The Communication Committee met on December 19th. The committee member previewed and provided recommendations on the new District website to be launched in mid January. Dr. Corbett provided a report for the Board.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Wood Dale for Prairie Fest 2023** - It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez that the Board approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Wood Dale allowing the city to use school district property for the Prairie Fest for the summer of 2024.

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

Nays – None. Motion carried.

2. **Approval of the Bid for Secure Entryway Renovations at Oakbrook and Wood Dale Junior High** - It was moved by Mr. Cox and seconded by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez that the Board approve the bid from Bee Liner Lean Services for \$865,500 to complete the secure entryway renovations at Oakbrook School and Wood Dale Junior High during the summer of 2024.

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

Nays – None. Motion carried.

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

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

Nays – None. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 7:45 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 7:58 p.m.

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 7:59 p.m.

Joe Petrella, President

Aida Miljkovic, Secretary