

**Board of Education 7 Regular Meeting  
Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. - Boardroom**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

President pro tem Cox called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and he directed the board clerk to call the roll. Upon roll call the following members answered present: Cox, Daniels, Miljkovic, and Fletcher-Gomez.

Absent members: Petrella, Woods, and Papadopoulos.

Also present were: Dr. John Corbett, Superintendent; Mr. Steve Wilt, Business Manager; Mrs. Elvia Villalobos, Curriculum Director; Mr. Joe Krause, JH Principal; Mr. Al Buttimer, WV Principal; Dr. Theresa Ulrich, OB Principal; Mrs. Melissa Favata, EC Principal; Ms. Cristina Montano, Board Clerk; and Mr. Gus Gonzalez, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds.

**III. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- Freedom of Information (FOIA) Request - The Board received two FOIA requests this month: 1) Smartprocure requested invoices, purchase orders, and vendor listings from 9/15 - current; and 2) Illinois Retired Teachers Association requested the name and email address of any certified staff (teachers, administrators, nurses, counselors, etc.) who are retiring this year. Both FOIAs were responded to in the required timeframe.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments from the audience.

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

1. Approved Rescheduled Regular Meeting Minutes January 4, 2024
2. Approved Closed Session Minutes for January 4, 2024
3. Approved Treasurer's Report for December 2023.
4. Approved Budget Status Report for December 2023.
5. Approved Payroll for December 2023 and bills for January 2024 as summarized herein:

Payroll	12/23	\$ 835,816.03
Bills Payable	1/24	\$ 263,132.53
Totals		\$1,098,948.56
6. Approved Personnel Report for the month of January, 2024.
  - a. Employment - ratified the employment of Alexa Henderson, Teacher @ OB effective 1/18/24.
7. Approval of Certified and Classified Employee Seniority Lists.
8. Approval of List of Employees to File Statements of Economic Interest.

It was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez that the Board approve the consent agenda for the month of January, 2024.

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

Mrs. Papadopoulos joined the open session at 7:03 p.m.

**V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- A. Enrollment Status Report – Dr. Corbett provided the Board with a report on the current district enrollment.
- 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. Mid-Year School Improvement Plan Updates - The Principals provided the Board with updates on their individual School Improvement Plans.
- D. Timeline for Approval of Curriculum Revisions - Mrs. Villalobos presented the Board with a comprehensive timeline for approval of a number of curriculum revisions this spring: 1) Junior High Social Science, 2) Junior High English/Spanish Language Arts & 3) Kindergarten - 5th Grade Integrated Units of Study.

- E. Monthly Financial Update – Mr. Wilt provided the Board with a detailed report regarding the financial status of the District.
- 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
  - Monday, January 15th - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School
  - Thursday, January 18th - School Board Meeting 7:00pm

## VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

## VII. ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approval of 2024/25 School Calendar** - It was moved by Mrs. Papadopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Miljkovic that the Board approve the draft calendar for the 2024/25 school year as provided in the board packet and reviewed with the Board at the January 4, 2024 meeting

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

2. **Approval to Begin to Develop FY25 Tentative Budget** - It was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez that the Board authorize the Administration to begin developing the FY25 tentative budget.

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

3. **Approval of School Fees & Lunch Prices for 2024/25 School Year** - It was moved by Mrs. Miljkovic and seconded by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez that the Board approve school fees and all other fees to remain the same for the 2024/25 school year. Additionally, students who would like to purchase an additional meal, lunch and breakfast prices will be increased by .50 cents to a total of \$3.50 for lunch and \$1.80 for breakfast beginning with the 2024/25 school year.

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

## VIII. CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Mrs. Papadopoulos 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 pending litigation.

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

The Board went into closed session at 8:04 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 8:10 p.m.

## IX. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Daniels and seconded by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez to adjourn the meeting. After a voice vote President pro tem Cox declared the motion carried.

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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Joe Petrella, President

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Aida Miljkovic, Secretary