WOOD DALE SCHOOL DISTRICT 7
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Wood Dale School District 7
Administration Office
543 N. Wood Dale Rd., 2nd Floor
Wood Dale, Illinois 60191

Board of Education 7 Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 22, 2026 at 7:13 p.m. - Merilyn F. Daniels Boardroom

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL/QUORUM/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Miljkovic called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. and she directed the recording secretary to call the roll. Upon roll call the following members answered present: Lucero-Bahr, Botello, Miljkovic, Fletcher-Gomez, and Woods.

Absent members: Snyder and Papadopoulos.

Also present were: Dr. Shannon Dudek, Superintendent; Mrs. Elvia Villalobos, Curriculum Director; Mr. Christopher Blomquist, Business Manager; Ms. Cristina Montano, Recording Secretary; Dr. Joe Krause, JH Principal; Mrs. Teresamarie Loxas, JH Assistant Principal; Mr. Al Buttimer, WV Principal; Dr. Caylee Villegas, EC Principal; Mr. Gus Gonzalez, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds; Mrs. Dulce Renelli, Instructional Coach; Mrs. Rachel Froats, Instructional Coach; and Mr. Bill Thoms, Teacher/WDEA President.

III. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Freedom of Information (FOIA) Requests - The Board received four FOIA requests from: (1) Jeff from Getaxleiq requested health insurance rates, employer/employee contribution percentages, deductible, and out-of-pocket info; (2) CT Mills from Public Info Access LLC requested official District work contact phone numbers only; and (3) Justin Wenig from Starbridge requested purchase order records to companies/contractors/organizations including date, description and amounts (since 1/1/26 to current); and (4) Jennifer Mitchell from Economic Research Institute requested job titles, number of employees/position and average salary/position. These requests were all filled within the required timeline.

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**
   a. Regular Board Meeting August 18, 2026
   b. Closed Session Meeting August 18, 2026
2. **Approval of Financial Reports**
   a. Treasurer's Report for August 2026
   b. Budget Status Report for August 2026
   c. Payroll in the Amount of $577,936.98
3. **Approval of Personnel Report for the Month of September 2026**
   a. Employment - ratified the employment of **Nathanael Mukite** @ DO effective 9/22/2026.
   b. Change of Position (for informational purposes only) - **Maci Minarcik,** from Social Worker @ EC to Social Worker @ EC .6/OB .4 effective 2026-2027 school year.

It was moved by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the board approve the consent agenda for the month of September, 2026.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Botello, Miljkovic, Fletcher-Gomez, Woods, and Lucero-Bahr.
Nays – None. Motion carried.

VI. PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS

A. Approval of Bills Payable in the Amount of $455,250.94 for September 2026

It was moved by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Lucero-Bahr that the board approve the payment of the monthly bills for September 2026.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Woods, Botello, Lucero-Bahr, Miljkovic, and Fletcher-Gomez.
Nays – None. Motion carried.

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

A. **Enrollment Status Report** - Dr. Dudek provided up to date enrollment information.

B. **Enrollment Trends** - Dr. Dudek provided a report of total enrollment from the 2018 school year through present. Dr. Dudek informed the Board of the significant factors leading to a decrease in enrollment throughout the years. The board asked questions and further discussed neighboring district comparable enrollment, out of district totals, homeschooling and private school enrollment data.

C. **Review of Board Policy 7:180 - Preventing of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment -** Dr. Dudek 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 district is adhering to these requirements; the Board policy was updated on January 20, 2026 and submitted to ISBE on August 19, 2026.

D. **Curriculum Update** - Mrs. Villalobos provided the Board with an update on curriculum including accomplishments for 2025-2026 and goals/priorities for the 2026-2027 school year.

E. **Monthly Financial Update** - Mr. Blomquist 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.

- ❖ Monday, October 12 — Columbus Day – No School
- ❖ Tuesday, October 13 — Teacher Professional Development – No School
- ❖ Tuesday, October 20 — School Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ Tuesday, October 20 — EC Ages 3-5 Developmental Screening 3-5pm
- ❖ Thursday, October 31 — Teacher Professional Development Half-Day

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports for the month of September.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approval of the 2026-2027 Administrator Contract for Westview Principal** - It was moved by Mrs. Botello and seconded by Ms. Lucero-Bahr that the board approve the 2026-2027 administrator contract for Westview Principal, Mr. Alan Buttimer.

   Roll call vote: Yeas – Fletcher-Gomez, Botello, Lucero-Bahr, and Miljkovic.
   Nays – Woods. Motion carried.

2. **Approval and Adoption of the Wood Dale School District 7 2026-2027 Budget** - It was moved by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the board adopt the 2026-2027 Budget as presented this evening.

   Roll call vote: Yeas – Lucero-Bahr, Miljkovic, Botello, Fletcher-Gomez, and Woods.
   Nays – None. Motion carried.

3. ~~**Approval of 2026-2027 Superintendent Goals**~~ **-** Mrs. Miljkovic noted that this item would be moved to next month for approval in order to allow for further Board review. After a voice vote President Miljkovic declared the motion carried.

4. **Approval of the JH STEM Lab Furniture Purchase from Educational Environments in the Amount of $23,292.66** - It was moved by Mrs. Botello and seconded by Mr. Woods that the Board approve the purchase of JH STEM lab furniture from Educational Environments in the amount of $23,292.66.

   Roll call vote: Yeas – Miljkovic, Lucero-Bahr, Fletcher-Gomez, Woods, and Botello.
   Nays – None. Motion carried.

5. **Approval of the Three Year Renewal Agreement with Newsela, Inc., for Instructional Resources in the Amount of $33,288.42** - It was moved by Mrs. Botello and seconded by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez that the Board approve the three year renewal agreement for instructional resources with Newsela in the amount of $33,288.42.

   Roll call vote: Yeas – Miljkovic, Woods, Fletcher-Gomez, Lucero-Bahr, and Botello.
   Nays – None. Motion carried.

X. CLOSED SESSION - It was moved by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez 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 – Miljkovic, Woods, Fletcher-Gomez, Lucero-Bahr, and Botello.
Nays – None. Motion carried.

The board went into closed session at 8:20 p.m.

The board came out of closed session at 8:59 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Ms. Lucero-Bahr and seconded by Mrs. Botello to adjourn the meeting. After a voice vote President Miljkovic declared the motion carried.

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Aida Miljkovic, President Elitsa Papadopoulos, Secretary