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, October 20, 2026 at 7:00 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 7:00 p.m. and she directed the recording secretary to call the roll. Upon roll call the following members answered present: Snyder, Lucero-Bahr, Botello, Miljkovic, Fletcher-Gomez, Woods, and Papadopoulos.

Absent members: None.

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; Ms. Gina DiFiglio, OB Principal, Dr. Caylee Villegas, EC Principal; Mr. Gus Gonzalez, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds; Mr. Bill Thoms, Teacher/WDEA; and guest Ms. Lynsee Whitman, Humanex Client Development Coach.

III. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Freedom of Information (FOIA) Requests - The Board did not receive FOIA requests for the month of October.
- October-National Principals' Month - October is National and Illinois Principal Appreciation Month. Dr. Dudek recognized the Principals for their dedication and efforts to educate, care for, and support our students, families, and staff throughout the year.

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. Budget Hearing Minutes September 22, 2026
   b. Regular Board Meeting September 22, 2026
   c. Closed Session Meeting September 22, 2026
2. **Approval of Financial Reports**
   a. Treasurer's Report for September 2026
   b. Budget Status Report for September 2026
   c. Payroll in the Amount of $879,232.63
3. **Approval of Personnel Report for the Month of October 2026**
   a. Employment - ratified the employment of **Esther Tronnes Hernandez,** Bus Driver @ DO; and **Ella DiFiglio**, Self-Contained Paraprofessional @ EC effective 10/20/26.
   b. Resignation - accepted the resignation of **Kevin Nguyen**, Instructional Coach @ DO effective 10/09/26.
   c. FMLA (for informational purposes only) - **Setette Everett-Phillips**, Teacher @ JH to be intermittently starting 9/2/26-9/2/27.
   d. Change of Position (for informational purposes only) - **Rosalinda Perez,** from Paraprofessional @ EC/JH to Paraprofessional @ OB/JH effective 10/22/26.

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

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

VI. PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS

A. Approval of Bills Payable in the Amount of $676,444.99 for October 2026

It was moved by Ms. Snyder and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the board approve the payment of the monthly bills for October 2026.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Woods, Botello, Snyder, Lucero-Bahr, Papadopoulos, 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. **Staff Climate & Culture Survey Update** - Dr. Dudek introduced Lynsee Whitman, Wood Dale 7 Humanex Client Development Coach, who provided the Board with an update of the climate and culture survey. The survey was sent to staff on Monday, September 29th. The survey was available for staff to complete between September 29th through October 5th and later extended to October 8th. The Board asked questions and discussed.

C. **Summary of 2026-2027 District 7 School Improvement Plans (SIP)** - The Principals provided the Board with a combined presentation of the 2026-2027 School Improvement Plans for all four schools.

D. **Monthly Financial Update** - Mr. Blomquist provided the Board with a detailed report regarding the financial status of the District. His report also included information regarding the tentative tax levy

E. **Informational Items & Communications** - Notices and dates to remember were provided regarding upcoming school district events.

- ❖ Friday, October 30, 2026 — JH PTO Halloween Dance 7:00 p.m.
- ❖ Friday, October 30, 2026 — Teacher Professional Development/No School (AM attendance only)
- ❖ Thursday, November 5, 2026 — Fall Band Concert @ 7:00 p.m. – JH Center for the Arts
- ❖ Tuesday, November 17, 2026 — School Board Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Papadopoulos left the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. **Finance Committee -** The Finance Committee met on Tuesday, October 13th and discussed the progress of the 2026-2027 school year maintenance/repair projects, finance goals for 2026-2027, and school fees for 2027-2028. Mr. Blomquist provided a summary of the meeting. Board members Mrs. Miljkovic, Ms. Snyder, and Mr. Woods were in attendance.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approval of Tentative 2026 Tax Levy -** It was moved by Ms. Snyder and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the Board approve the 2026 Tentative 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 2027.

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

2. **Approval of 2026-2027 Superintendent Goals -** It was moved by Ms. Lucero-Bahr and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the Board approve the 2026-2027 superintendent goals as previously shared with the Board.

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

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

The board went into closed session at 9:07 p.m.

The board came out of closed session at 10:05 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Snyder to adjourn the meeting. After a voice vote President Miljkovic declared the motion carried.

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

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Aida Miljkovic, President Elitsa Papadopoulos, Secretary