

**Board of Education 7 Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 7:02 p.m. - Boardroom**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

President Miljkovic called the meeting to order at 7:02 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, and Papadopoulos.

Absent members: Woods. Absent: Dr. Dudek, Superintendent.

Also present were: Mr. Christopher Blomquist, Business Manager; Mrs. Elvia Villalobos, Curriculum Director; Ms. Cristina Montano, Recording Secretary; Dr. Joseph Krause, Principal; Mr. Al Buttimer, Principal; Dr. Theresa Ulrich, Principal; Mrs. Melissa Favata, Principal; Ms. Gina DiFiglio, JH Assistant Principal; Mr. Gus Gonzalez, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds; Mr. Bill Thoms, Teacher/WDEA President; Ms. Caitlin Wlezien, Instructional Technology Coordinator; Mrs. Teresamarie Loxas, Instructional Coach; Mrs. Dulce Renelli, Instructional Coach; and community members.

**III. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- Freedom of Information (FOIA) Request - The Board received two FOIA requests this month from: 1) CT Mills from Educators Support Network requesting name, emails, and job title for employees in charge of curriculum; and 2) From Carla Carlos from Employee Research Data LLC requesting employee names, job titles, work emails and campus location. The requests were responded to 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 Minutes March 16, 2026
- b. Closed Session Meeting Minutes March 16, 2026

**2. Approval of Financial Reports**

- a. Treasurer's Report for March 2026
- b. Budget Status Report for March 2026
- c. Payroll in the Amount of \$880,940.95 for March 2026

**3. Approval of Personnel Report for the Month of April 2026**

- a. Employment - approved the employment of **Veronica Chaidez**, Secretary @ ECEC, and Daniela Sanchez, 3rd Grade Dual Language Teacher @ WV effective 4/21/26.
- b. FMLA (for informational purposes only) - **Sheila Chantos**, Paraprofessional @ WV from 4/13/26 through 5/21/26.

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

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

**VI. PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS**

**A.** Approval of Bills Payable in the Amount of \$638,795.15 for April 2026

It was moved by Ms. Snyder and seconded by Ms. Lucero-Bahr that the board approve the payment of the monthly bills for April, 2026.

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

**VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**A.** Enrollment Status Report – Mr. Blomquist provided the board with a report on the current district enrollment.

**B.** Presentation of Tentative Amended 2025-26 Budget - Mr. Blomquist provided the Board with a summary of the proposed FY26 amended budget. The Board will be asked to vote on the amended budget at the June Board meeting. This will allow for the required 30 day period the amended budget will need to be on display for public review.

- C. Monthly Financial Update – Mr. Blomquist provided the Board with a detailed report regarding the financial status of the District. Additionally, his report included information regarding the FY27 medical insurance rates, the FY27 student devices, the visitor management security system, and the Oakbrook School HVAC upgrade project.
- D. Informational Items and Communications – The following are important dates for upcoming school district events:
- Thursday, April 23 WV Open House & Ice Cream Social 6:30pm
  - Thursday, April 30 & May 1 JH Spring Musical @ Center for the Arts 7pm
  - Tuesday, May 5 5th Grade Orientation Night @ JH 6:30pm
  - Thursday, May 7 OB Open House & Ice Cream social 6pm
  - Monday, May 11 WV 2nd Grade Parent Orientation 6:30pm
  - Tuesday, May 12 OB/WV PTO Meeting @ OB 6:30pm
  - Thursday, May 14 EC Ages 3-5 Developmental Screening 3-5pm
  - Thursday, May 14 JH PTO Meeting 6:30pm
  - Tuesday, May 19 School Board Meeting – 7pm

### VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **Finance Committee** - The Finance Committee met on April 15, 2026. Mr. Blomquist provided the Board with a report regarding the items of discussion.
- B. **WDEA Leadership Committee** - Dr. Dudek will report on the WDEA Leadership Committee minutes at the May 19, 2026 school board meeting

### IX. ACTION ITEMS

1. **Approval of 2026-2027 Board of Education 7 Meeting Dates** - It was moved by Mrs. Papadopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the Board approve the meeting dates for 2026-27.

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

2. **Approval of Tentative Amended 2025-2026 Budget** - It was moved by Ms. Lucero-Bahr and seconded by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez that the Board approve the tentative amended FY26 budget.

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

3. **Approval of Contract for Oakbrook School Principal** - It was moved by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez and seconded by Mrs. Papadopoulos that the Board approve the Oakbrook School Principal contract for Ms. Gina DiFiglio for the 2026-2027 school year.

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

4. **Approval of Contract for Junior High Assistant Principal** - It was moved by Mrs. Papadopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the Board approve the Wood Dale Junior High Assistant Principal contract for Ms. Teresamarie Loxas for the 2026-2027 school year.

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

5. **Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Wood Dale Park District for Summer Transportation** - It was moved by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the Board approve the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Wood Dale Park District for Summer Transportation.

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

6. **Approval of Medical/Life Insurance Rates for Fiscal Year 2027** - It was moved by Mrs. Botello and seconded by Mrs. Papadopoulos that the Board approve the FY27 health insurance rates with an 18.07% increase in the PPO rate and high deductible PPO plan. The HMO and Blue Advantage HMO rates will increase 14.4%. The Dental PPO rates will increase 7.4%. and the Dental HMO rates will increase 3.0%. Vision rates and Life Insurance rates will be unchanged through FY27.

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

- 7. ~~Approval of FY27 Student Device Purchase from Xerox IT Solutions~~ - Due to a split vote, it was moved by Ms. Snyder and seconded by Mrs. Papadopoulos that the Board further discuss, remove this from action items, and vote on at the May 19, 2026 Board meeting.

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

- 8. **Approval of the Visitor Management Security System Purchase from Raptor Technologies** - It was moved by Ms. Snyder and seconded by Mrs. Papadopoulos that the Board approve the visitor management security system contract to Raptor Technologies for a 38-month agreement, beginning May 1, 2026 through June 30, 2029 for \$7,748 (first year) and \$4,776 (annually thereafter).

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

- 9. **Approval of the Oakbrook School HVAC Upgrade Contract with Allied Facility Partners** - It was moved by Mrs. Papadopoulos and seconded by Ms. Snyder that the Board approve the Oakbrook School HVAC Upgrade contract to Allied Facility Partners in the amount of \$106,000.

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

- 10. **Approval of the Amended NDSEC 26-27 Classroom Space Lease Agreement** - It was moved by Mrs. Botello and seconded by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez that the Board approve the updated classroom space lease agreement for 2026-27 to reflect the change from two classrooms to one at Early Childhood. The board will receive a \$15,600 rental fee for the classroom.

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

- X. **CLOSED SESSION** - It was moved by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez and seconded by Mrs. Papadopoulos that the board go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, dismissal of specific employees.

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

The Board went into closed session at 8:14 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 8:54 p.m.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez 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 8:55 p.m.

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Aida Miljkovic, President

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Elitsa Papadopoulos, Secretary