

Board of Education 7 Regular Meeting
Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 7:05 p.m. - 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: Lucero-Bahr, Botello, Miljkovic, Fletcher-Gomez, Woods, and Papadopoulos.

Absent members: Snyder.

Also present were: Dr. Shannon Dudek, Superintendent, Mrs. Elvia Villalobos, Curriculum Director, Mr. Christopher Blomquist, Business Manager, Ms. Cristina Montano, Recording Secretary, Dr. Joseph Krause, Principal, Mr. Al Buttmer, 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, and Mentoring Committee staff members including: Ms. Amy Falcone, Ms. Ashley Garbacz, Ms. Lauren Ross, Mr. Tim Allaire, Ms. Clarisa Bueno, Ms. Rachel Anderson, and Ms. Liliana Azabache.

III. NOTICES AND COMMUNICATIONS

- **Freedom of Information (FOIA) Request** - The Board received two FOIA requests this month from: 1) Michael Henry, requesting the names of firms providing legal services, current agreements, and total amount paid to each firm over the past three years; and 2) From Sheri Reid/SmartProcure requesting general purchasing records (invoice listing) from 1/2/2026 through 5/5/26. The requests were responded to within the required timeline.

IV. PRESENTATION OF THE MRS. MERILYN F. DANIELS SERVICE AWARD - Board President Mrs. Miljkovic presented Wood Dale Junior High teacher, Mrs. Dellmarie Tiritilli-Hromada with the Mrs. Marilyn F. Daniels Service Award.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments from the audience.

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

1. Approval of Minutes

- Regular Board Meeting Minutes April 21, 2026
- Closed Session Meeting Minutes April 21, 2026

2. Approval of Financial Reports

- Treasurer's Report for April 2026
- Budget Status Report for April 2026
- Payroll in the Amount of \$866,285.82 for April 2026

3. Approval of Personnel Report for the Month of May 2026

- Employment - approved the employment of **Nikmarie Karpenski**, Self-contained Special Education Teacher @ OB effective 5/19/26.
- Resignation - accepted the resignation of **Victoria Barrios**, Parti-time Custodian @ OB effective 5/7/26; **Jose Beltran Delgado**, Custodian @ OB effective 5/8/26; **Giselle Corral**, Health Clerk @ OB effective 6/5/26; and **Melissa Favata**, Principal @ EC effective 6/30/26.
- Leave of Absence/FMLA (for informational purposes only) - **Luz Zaragoza**, Intervention Teacher @ WV/JH from 1/18/27 through the last day of teacher attendance.
- Change of Position (for informational purposes only) - **Debra Dermont**, 5th Grade Teacher @ WV to Math Intervention Teacher @ WV for the 26-27 school year.

4. Approval of Semi Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes & Recordings

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

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

VII. PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS**A. Approval of Bills Payable in the Amount of \$277,329.25 for May 2026**

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

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

VIII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. Enrollment Status Report** – Dr. Dudek provided the Board with a report on the current district enrollment.
- B. District Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) Update** - Ms. Gina DiFiglio presented the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) program update to the Board.
- C. Teacher Mentoring Program Presentation** - Members of the Wood Dale 7 Teacher Mentoring Committee presented an overview of the newly created Districtwide Teacher Mentoring Program.
- D. Presentation of Top Youth Speakers, LLC Professional Development** - Mrs. Elvia Villalobos, Curriculum Director, presented the FY27 proposal from Top Youth Speakers for Math and Brain Based Research consulting for staff.
- E. Student Record Information Intergovernmental Agreement with Fenton High School** - Dr. Dudek presented the information on the intergovernmental agreement between Fenton High School and Wood Dale 7. This agreement allows for the sharing of student data from the elementary school district to the high school district.
- F. Parent/Student Handbook 2026-2027 Revisions** - Dr. Dudek presented and reviewed the recommended changes/additions to the 2026-2027 Parent/Student Handbook.
- G. 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 staff device replacement purchase, bus camera installation project, districtwide door access control project, student accident insurance rates for 2026-2027, ComEd Data Center Power Extension, and the Oakbrook ceiling replacement project.
- H. Informational Items and Communications** – The following are important dates for upcoming school district events:
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| ➤ 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 |

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. WDEA Leadership Committee** - The Wood Dale District 7 Leadership Committee met on April 14th and discussed a parent survey seeking input for the planning of a parent resource event in the upcoming school year. Parents were invited to select the topics that were most relevant and meaningful to their family. The committee also discussed potential dates in the fall to “host” a Parent Resource Event.
- B. Teacher Mentoring Committee** - The Teacher Mentoring Committee met on April 19th and discussed the mentor application and final items for implementation. The committee also discussed the school board presentation at the May school board meeting.
- C. Policy Committee** - The Policy Committee met on May 5, 2026 and discussed the revisions and review of (12) policies. They recommended that the board approve the first reading and adoption of all these revisions. Copies of all these changes have been provided to the board. Mrs. Botello, Mr. Woods and Dr. Dudek provided a report.

X. ACTION ITEMS

1. **Parent/Student Handbook 2026-2027 Revisions** - It was moved by Mrs. Papadopoulos and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the Board approve the 2026-2027 Parent/Student Handbook changes.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Papadopoulos, Fletcher-Gomez, Botello, Lucero-Bahr, Woods, and Miljkovic.
Nays – None. Motion carried.
2. **Approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Fenton High School Regarding Student Record Information** - It was moved by Ms. Lucero-Bahr and seconded by Mrs. Papadopoulos that the Board approve the IGA with Fenton High School regarding student record information.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Lucero-Bahr, Papadopoulos, Miljkovic, Botello, Fletcher-Gomez, and Woods.
Nays – None. Motion carried.
3. **Approval of 2026-2027 Salaries for Classified Employees** - It was moved by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the board approve the salaries for Classified Staff for the 2026-2027 school year.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Fletcher-Gomez, Miljkovic, Lucero-Bahr, Botello, and Papadopoulos.
Nays – Woods. Motion carried.
4. **Approval of 2026-2027 Salaries for Administrators** - Mrs. Papadopoulos requested that this item be moved to the June meeting to allow for further discussion. It was moved by Mr. Woods and seconded by Ms. Lucero-Bahr that this item be removed from action items and be voted on at the June meeting.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Papadopoulos, Miljkovic, Lucero-Bahr, Fletcher-Gomez, and Woods.
Nays – None. Abstain - Botello. Motion carried.
5. **Approval of Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Transfer from the Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Education Fund in the Amount of \$1,200,000.00** - Mrs. Botello presented the Resolution. It was moved by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mrs. Papadopoulos that the Board approve the Resolution authorizing and directing the transfer from the Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Education Fund in the Amount of \$1,200,000.00.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Miljkovic, Papadopoulos, Woods, Fletcher-Gomez, Lucero-Bahr, and Botello.
Nays – None. Motion carried.
6. **Approval of Resolution Authorizing and Directing the Transfer from the Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Capital Projects Fund in the Amount of \$700,000.00** - Mr. Woods presented the Resolution. It was moved by Mrs. Papadopoulos and seconded by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez that the Board approve the Resolution authorizing and directing the transfer from the Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Capital Projects Fund in the Amount of \$700,000.00.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Lucero-Bahr, Botello, Miljkovic, Fletcher-Gomez, Woods, and Papadopoulos.
Nays – None. Motion carried.
7. **Approval of Staff Device Replacement Chromebooks Purchase in the Amount of \$80,080.00** - It was moved by Ms. Lucero-Bahr and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the Board approve the staff device replacement chromebooks purchase in the Amount of \$80,080.00.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Botello, Miljkovic, Fletcher-Gomez, Woods, Lucero-Bahr, and Papadopoulos.
Nays – None. Motion carried.
8. **Approval of the Bus Camera Installation Project in the Amount of \$29,943.80** - It was moved by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the Board approve the bus camera installation project in the amount of \$29,943.80.

Roll call vote: Yeas – Botello, Lucero-Bahr, Miljkovic, and Fletcher-Gomez.
Nays – Woods. Abstain - Papadopoulos. Motion carried.
9. **Approval of the Door Access Control Project Districtwide with Verkada in the Amount of \$89,229.44** - It was moved by Ms. Lucero-Bahr and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the Board approve the door access control project districtwide with Verkada in the Amount of \$89,229.44.

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

10. **Approval of the Ceiling Replacement Project at Oakbrook School in the Amount of \$23,500.00** - It was moved by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the Board approve the ceiling replacement project at Oakbrook School in the amount of \$23,500.00.

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

11. **Approval of Student Accident Insurance with Gallagher Bassett for the 2026-27 School Year** - It was moved by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the Board approve the student accident insurance with Gallagher Bassett for the 2026-27 School Year.

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

12. **Approval of Professional Development Purchase with Top Youth Speakers, LLC in the Amount of \$20,000.00** – Mrs. Papadopoulos requested that this item be moved to the June meeting to allow for further discussion. It was moved by Mr. Woods and seconded by Mrs. Papadopoulos that this item be removed from action items and be voted on at the June meeting.

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

13. **Approval of Commonwealth Edison Grant of Right-of-Way Easement and Side Letter Agreement** - It was moved by Ms. Lucero-Bahr and seconded by Mrs. Papadopoulos that the Board approve the Commonwealth Edison Grant of Right-of-Way Easement and Side Letter Agreement.

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

14. **Approval of First Reading of Policies** - It was moved by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez and seconded by Mrs. Botello that the Board approve the first reading of the following policies:

- a. 2:200 School Board Types of School Board Meetings
- b. 2:220 School Board - School Board Meeting Procedure
- c. 4:165 Operational Services - Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors
- d. 5:50 General Personnel - Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace: E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition
- e. 5:250 Professional Personnel - Leaves of Absence
- f. 5:330 Educational Support Personnel-Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
- g. 6:65 Instruction - Student Social and Emotional Development
- h. 6:145 Instruction - Migrant Students
- i. 6:170 Instruction - Title I Programs
- j. 7:185 Students - Teen Dating Violence Prohibited
- k. 7:260 Students - Exemption from Physical Education
- l. 7:300 Students - Extracurricular Athletics

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

- XI. **CLOSED SESSION** - It was moved by Mr. Woods 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 – Botello, Miljkovic, Fletcher-Gomez, Woods, Lucero-Bahr, and Papadopoulos.
Nays – None. Motion carried.

The Board went into closed session at 8:56 p.m.

The Board came out of closed session at 9:56 p.m.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Ms. Fletcher-Gomez 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 9:57 p.m.

Aida Miljkovic, President

Elitsa Papadopoulos, Secretary