

BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 27
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Regular Meeting of 07/19/18 The regular meeting of July 19, 2018 of the Board of Education, School District 27 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Wood Oaks Library, 1250 Sanders Road, in said district.

Roll Call On call of the roll, the following members were present:

Present: Mrs. Helen Melnick, president
 Mrs. Melissa Copeland
 Mr. Ed Feld
 Mr. Alex Frum
 Mr. Brian Paich

Staff: Dr. David Kroeze, superintendent
 Mrs. Kimberly Arakelian, assistant superintendent
 Dr. Theresa Fournier, assistant superintendent
 Dr. Katharine Olson, assistant superintendent

Absent: Mrs. Laurie Garber-Amram
 Mr. Frank Andreou

President Melnick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Communications

Board

Mr. Frum presented the report on the Tentative 2018-19 Budget which was reviewed at the Board Working Session on July 19, 2018. He stated that the Administration has recommended a balanced Tentative Budget for 2018-19 at \$27.9 million, which represents a 2.89% increase (budget to budget) and a 5.1% increase (actual to budget), including contingencies. There are contingencies included in the budget of \$550,000. If allocated contingencies are not spent and all other budget projections are realized, the District should anticipate ending the 2018-19 fiscal year with a surplus. The District ended the 2017-18 fiscal year with a cumulative fund balance reserve of \$20.5 million. This represents a 75% fund balance reserve level against anticipated expenditures of \$27.9 million. The District remains in a healthy financial position. The Public Hearing

for the 2018-19 Tentative Budget will be on September 6, 2018. The recommendation to approve the Final Budget for 2018-19 will be scheduled for September 27, 2018.

Mrs. Melnick announced that the report on the July 11, 2018 EDC Meeting will be presented at the August 23, 2018 Board meeting

Community

None

Staff

Dr. Fournier presented the Board with an Enrollment Report. She stated 118 students have enrolled in kindergarten. At this time we are expecting 6 sections of kindergarten, 6 sections of 1st grade, 7 sections of 2nd grade, having class sizes at 18-20 students and 7 sections 3rd grade; 7 sections at 4th grade, and 6 sections at 5th grade. At Shabonee the 5th grade cohort, we could have a couple of classes at 24, but not to be reactive to that number because as a reminder, 50% of the time students are pulled out of class for ½ day to go to ELP, and students are pulled out much of the other for ½ day for Honors 5th grade math.

Dr. Olson reported on the STAR Results for District 27. The 2018 STAR scores are very strong, which is consistent with results from other standardized assessments administered throughout the year. District 27 significantly outperforms students from across the nation. In the area of reading, 61 to 87% of the students scored in the top two quartiles (at or above the 50th percentile). In the area of math, 84 to 94% of the students scored in the top two quartiles. In reading and math, the median grade level scores placed most grades in the “high proficiency and high growth” range. At the district level, our goal is to maintain our overall high performance result while attending to some specific grade level data points. The Curriculum Office will continue to collaborate with the principals and curriculum coordinators to further review and correlate data with PARCC and our common assessments within the Reading and Math

curricula. The teachers will continue to work with the STAR data to inform their instructional practices at the classroom level and individual student level.

Dr. Kroeze reported to the Board on the Impact of the Fair Share Decision which was made by the US Supreme Court. Anyone who not is a part of the union is not required to pay a fair share as would have been required under the old ruling. The real impact will be with the IEA and IFT. They are anticipating losing some membership in the union because those people can still receive the benefits of the union but not have to pay.

Dr. Fournier reported that a FOIA was received from Mr. Dimitry Kapmar regarding student documents. That request was responded to in the appropriate amount of time.

Dr. Fournier reported that a FOIA was received from Mr. Chris Kessler regarding employment documents of Jonathan Carroll, and that request was responded to in the appropriate amount of time.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Melnick called for Review of the Consent Agenda items.

Financial Report

Mr. Frum presented the Financial Report. The District remains in a stable financial position. We ended the fiscal year at 75% in fund balance reserves. We exceeded the budget assumptions for both the 2016 second installment and 2017 first installment property tax collections, as of June 30. For 2016, 99.75% was the tax collection rate, against a budget assumption of 96%. The total for property tax refunds as of fiscal year end was \$855,826 against a budget of \$850,000. The average rate of return on investments was 1.95% for month ending June 30.

No. 18321

Minutes of the Board of Education Regular Board Meeting of June 21, 2018

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Copeland seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 21, 2018.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Laurie Garber-Amram, Frank Andreou

No. 18322

Approval of Employment

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Copeland seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the employment of the following for the 2018-19 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Elaine Metz	Instructional Aide .66 FTE	Solomon Schechter	08-22-18	\$23.57 per hour

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Laurie Garber-Amram, Frank Andreou

No. 18323

Approval of Employment

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Copeland seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the following substitute teacher rate of pay effective August 22, 2018.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Laurie Garber-Amram, Frank Andreou

No. 18324

Statement of Claims for July 2, 2018, Approved

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Copeland seconded the motion that the Statement of Claims for July 2, 2018, in the amount of \$143,052.05, be approved, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Frank Andreou, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Laurie Garber-Amram, Alex Frum

No. 18325 Statement of Claims for July, 2018, Approved

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Copeland seconded the motion that the Statement of Claims for July, 2018, in the amount of \$714,483.11, be approved, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Laurie Garber-Amram, Frank Andreou

No. 18326 Statement of Position for June, 2018, Approved

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Copeland seconded the motion that the Statement of Position for June, 2018 be approved, and that this report be made part of the official minutes. The closing balance for all funds as of this date is \$20,519,945.15.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Laurie Garber-Amram, Frank Andreou

Copies of the Statement of Investments for the period ending June, 2018 were distributed to Board members for their review. This report shows that as of this date, the district has \$20,486,764.95, invested in funds that are earning interest at rates that range from 0.01 to 2.06 percent. This report is to be made part of the official minutes.

No. 18327 Statement of Receipts for June, 2018, Approved

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Copeland seconded the motion that the Statement of Receipts for June, 2018 in the amount of \$231,244,640.00 be approved, and this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Laurie Garber-Amram, Frank Andreou

No. 18328 Status of Appropriations for June 2018, Approved

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Copeland seconded the motion that the Status of Appropriations for June 2018 be approved, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Laurie Garber-Amram, Frank Andreou

No. 18329 Revolving Fund for July 2018, Approved

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Copeland seconded the motion that the Revolving Fund for July 2018, in the amount of \$887.72, be approved, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Laurie Garber-Amram, Frank Andreou

No. 18330 Payroll Dated June 29D, 2018, Ratified

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Copeland seconded the motion that the payroll dated June 29D, in the amount of \$655,825.75, be ratified, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Laurie Garber-Amram, Frank Andreou

No. 18331 Payroll Dated June 29S, 2017, Ratified

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Copeland seconded the motion that the payroll dated June 29S, in the amount of \$6,724.14, be ratified, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Laurie Garber-Amram, Frank Andreou

No. 18332 Payroll Dated July 13, 2018, Ratified

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Copeland seconded the motion that the payroll dated July 13, 2018, in the amount of \$172,928.76, be ratified, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Laurie Garber-Amram, Frank Andreou

No. 18333 Acceptance of Salary Compensation Report Pertaining to Public Act 096-0434

Upon recommendation by the superintendent, Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Copeland seconded the motion that the Board of Education accept the salary compensation report as required by Public Act 096-0434 for fiscal year 2018-19.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Laurie Garber-Amram, Frank Andreou

No. 18334 Approval of Contract Extension with Mid-American for Electric Supply

Upon recommendation by the superintendent, Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Copeland seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve a contract extension with MidAmerican for the supply of electricity through December 2022 at a price of \$0.3503 per kwh.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Laurie Garber-Amram, Frank Andreou

No. 18335

Approval of Contract Extension with Centerpoint Energy for Gas Supply

Upon recommendation by the superintendent, Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Copeland seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve a contract extension with Centerpoint Energy as the supplier for natural gas through June 2022; at a price of \$.299 per therm.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Laurie Garber-Amram, Frank Andreou

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

No. 18336

Approval of Tentative 2018-19 Budget

Upon recommendation by the superintendent, Mrs. Copeland moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the tentative budget for fiscal year 2018-19.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Laurie Garber-Amram, Frank Andreou

No. 18337

Board Adjourns to Closed Session

At 7:50 p.m. Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Copeland seconded the motion that the Board of Education adjourns to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing performance and evaluation of personnel.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Laurie Garber-Amram, Frank Andreou

No. 18338

Board Returns from Closed Session

At 8:40 p.m., Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Copeland seconded the motion that the Board of Education returns from Closed Session.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Laurie Garber-Amram, Frank Andreou

Adjournment There being no further business to come before the Board at this time Mrs. Copeland moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the meeting is adjourned.

The motion was unanimously approved, and President Melnick called the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY