

BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 27
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Regular Meeting of 09/06/18 The regular meeting of September 6, 2018 of the Board of Education, School District 27 was called to order at 6:30 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
 Dr. Kimberly Arakelian, assistant superintendent
 Dr. Theresa Fournier, assistant superintendent
 Dr. Katharine Olson, assistant superintendent

Absent: Mrs. Laurie Garber-Amram, vice president
 Mr. Frank Andreou

President Melnick called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Communications

Board

Mrs. Melnick announced that this evening would be the Public Hearing on the 2018-19 Tentative Budget.

Dr. Arakelian summarized the Tentative Budget stating the Administration has recommended a balanced final budget for 2018-19 at \$27.9 million, which represents a 2.89% increase (budget to budget). There are contingencies included in the budget of \$550,000 for any unforeseen expenses. If contingencies are not spent and all other budget projections are realized, the District should anticipate to end 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. Dr. Arakelian stated that we need to continue to monitor the economic landscape; property tax freeze legislation, school funding reform, cost shift to employers on pension obligations & PPACA. Dr. Arakelian concluded stating the Adoption of the Final Budget will be on the September 27, 2018 Board meeting Consent Agenda.

Mrs. Melnick reiterated that this is a Public Hearing and open to public comment and asked if anyone would like to comment. As there were no comments, President Melnick stated that Public Hearing on the 2018-19 Tentative Budget was thereby closed.

Community

None

Board

Mr. Feld reported on the August 29, 2018 NSEED Leadership Meeting. He stated NSEED has begun a search for the new Business Manager. He reported that SEDOL and Lake Zurich School District 95 are looking to see if NSEED services would benefit their students.

Mrs. Melnick announced that the October 4, 2018 Board meeting is cancelled.

Staff

Dr. Fournier reported on the Opening Institute Day Report. A variety of training topics took place during the three days of Opening Institute.

Mrs. Deely, Mr. Panozzo, Mrs. Buchanan and Mr. McElligott reported on the opening of school activities at each of their schools. It was a great start to the school year.

Mr. Heurich presented the Transportation Report for the 2018-19 school year. We are in the second year of a three year contract with First Student Bus Company. It is a shared service with Northfield Township School Districts 27, 28, 30, 31 and 225.

Mr. Heurich presented the Board with a Summer Facilities Update. Equipment inspections included fire alarm panels, fire alarm device inspections, sprinkler systems, electrical equipment, portable fire extinguishers, our private fire hydrants, security system, and tree inspections. The capital project of renovating rooms 103 and 105 at Wood Oaks was completed to create a state-of-the-art STEAM Lab. The second capital project was completed to replace the fire alarm panels at Hickory Point and Wood Oaks. The panels had reached their life expectancy. This was a Key Action Plan on the District's Strategic Plan. A second GaGa Pit was installed at Shabonee. There were also asphalt, concrete, and roof repairs.

Dr. Kroeze presented a report on the District's enrollment. He stated the enrollment is 1,260. All grades have class sizes that are within our target of 17 – 23. Enrollment at Hickory Point is 371, while Shabonee is at 420 and Wood Oaks is at 442. These are excellent school sizes. The District typically experiences an influx of new students into the District, and this year is no exception. The District has 117 new students. We are now reflecting the trend that existed prior to the housing crisis. Dr. Kroeze projected enrollment will increase over the next four years, with the District expected to reach an enrollment of 1,315 students by the 2022-2023 school year.

Dr. Olson presented the Board with an update on the 2018 PARCC assessments. At individual grade levels, between 81% and 87% of the students met or exceeded State standards in English Language Arts. In ELA, every grade level had 80% or more of the students meeting or exceeding standards. In math, every grade level had 70% or more of our students meeting or exceeding standards.

Consent Agenda

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

No. 18367

Approval of Leave of Absence

Mrs. Copeland moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Leave of Absence request from Mrs. Melissa Gustafson, Shabonee Reading Specialist. She anticipates her leave to begin on October 18, 2018. She is requesting an additional period of time without pay, anticipating her return to work on January 28, 2019.

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 and Frank Andreou

No. 18368

Approval of Additions to the Substitute Teacher List

Mrs. Copeland moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the following additions to the substitute teacher list.

Irina Poukatch

Irina Poukatch earned a BA in Elementary Education from the Belarusian State University in Minsk, Belarus, as well as a MA in Elementary Education from National-Louis University. She has over 10 years of work experience as a Russian language interpreter and substitute teacher in area school districts.

Carrie Schultz

Carrie Schultz earned a BA in Communications from the University of Illinois, Springfield, and a MA in Elementary Education from National Louis University. She has three years of intermediate teaching experience in a Chicago charter school.

Erin Sharkey

Erin Sharkey earned a BA in Physical Education from DePaul University and has 11 years of teaching experience with Skokie School District 69.

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 and Frank Andreou

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

First Read on Board Policies. The Board was provided with the following Board Policies for review and discussion:

- Incurring Debt, Policy 4:40
- Accelerated and Advanced Placement, Policy 6:135
- General Personnel / Copyright, Policy 5:170

The Board recommended some language revisions to the Policies which will be made. The Policies will be placed on the September 27, 2018 Board Consent Agenda for approval.

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 8:30 p.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY