



District 225 to meet demand next year and then again in 2022. With the possible increased cost of a contract from AT&T, we are recommending to the Board that we sign a new contract that will provide minimal backup bandwidth. This will allow essential services and staff devices to continue to function in the event of District 225 going down. Dr. Kroeze stated the Administration would bring a recommendation to the Board in February.

Mr. Feld reported on the November 14, 2018 NSSSED Leadership Council meeting. He stated that NSSSED is currently in the process of interviewing for a Chief Business Officer. He reported that the IDEA flow-through money will now come directly to the member districts for distribution to NSSSED, instead of first going to NSSSED for distribution to the member districts. He reported that NSSSED is looking to rebrand NSSSED and set up web platforms. Dr. Kroeze reported that he and Dr. Arakelian, Dr. Fournier, and Mrs. Revello met with NSSSED in order to develop goals that will have a link to its financial model, as we need to know the goals of NSSSED and how it plans to offer programs and resources to its member districts.

Mr. Andreou reported on the Policy Committee meeting of November 1, 2018. Three policies were reviewed and are on tonight's New Business agenda for a First Read. These Policies will be on the December 20, 2018 Consent Agenda for approval. These policies are:

- Policy 4:140 Fees and Waiver of Fees
- Policy 7:50 School Admission and Student Transfer
- Policy 6:60 Curriculum Content

Mr. Andreou reported that the Economic Development Committee received that notice that Moody's Investor Services has rated the Village of Northbrook with a AA-1 Rating. Mr. Frum stated that this means that the Village of Northbrook is at an investment grade rating, which is very good.

The Board then began a discussion on the IASB Committee Resolutions. Dr. Kroeze and Mrs. Copeland will be attending the IASB Joint Annual Conference (IASB, IASA, IASBO) in Chicago November 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. The IASB Resolutions Committee has supported a Resolution from school districts in the southern portion of the State of Illinois. Dr. Kroeze stated that the Resolution's

wording is constructed so that it puts two concepts together that do not belong together. (The option to have staff armed with guns versus local control). Dr. Kroeze stated that we do not want guns in the schools, but we do want local control. The other superintendents in Northfield Township are also against having guns in schools. The Board members then took a poll and came to a consensus that District 27 would vote “No” to the Resolution, primarily because of the way the resolution is constructed and the problem of arming staff with guns against School Board local control.

### Community

Mr. Mike Amarilio, of Representative Jonathan Carroll’s office, presented statistics that were a sampling of what constituents in the District 27 boundaries thought about the Resolution of allowing guns in schools. He added that Representative Carroll’s office was not trying to influence the decision of the Board regarding the vote on the IASB Resolution. He then asked if the District could introduce a separate resolution at the Tri-Conference this year having more defined language. Dr. Kroeze stated Districts could not introduce additional resolutions this year, but would look at introducing a Resolution for next year.

### Staff

Dr. Fournier thanked the Board for supporting the staff for the November 9<sup>th</sup> Professional Development day. All of the staff received Emergency Preparedness Training. Another session of Social/Emotional Learning was also presented. Social-emotional learning continues to be a priority, and we took it a step further this year by providing five strands of SEL study. These are:

- Mindfulness
- Executive function
- How boys and girls learn differently
- Mental health issues
- Mindset - growth and fixed

The study groups are being so well received by our staff that will offer the same five strands next year so that staff will be able to choose another theme of study.

Dr. Fournier updated the Board on Enrollment. The class sizes are stable and remain at 17-20 at Hickory Point, 20-23 at Shabonee, with one class at 24, and everything at Wood Oaks remains stable.

Dr. Kroeze updated the Board on the Special Education Satisfaction Survey. He stated that field-testing was conducted with some parents. Dr. Fournier added that the feedback is helping us to refine the survey and be able to get results that we can understand. She stated that the Administration would like to delay the survey until spring. She added that delaying the self-study until the end of February will allow parents to receive their annual review for reflection.

Dr. Fournier stated a commercial FOIA request was received from a company named SmartProcure asked for information regarding our purchasing records, and we have responded in the appropriate amount of time.

#### Consent Agenda

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

#### Financial Report

Mr. Paich presented the Financial Report. He stated that on the consent agenda this evening are the accounts payable checks, payroll and the Wood Oaks Student Activity Account bank rec for September. The October month end financial statements were not received on time from the Treasurer's Office in order to complete the overall month end reconciliation. The October month end statements will be included in the next Board meeting business meeting.

#### **No. 18411**

##### Minutes of the Board Working Session of October 25, 2018

Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Andreou seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Board Working Session of October 25, 2018.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Mr. Frank Andreou, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

**No. 18412**

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 25, 2018

Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Andreou seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 25, 2018.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Mr. Frank Andreou, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

**No. 18413**

Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of October 25, 2018

Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Andreou seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of October 25, 2018.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Mr. Frank Andreou, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

**No. 18414**

Approval of Employment

Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Andreou seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the following:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Faustino Vargas	Full-Time Custodian	Wood Oaks	11/19/18	\$18.75 per hr.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Mr. Frank Andreou, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None



On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Mr. Frank Andreou, Melissa Copeland,  
Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

**No. 18418**      Statement of Claims for November 8, 2018, Approved

Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Andreou seconded the motion that the Statement of Claims for November 8, 2018, in the amount of \$6,464.59, 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, Laurie Garber-Amram, Mr. Frank Andreou, Melissa Copeland,  
Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

**No. 18419**      Wood Oaks Activity Account for September 2018, Approved

Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Andreou seconded the motion that the Wood Oaks Activity Account for September 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, Laurie Garber-Amram, Mr. Frank Andreou, Melissa Copeland,  
Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

**No. 18420**      Payroll Dated October 30, 2018, Ratified

Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Andreou seconded the motion that the payroll dated September 28, in the amount of \$814,003.48, be ratified, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:





NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

First Read of Board Policies.

As we reported in our Board Meeting, the Policy Committee has a number of revisions to policies. We are placing them on the Agenda for a First Read this month and will seek your final approval on December 20, 2018. The policies include:

- 4:140 Fees and Waiver of Fees
- 7:50 School Admission and Student Transfer
- 6:60 Curriculum Content

**No. 18423**

Approval of the Tentative Tax Levy 2018

As recommended by the superintendent, Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Andreou seconded the motion that the Board of Education adopts the following tentative 2018 tax levy and that a final tax levy is approved on December 20, 2018.

	<b><u>2018 Tax Levy - Tentative</u></b>
Education	\$24,948,375
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 1,171,329
Transportation	\$ 567,627
Illinois Municipal Retirement	\$ 169,709
Social Security	\$ 626,586
Working Cash	<u>108</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 27,483,734</b>

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Mr. Frank Andreou, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

**No. 18424**

Board Adjourns to Closed Session

At 8:20 p.m. Mr. Andreou moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the Board of Education adjourns to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing collective

negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives and performance of specific employees. Action will not be taken.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Mr. Frank Andreou, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

**No. 18425** Board Returns from Closed Session

At 8:45 p.m., Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Andreou seconded the motion that the Board of Education returns from Closed Session.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Mr. Frank Andreou, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

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

The motion was unanimously approved, and President Melnick called the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY