

BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 27
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Regular Meeting of 10/24/19 The regular meeting of October 24, 2019 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
 Mr. Alex Frum, vice president
 Mrs. Laurie Garber-Amram
 Mr. Frank Andreou
 Mrs. Melissa Copeland (electronic attendance)
 Mr. Ed Feld

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

Absent: Mr. Brian Paich

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

Communications

Board

Mr. Feld reported on the NSSD Leadership meeting of October 2, 2019. The main topic was ensuring that voices of all NSSD member districts were heard regarding the NSSD Financial Plan. Dr. Arakelian shared with the Board that the NSSD Finance Committee met on October 8, 2019. One of the goals for the Committee to have other Special Ed Cooperatives present their financial models. Presentations were made by Niles Township and LADSE, which is a Cooperative from LaGrange. Our task is to share that presentation with the District 27 Administration. She stated she would share the various financial models with the Board and the Administration.

Mr. Andreou presented the report on the October 16, 2019 Village of Northbrook Economic Development Committee Meeting. Demolition of Macy's has been placed on hold until after the holidays. The Grainger Property Traffic Study will be done to see if it can be made traffic friendly. The affordable housing conversations continued, and all new projects in Northbrook will have to address that issue. The cannabis dispensary meeting was held on the October 22nd for Public Comment. Northbrook has recommended "yes" to the dispensaries, the Planning Commission has approved it, but there is a lot of public opposition. Glenview has voted "yes", and Deerfield is still thinking about the issue. The estimates for sales tax revenue from a dispensary are \$750,000 per

year. An assessment was performed on the Cook County Tax reassessment where the burden is being flipped to commercial properties and it is having an adverse affect on multi-family and apartment buildings, so no new development has been planned. A date has not yet been set for the joint EDC/ICDC meeting.

Mrs. Melnick announced the Wood Oaks Graduation will be on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Melnick announced that the Board meetings of January 16, 2020 and January 30, 2020 will be canceled and rescheduled to January 23, 2020, due to a conflict with GBN events.

Mrs. Melnick announced that the Board meeting of May 28, 2020 will be rescheduled to May 21, 2020.

Mrs. Melnick stated that there are two resolutions that will be brought up at the IASB Joint Conference November 22-24, 2019 that would be of interest to our Board. Dr. Kroeze stated the first resolution is the same resolution that was discussed last year, which we would give the Boards of Educations the ability to decide to allow armed employees on the school grounds. Dr. Kroeze requested from the Board their ideas so we would have a consensus from the Board for Mrs. Copeland's vote at the Joint Conference. Four Board members were against the resolution and two were for the resolution, so Mrs. Copeland will vote against the resolution when she attends the IASB Joint Conference. Mrs. Melnick stated the second resolution concerned School Board compensation. All Board members were against that resolution.

Community Comments

None

Staff

Dr. Olson reported that the Illinois School Report Card will be released at noon on October 30, 2019. For the first time, this year the Illinois State Board has embargoed all of the results. She stated that on October 30th she will provide all of the results with the Board.

Dr. Fournier updated the Board on enrollment. The District has grown by six students since September. The class sizes are still as desired with 17-20 students per class at Hickory Point and 19-23 students at Shabonee. The total enrollment is currently 1,306.

Dr. Arakelian updated the Board on the Transportation Bid Process. Legal notices will be placed in the newspaper on November 21, 2019, and a formal recommendation will be presented to the Board for approval in December.

Dr. Fournier reported the District received a FOIA Request from Pitney Bowes, and that was answered in the appropriate amount of time.

Dr. Fournier reported the District received a FOIA Request from Smart Procure, and that was answered 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. He reported that the District remains in a stable financial position. As of month end September, the cumulative fund balance is at a 95% reserve level. As a reminder, the District utilizes fund balance reserve for the months of September through January and April through June to cover regular operating expenses. On the reverse side of the budget, the majority of the receipts recorded are for property tax collections. We continue to receive distributions for the 2nd installment 2018 taxes. On the expenditure side of the budget, there are no unfavorable budget to actual line items to report. We have accounted for property tax refunds in September. As of month end, property tax refunds total \$180,458.02. On the Statement of Investments, the average rate of return for month end September was 1.99%.

No. 18661 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Public Hearing/Regular Board Meeting of September 5, 2019

Mr. Andreou moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Public Hearing/Regular Board Meeting of September 5, 2019.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland (electronic),
Mr. Feld and Mr. Frum

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Paich

No. 18662 Approval of Minutes of the Closed Session of September 5, 2019

Mr. Andreou moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Closed Session of September 5, 2019.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland (electronic),
Mr. Feld and Mr. Frum

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Paich

No. 18663 Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of the Regular Board Meeting of September 19, 2019

Mr. Andreou moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 19, 2019.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland (electronic),
Mr. Feld and Mr. Frum

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Paich

No. 18664 Approval of Hire of Assistant Secretary for Hickory Point

Mr. Andreou moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the hire of the following:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Michelle Miller	Assistant Secretary	Hickory Point	10/21/19	\$21.00 p/h

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland (electronic),
Mr. Feld and Mr. Frum

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Paich

No. 18665 Statement of Claims for October 2019, Approved

Mr. Andreou moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Statement of Claims for October 2019, in the amount of \$639,830.36, be approved, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland (electronic),
Mr. Feld and Mr. Frum

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Paich

No. 18666 Statement of Claims #2 for October 2019, Approved

Mr. Andreou moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Statement of Claims for October 2019, in the amount of \$16,664.90, be approved, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland (electronic),
Mr. Feld and Mr. Frum

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Paich

No. 18667 Statement of Position for September 2019, Approved

Mr. Andreou moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Statement of Position for September 2019, in the amount of \$27,028,642.02, be approved, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland (electronic),
Mr. Feld and Mr. Frum

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Paich

Copies of the Statement of Investments for the period ending September 2019 were distributed to Board members for their review. This report shows that as of this date, the district has \$29,967,703.43, invested in funds that are earning interest at rates that range from 0.01 to 2.65 percent. This report is to be made part of the official minutes.

No. 18668 Statement of Receipts for September 2019, Approved

Mr. Andreou moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Statement of Receipts for September 2019, in the amount of \$11,375,141.92, be approved, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland (electronic),
Mr. Feld and Mr. Frum

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Paich

No. 18669

Status of Appropriations for September 2019, Approved

Mr. Andreou moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that Status of Appropriations for September 2019, in the amount of \$2,538,915.99, be approved, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland (electronic),
Mr. Feld and Mr. Frum

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Paich

No. 18670

Wood Oaks Activity Account for September 2019

Mr. Andreou moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Wood Oaks Activity Account for September 2019, in the amount of \$18,991.87, be approved, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland (electronic),
Mr. Feld and Mr. Frum

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Paich

No. 18671

Revolving Fund for October 2019, Approved

Mr. Andreou moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Revolving Fund for October, 2019, in the amount of \$3,815.55, be approved, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland (electronic),
Mr. Feld and Mr. Frum

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Paich

No. 18672 Payroll Dated September 27, 2019, Ratified

Mr. Andreou moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the payroll dated September 27, 2019, in the amount of \$801,746.93, be ratified, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland (electronic),
Mr. Feld and Mr. Frum

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Paich

No. 18673 Payroll Dated October 15, 2019, Ratified

Mr. Andreou moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the payroll dated October 15, 2019, in the amount of \$805,514.44, be ratified, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland (electronic),
Mr. Feld and Mr. Frum

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Paich

No. 18674 Payroll Dated September 13, Ratified

Mr. Andreou moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the payroll dated September 6, 2019, in the amount of \$1,778.98, be ratified, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland (electronic),
Mr. Feld and Mr. Frum

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Paich

No. 18675

Approval of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Blue Advantage HMO

As recommended by the superintendent, Mr. Andreou moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education renew its coverage in the Blue Cross Blue Shield Blue Advantage HMO Plan for the 2020 calendar year at the following rates:

New Rate	Single	\$541.85	Family	\$1,474.02
Former Rate	Single	\$541.85	Family	\$1,474.02

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland (electronic),
Mr. Feld and Mr. Frum

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Paich

No. 18676

Approval of the Blue Cross Blue Shield HMO Illinois Plan

As recommended by the superintendent, Mr. Andreou moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education renew its coverage in the Blue Cross Blue Shield HMO Illinois Plan for the 2020 calendar year at the following rates:

New Rate	Single	\$582.64	Family	\$1,584.98
Former Rate	Single	\$582.64	Family	\$1,584.98

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland (electronic),
Mr. Feld and Mr. Frum

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Paich

No. 18677 Approval of the Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO

As recommended by the superintendent, Mr. Andreou moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education renew its coverage in the Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO Plan for the 2020 calendar year at the following rates:

New Rate	Single	\$1,156.56	Family	\$2,702.17
Former Rate	Single	\$1,156.56	Family	\$2,702.17

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland (electronic),
Mr. Feld and Mr. Frum

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Paich

No. 18678 Approval of Renewal of Coverage with Dearborn National for Life and ADD&D Insurance Coverage

As recommended by the superintendent, Mr. Andreou moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education renew its coverage with Dearborn National for Life and AD&D insurance coverage for the 2020 calendar year at the following rates (2-year rate guarantee):

New Rate	Basic Life	\$.093/\$1,000	AD&D	\$.015/\$1,000
Former Rate	Basic Life	\$.125/\$1,000	AD&D	\$.015/\$1,000

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Alex Frum

No. 18679 Approval of Renewal of Coverage with CIGNA for Long Term Disability (LTD) Insurance

As recommended by the superintendent, Mr. Andreou moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education renew its coverage with CIGNA for long-term disability (LTD) insurance coverage for the 2020 calendar year at the following rates (2-year rate guarantee):

New Rate	LTD	\$.138/\$1,000
Former Rate	LTD	\$.125/\$1,000

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland (electronic), Mr. Feld and Mr. Frum

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Paich

No. 18680 Approval of the Dental Premiums for the Self-Funded Dental Program

As recommended by the superintendent, Mr. Andreou moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education approves an increase of 1.75% for the dental premiums for the self-funded dental program at the following rates for calendar year 2020.

New Rate	Single	\$48.60	Family	\$121.50
Former Rate	Single	\$47.79	Family	\$119.47

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland (electronic), Mr. Feld and Mr. Frum

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Paich

No. 18681 Approval of the One-Year Contract Extension with Perspectives for Calendar Year 2020

As recommended by the superintendent, Mr. Andreou moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education approves a one-year contract extension with Perspectives for calendar year 2020 to administer the District's

Employee Assistance Program. The fee will remain the same as the current year at \$1.27 (per month per participant).

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland (electronic),
Mr. Feld and Mr. Frum

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Paich

No. 18682 Approval of The Employer's Association to Administer District's Flexible Benefit Plan

As recommended by the superintendent, Mr. Andreou moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve a one-year contract extension with The Employer's Association for calendar year 2020 to administer the District's Flexible Benefit Plan. The fee will remain the same at \$5.00 (per month per participant).

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland (electronic),
Mr. Feld and Mr. Frum

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Paich

No. 18683 Approval of One-Year Contract Extension with Tovar Snow Professionals.

Upon recommendation by the superintendent, Mr. Andreou moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the Board of Education approve a one-year contract extension with Tovar Snow Professionals, Inc. at no increase in pricing. The duration of this contract shall be from November 1, 2019 through October 31, 2020.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland (electronic),
Mr. Feld and Mr. Frum

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Paich

No. 18684 Approval of the 2020-2021 School Calendar.

Upon recommendation by the superintendent, Mr. Andreou moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the Board of Education approve the 2020-2021 School Calendar.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland (electronic),
Mr. Feld and Mr. Frum

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Paich

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Good and Welfare

Mr. Andreou congratulated Mrs. Melnick for completing the Chicago Marathon.
Mr. Andreou congratulated the District on the District 27 PTA Run. There were 400 runners, and the PTA received over \$10,000. Dr. Kroeze thanked Karen Frum for all of the work she performed for the successful run.

Mr. Frum announced for the first time, Wood Oaks had two students in the Illinois State Middle School Cross Country Championships, and one was Mr. Frum's daughter.

Closed Session

No. 18685 Board Adjourns to Closed Session

At 7:35 p.m., Mr. Andreou moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education adjourns to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing performance of personnel and security procedures and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property. Action will not be taken following Closed Session.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland (electronic),
Mr. Feld and Mr. Frum

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Paich

No. 18686 Board Returns from Closed Session

At 7:55 p.m., Mr. Andreou moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education returns from Closed Session.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland (electronic), Mr. Feld and Mr. Frum

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Paich

Adjournment There being no further business to come before the Board at this time Mr. Andreou 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 9:00 p.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:


PRESIDENT


SECRETARY