

BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 27
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Regular Meeting of 02/20/20 The regular meeting of February 20, 2020 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
 Mrs. Martha Carlos
 Mr. Ed Feld

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

Absent: Mrs. Melissa Copeland

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

Communications
Board

Community Comments
None

Staff

Dr. Arakelian distributed the CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report) for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. This is the 11th year we have completed this detailed report. Susan Jones of Miller Cooper, the firm that performs our audit, joined the meeting for the review.

The CAFR is a financial report that is prepared in a standard format conforming to the guidelines of the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and utilizing Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). Each school district is required by the Illinois School Code as of June 30 of each fiscal year to have an independent audit completed. The CAFR meets this requirement plus provides for:

- Best Practice – in preparing school financial statements
- Transparency – sharing financial information above and beyond what GAAP requires
- Credibility – validating the school district's commitment to fiscal integrity
- Savings – achieving a better bond rating of debt financing is required.

Dr. Arakelian reported that the District had a successful audit for fiscal year 2018-19, with no control deficiencies, no audit adjustments and no material misstatements.

Dr. Arakelian added that we will submit the CAFR for Fiscal Year 2019 to the Association of School Business Officials International and the Government Finance Officers Association to apply for their Certificate of Excellence program awards. The District was awarded the Certificate of Excellence from both organizations for the past six fiscal years from 2009 through 2018.

A formal recommendation will be made to the Board to accept the CAFR this evening.

Dr. Fournier reported on the PD Day of January 24th. Every staff member had an opportunity to be in Social and Emotional Learning strands, Curriculum and Instruction and Refinement of the Instructional Program. The social and emotional learning strands consist of five strands:

- Executive Functions
- Mindfulness
- Mental Health Awareness and Strategies for Addressing Student Behavior
- Restorative Practice
- Social and Emotional Needs Differences of Boys and Girls

Dr. Olson reported on the Parent Education Night on Wednesday, January 15th featuring speaker Doug Bolton. Dr. Bolton spoke on “Enhancing Resilience in our Children”. Approximately 40 people attended. His message was that every challenging moment that you have with a child it is an opportunity to connect with that child, to help that child and yourself to regulate and to teach.

Dr. Fournier provided an update on enrollment and Kindergarten registration. During the course of the year we have increased by 14 students, going from 1,300 to 1,314 students. All of our preferred class sizes have been maintained. We currently have 121 students registered for Kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year.

Dr. Fournier reported on a FOIA request received from NBC which was answered in the appropriate amount of time.

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Consent Agenda

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

Financial Report

Mr. Paich presented the Financial Report. On the revenue side of the budget, the majority of the receipts recorded are for interest earnings, and State and Federal grant receipts. Next month, we will begin to record receipts for the first distributions of the 1st installment 2019 taxes. On the expenditure side of the budget, there are no variances to report, other than we continue to monitor

the budget line item for special education tuition expenses. We currently have a 63% fund balance reserve level. The average rate of return on investments for January month end was 1.69%.

No. 18742 Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of January 16, 2020

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of January 16, 2019.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Martha Carlos, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Melissa Copeland

No. 18743 Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of January 16, 2020

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of January 16, 2020.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Martha Carlos, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Melissa Copeland

No. 18744 Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of 21, 2020

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of January 16, 2019.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Martha Carlos, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Melissa Copeland

No. 18745 Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of January 21, 2020

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of January 16, 2020.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Martha Carlos, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Melissa Copeland

No. 18746 Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of 23, 2020

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of January 16, 2019.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Martha Carlos, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Melissa Copeland

No. 18747 Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of January 23, 2020

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of January 16, 2020.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Martha Carlos, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Melissa Copeland

No. 18748

Acceptance of Intent to Retire Letter from Shabonee 4th Grade Teacher

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education accept the Intent to Retire Letter from Colleen Feldmiller.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Martha Carlos, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Melissa Copeland

No. 18749

Acceptance of Resignation of District-Wide Technology Specialist

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education accept the Resignation Letter from Matthew Vella.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Martha Carlos, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Melissa Copeland

No. 18750

Approval of Contract for District-Wide Technology Specialist

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Mark Dizon	District-Wide Technology Specialist	District	3/02/2020	\$27 per hour

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Martha Carlos, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Melissa Copeland

No. 18751

Statement of Claims for February 2020 Approved

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Statement of Claims for February 2020, in the amount of \$390,990.84, 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, Martha Carlos, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Melissa Copeland

No. 18752

Statement of Claims #2 for February 2020 Approved

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Statement of Claims #2 for February 2020, in the amount of \$34,834.52, 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, Martha Carlos, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Melissa Copeland

No. 18753

Statement of Claims #3 for February 2020 Approved

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Statement of Claims /#3 for February 2020, in the amount of \$167,550.13, 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, Martha Carlos, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Melissa Copeland

No. 18754 Statement of Claims #4 for February 2020 Approved

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Statement of Claims #4 for February 2020, in the amount of \$16,715.80, 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, Martha Carlos, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Melissa Copeland

No. 18755 Statement of Position for January 2020, Approved

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Statement of Position for January, 2020, in the amount of \$18,149,602.55, 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, Martha Carlos, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Melissa Copeland

Copies of the Statement of Investments for the period ending January, 2020 were distributed to Board members for their review. This report shows that as of this date, the district has \$18,113,119.70, invested in funds that are earning interest at rates that range from 0.01 to 2.00 percent. This report is to be made part of the official minutes.

No. 18756 Statement of Receipts for January, 2020, Approved

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Statement of Receipts for January, 2020, in the amount of \$254,074.29, 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, Martha Carlos, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Melissa Copeland

No. 18757 Status of Appropriations for January, 2020, Approved

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that Status of Appropriations for January, 2019, in the amount of \$2,636,799.40, 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, Martha Carlos, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Melissa Copeland

No. 18758 Wood Oaks Activity Account January 2020, Approved

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Wood Oaks Activity Account for January, 2020, in the amount of \$10,912.27, 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, Martha Carlos, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Melissa Copeland

No. 18759 Revolving Fund for February, 2020, Approved

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Revolving Fund for February 2020, in the amount of \$9,854.98, 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, Martha Carlos, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Melissa Copeland

No. 18760 Payroll Dated January 30, 2020, Ratified

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the payroll dated January 30, 2020 in the amount of \$790,736.06, 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, Laurie Garber-Amram, Martha Carlos, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Melissa Copeland

No. 18761 Payroll Dated February 14, 2020, Ratified

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the payroll dated February 14, 2020 in the amount of \$869,386.71, 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, Laurie Garber-Amram, Martha Carlos, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Melissa Copeland

No. 18762 Review of the Closed Session Minutes for the Period July 2019 through December 2019

As recommended by the superintendent, Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education open the Closed Session minutes of December 19, 2019 to the public. The Closed Session minutes for the following meetings will remain closed:

July 18, 2019

August 22, 2019

September 5, 2019

October 24, 2019

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Martha Carlos, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Melissa Copeland

No. 18763

Approval of the Destruction of Closed Session Audio Tapes Prior to July 2018

As recommended by the superintendent, Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the destruction of the Closed Session Audio Tapes prior to July 2018.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Martha Carlos, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Melissa Copeland

No. 18764

Acceptance of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for June 30, 2019

As recommended by the superintendent, Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education accept the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for June 30, 2019

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Martha Carlos, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Melissa Copeland

No. 18765

Approval of the Bid for Transportation Services with North Shore Transit, Inc. for Fiscal Years 2020-21 through 2022-23

As recommended by the superintendent, Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the bid for transportation services with North Shore Transit, Inc. for fiscal year 2020-21 through 2022-23.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Martha Carlos, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Melissa Copeland

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Good and Welfare

Dr. Fournier stated that our Wind Ensemble were invited to play at the Illinois Music Education Conference and the performances were outstanding. Dr. Kroeze stated his son and daughter-in-law will be having a child the week of February 24th.

Closed Session

None

Adjournment There being no further business to come before the Board at this time Mrs. Garber-Amram 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 7:25 p.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:


PRESIDENT


SECRETARY