

BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 27
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Board Working Session of 03/05/20 The board working session of March 5, 2020 of the Board of Education, School District 27 was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Wood Oaks Library, in said district.

Present: Mrs. Helen Melnick, president
 Mr. Alex Frum, vice president
 Mrs. Laurie Garber-Amram
 Mrs. Martha Carlos
 Mrs. Melissa Copeland
 Mr. Edwin Feld
 Mr. Brian Paich

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

Absent: None

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

Communications
Board

Community Comments
None

Staff

Mr. Kroeze stated that the Village of Northbrook Trustees have received an application for a Class 6b application for the property located at 555 Huehl Road, Northbrook. This is an industrial class property. The company, IBYS Partners, LLC (related entity – Belmont Trading Co., Inc.) is in business for processing, warehousing, and distribution of electronic devices (such as tablets, laptops, smart phones, etc.). The company currently employs 132 individuals and plans to grow to 170 total employees in the next 10 years. The District 27 Administration is recommending that the District 27 Board of Education not support the Class 6b from Belmont Trading Co. As a school district we need to take the position of protecting the property tax base and current levels of assessment. The second concern is that the Village may approve a Class 6b request that does not meet the eligibility criteria established; thereby setting a precedent for all other 6b requests in the future.



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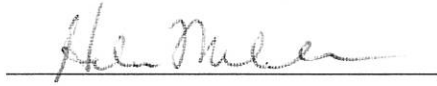


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Dr. Arakelian presented to the Board the Master Facility Plan update, which includes work to be completed over the summer of 2019 at Wood Oaks. Representatives from ARCON Associates, Inc. and Nicholas and Associates shared with the Board plans for roof replacement work and construction of the new Wood Oaks STEAM/Applied Technology Lab. They reported that the STEAM/Applied Technology Lab will house the school's Applied Technology program, STEAM electives, and the Broadcast studio. The lab will include flexible seating for students, ample counter space for 3D printers, a "brainstorming hub", equipment storage, projection systems, and robotics game tables. The roofing and STEAM/Applied Technology Lab projects are estimated to cost \$1.6 million. Dr. Arakelian reported the recommendation will be brought to the Board at March 21st meeting for approval of the bids for the various trades.

Mr. Heurich reported on the ISBE Health Life Safety Visit. He stated the District received an excellent report during its state-required annual Health/Life Safety Inspection. All three schools were inspected by a representative of the North Cook Intermediate Service Center for the Illinois State Board of Education. Dr. Arakelian added that all of the District buildings were in compliance with school safety and health codes.

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