

BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 27
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Regular Meeting of 08/20/20	The regular meeting of August 20, 2020 of the Board of Education, School District 27 was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Wood Oaks Commons, 1250 Sanders Road, in said district.
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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
 Mrs. Melissa Copeland
 Mr. Ed Feld

Staff: Dr. David 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

Mrs. Melnick announced that the New Teacher Reception with the Board of Education will be held on September 3, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Staff

Dr. Fournier and Dr. Arakelian updated on the District's Reopening Plan. Dr. Fournier stated that there are twenty-six new employees, fourteen of which were hired for COVID-19 staffing. Dr. Arakelian presented general highlights on safety protocols. The staff received training on COVID-19 protocols as well as Emergency Preparedness Training. In-person training will be conducted at the Kindergarten (Leisure) Center. The Health/Life Safety was completed at the Kindergarten (Leisure) Center, by Margo Fennelly of the Regional Office of Education.

Dr. Fournier introduced Trevor Hope, Director of Technology, and Tarah O'Connell, Director of Communications. Dr. Fournier stated that the Opening In-Service was held. New Teacher Academy was held on August 12th and 13th with the new teachers and their mentors. The themes were social-emotional support, curriculum meetings, technology and the synchronous tools. She added that 83% of students are in-person, and 17% are learning remotely. At K-2 we are at 18-20 students per classroom including remote learners, and at Shabonee we are at 18-23 per classroom including remote learners. There are currently 133 students enrolled in kindergarten.

Dr. Fournier reported that we had a FOIA Request from SmartProcure requesting our vendor information and the request was replied to in the appropriate amount of time.

Community Comments

None

Consent Agenda

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

No. 18912 Approval of Minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meeting of July 9, 2020

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 9, 2020.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mrs. Carlos, Mrs. Copeland Mr. Feld, Mr. Frum
and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

No. 18913 Approval of Closed Session Minutes of the Board Meeting of July 9, 2020

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Closed Session Minutes of the Board Meeting of July 9, 2020.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mrs. Carlos, Mrs. Copeland Mr. Feld, Mr. Frum
and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

No. 18914 Approval of Minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meeting of July 23, 2020

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 23, 2020.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mrs. Carlos, Mrs. Copeland Mr. Feld, Mr. Frum
and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

No. 18915

Approval of the Closed Session Minutes of the Board Meeting of July 23, 2020

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 23, 2020.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mrs. Carlos, Mrs. Copeland Mr. Feld, Mr. Frum and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

No. 18916

Approval of Employment of Speech and Language Teacher for Wood Oaks

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the hire of a Speech and Language Teacher for Wood Oaks.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Stephanie Smolen	Speech & Language Teacher	Wood Oaks	8/17/20	MA Step 1

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mrs. Carlos, Mrs. Copeland Mr. Feld, Mr. Frum and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

No. 18917

Approval of Employment of Instructional Assistant for Wood Oaks

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the hire of an Instructional Assistant for Wood Oaks.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Sarah Golenia	Instructional Assistant	Wood Oaks	8/17/20	\$18.11 p/h

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mrs. Carlos, Mrs. Copeland Mr. Feld, Mr. Frum and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

No. 18918**Approval of Employment of Instructional Assistant for Wood Oaks**

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the hire of an Instructional Assistant for Wood Oaks.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Irene Poukatch	Instructional Assistant	Wood Oaks	8/17/20	\$18.11 p/h

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mrs. Carlos, Mrs. Copeland Mr. Feld, Mr. Frum and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

No. 18918**Approval of Employment of Instructional Assistant for Wood Oaks**

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the hire of an Instructional Assistant for Wood Oaks.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Anna Fiszer	Instructional Assistant	Wood Oaks	8/17/20	\$18.11 p/h

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mrs. Carlos, Mrs. Copeland Mr. Feld, Mr. Frum and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

No. 18920**Approval of Employment of Instructional Assistant for Hickory Point**

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the hire of an Instructional Assistant for Hickory Point.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Margaret Luxem	Instructional Assistant	Hickory Point	8/17/20	\$18.11 p/h

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mrs. Carlos, Mrs. Copeland Mr. Feld, Mr. Frum and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

No. 18921**Approval of Employment of Certified Nurse Assistant for Hickory Point**

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the hire of an Certified Nurse Assistant for Hickory Point.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Violetta Sokorska	Certified Nurse Assistant	Hickory Point	8/17/20	\$18.11 p/h

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mrs. Carlos, Mrs. Copeland Mr. Feld, Mr. Frum and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

No. 18922**Acceptance of Request for Leave of Absence**

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education accept the request for a Leave of Absence from Laura Mantoan, Speech Pathologist at Wood Oaks Jr. High School.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mrs. Carlos, Mrs. Copeland Mr. Feld, Mr. Frum and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

No. 18923**Statement of Claims for August, 2020 Approved**

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Statement of Claims for August 2020, in the amount of \$828,304.83, 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, Mrs. Carlos, Mrs. Copeland Mr. Feld, Mr. Frum and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

No. 18924 Statement of Position for July, 2020, Approved

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Statement of Position for July, 2020, in the amount of \$22,415,580.83, 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, Mrs. Carlos, Mrs. Copeland Mr. Feld, Mr. Frum
and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Copies of the Statement of Investments for the period ending July, 2020 were distributed to Board members for their review. This report shows that as of this date, the district has \$19,454,164.56, invested in funds that are earning interest at rates that range from 0.01 to 1.00 percent. This report is to be made part of the official minutes.

No. 18925 Statement of Receipts for July 2020, Approved

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Statement of Receipts for July, 2020, in the amount of \$3,046,753.76, 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, Mrs. Carlos, Mrs. Copeland Mr. Feld, Mr. Frum
and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

No. 18926 Status of Appropriations for July, 2020, Approved

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that Status of Appropriations for July, 2020, in the amount of \$805,792.75, 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, Mrs. Carlos, Mrs. Copeland Mr. Feld, Mr. Frum
and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

No. 18927

Wood Oaks Activity Account for July 2020, Approved

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Wood Oaks Activity Account for July, 2020 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, Mrs. Carlos, Mrs. Copeland Mr. Feld, Mr. Frum and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

No. 18928

Revolving Fund for August 2020, Approved

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Revolving Fund for August, 2020 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, Mrs. Carlos, Mrs. Copeland Mr. Feld, Mr. Frum and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

No. 18929

Payroll Dated July 30, 2020, Ratified

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the payroll dated July 30, 2020, in the amount of \$169,800.20, 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, Mrs. Carlos, Mrs. Copeland Mr. Feld, Mr. Frum and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

No. 18930

Payroll Dated August 14, 2020, Ratified

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the payroll dated August 14, 2020, in the amount of \$209,278.33, 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, Mrs. Carlos, Mrs. Copeland Mr. Feld, Mr. Frum
and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

No. 18931 Approval of Opening Closed Session Minutes to the Public

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the Board of Education approve that
the following Closed Session Minutes not be opened to the public:

June 25, 2020

June 18, 2020

May 21, 2020

May 7, 2020

January 23, 2020

January 21, 2020

January 16, 2020

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mrs. Carlos, Mrs. Copeland Mr. Feld, Mr. Frum
and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

No. 18932 Approval of Destruction of Closed Session audiotapes prior to January 2019

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the Board of Education approve the
Destruction of Closed Session audiotapes prior to January 2019

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mrs. Carlos, Mrs. Copeland Mr. Feld, Mr. Frum
and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

No. 18933 Approval of Letter of Understanding between the Northbrook Park District and
Northbrook School District 27

Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the Board of Education approve the
Destruction of Closed Session audiotapes prior to January 2019

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mrs. Carlos, Mrs. Copeland Mr. Feld, Mr. Frum
and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Good and Welfare

Mrs. Melnick was happy to see the cars in the parking lot as she drove by and wanted to extend her gratefulness and thanks to the staff for their courage and dedication.

Mr. Frum thanked the Wood Oaks staff the sixth graders were so excited to come to class on Monday and Tuesday. The ZOOM meet and greets had gone very well, and kudos to the staff at Wood Oaks and Shabonee, his children are very excited for the start of the new school year.

Dr. Kroeze announced that the PTA has begun advertising for the 5K run that will be held. In the fall.

Closed Session

No. 18934

Board Adjourns to Closed Session

At 7:05 p.m., Mr. Feld moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the Board of Education adjourns to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property. Also to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation of specific employees of the public body, and the lease of real property for the use by the public body. Action will not be taken following Closed Session.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mrs. Carlos, Mrs. Copeland Mr. Feld, Mr. Frum
and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

No. 18935

Board Returns from Closed Session

At 7:20 p.m., Mrs. Garber-Amram moved and Mr. Feld 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, Mrs. Carlos, Mrs. Copeland Mr. Feld, Mr. Frum and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Adjournment There being no further business to come before the Board at this time Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Copeland 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

MINUTES APPROVED ON 9/17/20