

BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 27
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Regular Meeting of 01/14/21 The regular meeting of January 14, 2021 of the Board of Education, School District 27 was called to order at 6:30 p.m. virtually.

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 Mr. Brian Paich
Staff:	Dr. David Kroeze, superintendent Dr. Kimberly Rio, assistant superintendent Dr. Theresa Fournier, assistant superintendent Dr. Katharine Olson, assistant superintendent
Absent:	None

Call to Order and Roll Call

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

Communications

Community Comments

None

Board Reports

Mr. Feld reported on the NSSED Leadership Meeting of January 13, 2021. Their post-adaptive pause has the same schedule as District 27, but January 18th will be a planning day for the teachers, and the students return on the 19th. The Leadership discussed the Intergovernmental Agreement between NSSED and the member districts, and discussions will continue.

Staff Reports

Dr. Rio distributed the CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report) for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. This is the 12th 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. Rio reported that the District had a successful audit for fiscal year 2019-20, with no control deficiencies, no audit adjustments and no material misstatements.

Dr. Rio added that we will submit the CAFR for Fiscal Year 2020 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 2019.

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

Dr. Kroeze updated the Board on the IDPH Metrics. He stated the COVID Taskforce met and reported there have been three consecutive days that the positivity rates has declined. The positivity rate for Northbrook today is 3.01. The seven day positivity rate is 4.38 and the estimated average is 2.95. Hospitalizations have also decreased.

The positivity rate numbers indicate there is no reason we cannot complete the adaptive pause next week. The teachers are excited to have the students back. Mrs. O’Connell and I meet with the CCDPH every Friday.

The District will stay with the 14-day quarantine instead of the 10-day.

Dr. Kroeze reported on the Shared Services Agreement, and stated the District is looking at the Early Childhood Program next year, managing our own ELS Programs for the 2022-23 school year, and hope that we will be relying less on the services of NSSD in the third year.

Consent Agenda

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

No. 19053 Approval of Carryover of the 2019-2020 Unused Administrator Vacation for All Administrators to the 2020-2021 Year

As recommended by the superintendent, Mrs. Carlos moved and Mr. Frum seconded the motion that the Board approve the Carryover of 2019-2020 Unused Administrator Vacation for all Administrators until July 31, 2021.

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. 19054 Acceptance of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for 2019-2020

As recommended by the superintendent, Mrs. Carlos moved and Mr. Frum seconded the motion that the Board approved the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for 2019-2020. 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

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Dr. Ken Arndt and Dr. Sharon Frys, representing the firm Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates presented the *Leadership Profile Summary* prepared for the District 27 Superintendent Search. HYA spoke with 73 stakeholders in eight focus groups and ten individual interviews. There were 468 survey responses from parents, teachers, support staff, administrators, students, and taxpayers without children currently in school. The survey revealed that the new superintendent must:

1. Sustain the tradition of excellence the community has experienced and will continue to expect.
2. Continue the culture of trust and collaboration.
3. Provide clear forward thinking, strategic planning, and direction for growth and improvement.
4. Listen, communicate frequently, clearly and authentically with everyone associated with Northbrook School District 27.

The focus groups ten most desired characteristics of the next superintendent:

1. Understand and embrace Northbrook School District 27 traditions and culture and collaboratively identify and successfully lead necessary changes and innovations to move the district forward.
2. Genuinely like people and deeply caring and authentically passionate about District 27 students and devoted to their academic growth and personal growth and success.
3. Visionary, future focused, but analytic about changes.
4. Great communicator and careful listener.
5. Highly visible, personable, approachable, accessible presence who relates well to all diverse groups.
6. Highly collaborative and inclusive and skilled at empowering others.
7. Ability to thoughtfully engage all voices in important decisions.
8. Trustworthy and trusting, demonstrating integrity, honesty, humility, compassion and a sense of humor.
9. Eager to immerse oneself in our community.
10. Present well and can articulate District 27 aspirations, goals and directions.

Dr. Arndt and Dr. Frys stated that they will present the slate of candidates to the Board members on January 27 at which time schedules for the interviews will be set up. It is planned that the next superintendent will be announced in early March, 2021.

Good and Welfare

Dr. Kroeze informed the Board that Mr. Chad Raymond, the retired Executive Director of the Northbrook Library had passed away. The Board of Education expressed their condolences to Mr. Raymond's family and friends.

Closed Session

None

Adjournment There being no further business to come before the Board at this time Mr. Feld 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 8:00 p.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED ON 2/18/21