

BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTHBROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT 27
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Regular Meeting of 9/9/21	The regular meeting of September 9, 2021 of the Board of Education, School District 27 was called to order at 6:47 p.m., in the Wood Oaks STEAM Lab, 1250 Sanders Road, in said district.
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President Frum called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.

Roll Call On call of the roll, the following members were present:

Present: Mr. Alex Frum, president
 Mrs. Melissa Copeland, vice president
 Mr. Brian Paich
 Dr. Gali Oren-Amit
 Mr. Matthew Basinger
 Mrs. Melissa Carlos
 Mr. Daniel Terrien

Staff: Dr. John Deiter, superintendent
 Dr. Kimberly Rio, assistant superintendent
 Dr. Theresa Fournier, assistant superintendent
 Dr. Katharine Olson, assistant superintendent

Absent: None

Public Hearing on 2021-22 Budget - Dr. Rio reviewed the tentative budget and provided a review of the district's financial condition and explained the effects of property tax rates and the equalized assessed value (EAV). The potential development at the current Lady of the Brook site was discussed. The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) funding was explained, which is currently titled Evidence Based Funding (EBF), Northbrook is recorded by the ISBE as a Title IV school. Rate of inflation and consumer price index information were explained, the current year's funding was calculated from the 2019 rate during which the consumer price index (CPI) was at 2.3%. Key revenue assumptions and expenditures, property tax, interest earnings, property tax appeals and state and federal revenue was included in the presentation.

Covid-19 expenses were reviewed and how (ESSER) funds have been allocated, expenses due to the pandemic will continue to be monitored. Fiscal year 2021 ended with a reserve of \$19.4 million. A balanced budget of \$29.9 million is being presented for Board of Education approval at the next regularly scheduled board meeting on September 23, 2021.

Public Comment: No public comment was made during the public hearing.

Communications

1. Board

- Report on the New Teacher Reception held at 6:00pm

Dr. Fournier indicated that the Board of Education had an opportunity to meet this year's new teachers at the end of their teacher academy tonight before the board meeting.

- Report on Board Finance Committee held at 5:00pm

Mr. Frum reported that the projected enrollment, ten year health life safety study, space utilization study and roof/hvac work at Wood Oaks school were discussed as it relates to financial planning for the future. More analysis will be needed to determine our next steps, the financial planning committee will continue to meet and report to the Board of Education.

2. Community Comments - No additional public comment.

3. Staff

- Opening of School - Ms. Deely, Dr. Panozzo and Dr. McElligott, Principals

Ms. Deely informed us that Hickory Point is rebuilding their culture and collaboration after being off-site during the 2020 school year. Opening day included parents coming in to share why they love the school. The PBIS program was explained, expected behaviors were reviewed. Bulldog bucks were discussed and there will be a bus initiative next week. This is the 13th year of PBIS at Shabonee school, Dr. Panozzo shared that 3rd grade families were able to come in and become familiar with the school. There was a virtual meet & greet. SWIM at Shabonee was explained. The PTA did an impressive job assisting wherever possible. Dr. McElligott reported that 6th graders were able to come into the building to find their way around, as well as the 7th graders who had not yet had an opportunity to come into the school. A few staffing challenges were unexpected and are being addressed. The PTA did an amazing job delivering balloon columns and treats for staff during the first full week of school. Band camp has been brought back in, clubs have come back. An online e-Roar store was launched. Spirit days are held on Fridays. New incentives are being offered to reward a decrease in portable charger usage. All of the Principals and Assistant Principals acknowledged the wonderful staff and their amazing efforts for the students and families of Northbrook.

- Transportation Update - Mr. Heurig, Director of Facilities

Mr. Heurig informed the School Board that bus times are improving, however the Nationwide bus driver shortage continues to provide challenges. North Shore Transit has been very attentive working with the district during the bus driver shortage. The current number of students utilizing

transportation are as follows: 585 total riders across the schools and there are 141 students riding buses for after-school activity buses, which is expected to increase. There are currently 14 bus routes, and the mobile transportation app is up and running. Mr. Heurig thanked all of the school offices for their support.

- Report on the ISBE Learning Renewal Interim Assessment - Dr. Olson, Asst. Supt. for Curriculum
Dr. Olson reported that the ISBE has created a new assessment. The LRIA math & reading tests are conducted 3 times a year and the writing assessment is conducted at the end of year. It is 45 minutes for each content area. One of the benefits is that districts will get to map the assessment based on the point of curriculum learned at that point in the year. Discussion ensued regarding which assessments to offer at various grade levels and whether or not the previous assessments, STAR and Terra Nova would both be replaced or if one would be retained for historical comparison. The IAR test will continue to be conducted as required by the ISBE. Mr. Frum indicated to table this at present and that the curriculum committee can advise the Board of Education further.
- Fall Enrollment Report - Dr. Deiter, Superintendent
Dr. Deiter shared that enrollment has been increasing. He and Dr. Kroeze reviewed 30 years of enrollment data. The current enrollment is at 1322 students, which is about 13 students up. Kindergarten enrollment is being monitored. Our current formula is based on 125, we will hold until later this year before increasing it to 130. If we were to add a classroom (8th section) at Hickory Point then the adventure classroom may need to be relocated.

Mr. Frum added that once we see the space utilization report this fall the Board of Education will review that in conjunction with enrollment and will then have more data to base future decisions on.

- FOIA Requests - Dr. Fournier, Asst. Supt. for Personnel and Student Services
 - FOIA - SteepSteel, LLC
 - FOIA - Eagle 3 Analytics
 - FOIA - SmartProcure

Dr. Fournier indicated that the three Freedom of Information (FOIA) requests that were received from the listed requestors have been responded to.

Consent Agenda

President Alex Frum called for Review of the Consent Agenda items.

Upon review Brian Paich moved and Matthew Basiner seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the items on the consent agenda with a roll call vote as listed below.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Alex Frum, Gali Oren-Amit, Matthew Basinger, Martha Carlos, Brian Paich, Melissa Copeland and Daniel Terrien

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

No. 19309 Acceptance of Resignation of Shabonee School Nurse
Vanessa Roush

No. 19310 Approval of Employment of Shabonee School Nurse

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Alice Woodward	Nurse	Shabonee	9/3/2021	\$33.00/hour

No.19311 Approval of Employment of Admin Assistant for Personnel and Pupil Services

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Maria Potratz	Admin Asst.	District Office	10/18/2021	\$36.92/hour

No.19312 Approval of Employment of Physical Education Teacher for Wood Oaks

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Sarah Weingart	Physical Education	Wood Oaks	11/12/2021	BA Step 8

No.19313 Addition to the Substitute Teacher List
Ann Smithern

Unfinished Business
None

New Business
None

Good and Welfare

Mr. Frum indicated that the board was very pleased to meet the new staff members and that everyone is happy to be back in the buildings.

No. 19314 Motion to Adjourn the open Board of Education Meeting

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board at this time Ms. Copeland moved and Dr. Oren-Amit seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned.

The motion was unanimously approved, and President Frum called the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED AT THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2021 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING