BOARD OF EDUCATION NORTHBROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT 27 COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Regular Meeting of 10/28/21

The regular meeting of October 28, 2021 of the Board of Education, School District 27 was called to order at 6:30 p.m., in the Wood Oaks STEAM Lab, 1250 Sanders Road, in said district.

6:30 PM - Board Working Session

Mr. Anthony Miceli from Speer Financial

Wood Oaks STEAM Lab

President Frum called the Board Working Session to order at 6:30 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

<u>Financial Planning 2021-22 and Beyond:</u> Dr. Rio introduced Mr. Miceli from Speer Financial and reviewed the three key tasks from the Master Facility Plan which are the basis for his presentation exploring borrowing options for the following:

- Ten Year Health Life Safety Study and improvements from the results
- Roof systems and HVAC replacements 2021, 2022 & 2023 at Wood Oaks, Hickory Point and Shabonee
- Conduct a space utilization study to plan for programming, enrollment increases and facility needs

Dr. Rio indicated that more information will be shared later this winter after going out to bid for the roof and hvac work. Once the first two tasks are completed, we will be able to go forward with borrowing options. Mr. Miceli explained borrowing options and reviewed the differences amongst bond options, debt certificates, referendum options and what those tax rate impacts would be.

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.; all Board of Education members and administrators still present.

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Communications

1. <u>Superintendent Report (MOU):</u> Dr. Deiter read the memorandum of understanding that has been agreed upon with staff. He outlined the details of testing, there are several local sites conducting testing, SHIELD testing will be on-site and staff may take that one test through them. The second test may be a free test where available and those results are remitted to the nurse; any expense, if incurred for the second test is the responsibility of the staff member. Dr. Deiter thanked the union for their assistance in getting the MOU agreed to.

2. Board

• Report on the October 28, 2021 Board Working Session: Mr. Frum gave a board report of tonight's working session for the record and to summarize for any member of the public who may be in attendance. The Board discussed the current percentage of fund balance reserve and the levels of funding needed for regular operations and future capital improvement projects. Over the next five years, the completion of the roof systems and HVAC replacements at each school will be needed. The Board also had a preliminary discussion about the potential need for future building addition space as it relates to regular and special education classroom needs.

As an outcome of those discussions, the Board felt it was important to gain a general understanding of our options as a school district for additional revenue generation beyond regular operations; specifically borrowing options. Mr. Anthony Miceli, Senior Vice President of Speer Financial, presented those options tonight.

The Board was educated on general obligation limited tax bonds, general obligation building bonds, timing of a referendum cycle and impact of the debt obligation to taxpayers. Although it is yet to be determined what decisions the Board will need to make in the future, the Board felt it was important to take this first step and be educated on borrowing options for Illinois school districts.

- Report and discussion of resolutions on the IASB Resolutions Committee for the Delegate
 Assembly on November 20, 2021: Mr. Frum opened the Board discussion regarding the resolutions
 that Delegates will vote on later this month. Of the 23 resolutions that were submitted from school
 districts across the state, three have a recommendation from the IASB resolutions committee that
 Northbrook School Board 27 differs from:
- o #2 Student Safety & Protection Plan Board is not in favor of adopting as written
- o #9 Health & Sex Education Curriculum Board is not in favor of adopting as written
- #15 Child Safe Gun Storage Board in favor of adopting the increase in safe gun storage limit to 18
 Board member Matthew Basinger will be the delegate representing Northbrook District 27 at the Assembly.
 The 2021 IASB Resolutions Report may be accessed at:

https://www.iasb.com/IASB/media/Advocacy-Government-Relations/2021/ResolutionsCommitteReport202 1.pdf

3. <u>Community Comments</u> - No public comment was made.

4. Staff

• The Illinois School Report Card: Dr. Olson reviewed for the Board what is included on the report

card at this time. This year the ISBE is going to share their data in three separate releases. The first

will be on 10/29 but will not include assessment data in it. The second release will be 12/2 and IAR

data will be included for those districts who took it in the spring. The third release will be on 4/27

and the state-wide IAR data will be released. The aforementioned data will be shared as it is

released.

Consent Agenda

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

Upon review Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Copeland 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, Daniel Terrien, Melissa

Copeland and Brian Paich

NAY. None

ABSENT: None

Financial Statement, September 2021

Mr. Paich presented the September 2021 Financial Statement. The District remains in a stable financial

position, as of month-end the cumulative fund balance was at a 66% reserve level. The district utilizes fund

balance reserves for the months of September through January and April through June to cover regular

operating expenses. On the revenue side of the budget, the majority of the receipts recorded are for property

tax collections. We are now accounting for the first wave of distributions for the 2nd installment of the 2020

taxes. Property tax collections have been delayed due to the tax bill due date being moved to October

instead of August. On the expenditure side of the budget, there are no unfavorable budget to actual line

items to report. We have accounted for property tax refunds in September. As of month end, property tax

refunds total \$155, 325. On the statement of investments, the average rate of return for month-end

September was 0.11%.

No. 19330 Minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meeting of September 23, 2021

No. 19331	Minutes for the Board of Education Closed Session of September 23, 2021
	Approval of Employment - No Personnel Changes
<u>No. 19332</u>	Statement of Claims for October, 2021 in the amount of \$1,155,118.14 was approved and the report is part of the official minutes.
<u>No. 19333</u>	Statement of Position for September, 2021, in the amount of \$19,880,202.08 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.
	Copies of the <u>Statement of Investments</u> for the period ending September, 2021 were distributed to Board members for their review. This report shows that as of this date, the district has \$19,849,701.30 invested in funds that are earning interest at rates that range from 0.01 to 1.00 percent. This report was made part of the official minutes.
<u>No. 19334</u>	<u>Statement of Receipts</u> for September, 2021, in the amount of \$6,267,471.43 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.
No. 19335	<u>Status of Appropriations</u> for September, 2021, in the amount of \$2,922,316.67 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.
<u>No. 19336</u>	<u>Wood Oaks Activity Report</u> , September, 2021, in the amount of \$15,615.07 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.
No. 19337	<u>Revolving Fund</u> for October, 2021, in the amount of \$5,528.23 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.
<u>No. 19338</u>	<u>Payroll Dated 9/30/21</u> , in the amount of \$854,249.77, be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.
No. 19339	<u>Payroll Dated 10/15/21</u> , in the amount of \$844,439.54, be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.
<u>No. 19340</u>	Renew Coverage in the Blue Cross Blue Shield Blue Advantage HMO for the 2022 Calendar Year
No. 19341	Renew Coverage in the Blue Cross Blue Shield HMO Illinois Plan for the 2022 year
No. 19342	Renew Coverage in the Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO Plan for the 2022 year
<u>No. 19343</u>	Approve Coverage with Blue Cross Blue Shield for Life and AD&D Insurance for the 2022 year
<u>No. 19344</u>	Approve Coverage with Blue Cross Blue Shield for Long term Disability (LTD) insurance for 2022
No. 19345	Approve Dental Premiums for the Self-Funded Dental Program for 2022

No. 19346 Approve a One Year Contract Extension with Perspectives for 2022

No. 19347 Approve a One Year Contract Extension with CATAPULT (formerly The Employers'

Association) for 2022

No. 19348 Approve Resolution for IASBO (BMO Harris) Purchasing Program

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

2022-2023 School Calendar

No. 19349 Approve 2022-2023 School Calendar

Mrs. Carlos moved and Mr. Terrien seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the 2022-2023 School Calendar 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, Daniel Terrien and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

<u>Board Report on EDC</u> - Mr. Terrien informed us that there have been some recent updates to some of the Northbrook properties that the district has been monitoring. The Village of Northbrook has granted approval to make the Grainger property for sale for all use, not just residential. The 11 acres of the Lady of the Brook has now been listed for sale. Regarding the Green Acres property, Erickson senior living has filed a preliminary application for it and hosted an informational luncheon and they have cleared the property. Allstate will be looking to leave the Northbrook location in mid summer of next year, however that is outside of the district 27 boundary. Lastly, the 6b application that was filed for 4065 Commercial Avenue was approved after discussion.

Good and Welfare The Halloween parades scheduled on October 29th at the Hickory Point and Shabonee schools will be taped for remote viewing. Please be advised that the first Board meeting scheduled for November 4 will be cancelled, the next scheduled Board of Education meeting will be held on November 18, 2021.

Dr. Deiter informed the community that the district is moving forward with a vaccination site for ages 5 to 11. Detailed information will be released tomorrow indicating the vaccination date, an alternative date and the respective second dose dates for each vaccination. A sign up link will be available in the near future.

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Board President Statement Mr. Frum informed the community of a recent influx of Covid-19 cases this past week. In conjunction with the Cook County Department of Health the district made the decision to quarantine a third grade classroom. The District has continued to partner with the health department to contact trace and closely monitor classrooms throughout the week. In addition, the district continues to pursue their efforts to get SHIELD testing in place. Due to limited resources, hundreds of Illinois districts have been on the waitlist alongside Northbrook 27. Updated information on testing will be shared with parents, staff and the community as it is received. Covid-19 information is updated daily on the district's website.

<u>Closed Session</u> No Closed Session

No. 19350 Motion to Adjourn the Open Board Meeting

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

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 NOVEMBER 18, 2021 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING