

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
NORTHBROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT 27  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Regular Meeting of 9/22/22	The Regular Meeting of September 22, 2022 of the Board of Education, School District 27 was called to order at 6:38 p.m., in the Wood Oaks Commons, 1250 Sanders Road, in said district.
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**New Teacher Reception at 6:00 pm**

**Regular Meeting at 6:30 pm**  
**Wood Oaks Commons**

Board Vice President Melissa Copeland called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

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

Present: Mr. Alex Frum, President (via Zoom)  
Mrs. Melissa Copeland, Vice President  
Mr. Matthew Basinger  
Mrs. Martha Carlos  
Dr. Gali Oren-Amit  
Mr. Daniel Terrien

Staff: Dr. John Deiter, Superintendent  
Dr. Katharine Olson, Assistant Superintendent  
Dr. Kimberly Rio, Assistant Superintendent (via Zoom)  
Dr. Rob McElligott, Director of Human Resources

Absent: Mr. Brian Paich

Community Comments for Items on the Agenda - No comments

1. Board

- Report on TrueNorth District #804 Meeting on September 15, 2022

Dr. Deiter reported that a strategic plan meeting took place that evening. Stakeholders met to discuss what services are most valued at TrueNorth. There will be a couple of additional stakeholder meetings, as well as surveys to gather information. This will be used for District #804's strategic plan that is expected early next year.

2. Staff

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

Dr. McElligott welcomed the District's eight new teachers during a reception prior to the Board meeting. It was a good opportunity to meet the teachers and to have them meet the Board members and administrators. In addition, Richard Hansen, the incoming Director of Facilities, was introduced to the Board members and staff. He will assume the role on November 7, succeeding Mr. Heurich, who is set to retire this fall.

Kimberly added that Mr. Doug Heurich will be finishing his 17th year with our district. Mr. Hansen comes in with many years of experience. They have had great conversations with him and the building chiefs. She is confident that District #27 will have much success with the Master Facilities Plan (MFP).

- Opening of School Updates from Principals

Dr. Maureen Deely, Principal of Hickory Point reviewed the summer sessions for Board members, popsicles with principals was a great success. Letters to Champ was an authentic literacy opportunity for students at Hickory Point school. This year there is a new Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) initiative underway. It has been a wonderful start to the year and it's very exciting to see students together and collaborating.

Dr. John Panozzo, Principal of Shabonee thanked the PTA for all of their support during the open house event. Families were able to visit Shabonee in-person, tour the building and locate their classrooms. We are able to get back to some of the normal routines. Meet and greets were held and it was nice to finally have all of the students together in the gym. In order to celebrate having an all-school assembly, the staff performed a synchronized swim for them. Students at all three grade levels are thriving and happy to be back. Coming soon in October will be anti-bullying month and thus begins (PBIS) for students.

Mr. Paul Suminski, Assistant Principal of Wood Oaks reported that there is now a beautiful new space in the front office, parents and students alike have been enjoying the updated main office. The students had a great start to the year, which also included ice cream. Roar expectations have been reviewed, the cafeteria is back to full use and it is a good opportunity for everyone to collaborate. Students have been excited to be able to participate in extracurricular activities. Everyone is off to a smooth and positive start.

And, last but not least, Wood Oaks school announced that they have achieved the status of a Blue Ribbon School! Congratulations to the students, staff and administrators whose work achieved this prestigious award!!!

- Transportation Update

Mr. Douglas Heurich, Director of Facilities, provided the Board with a transportation update. He indicated that the school transportation service has been running smoothly with 631 students enrolled in the service this year, this is approximately half of the student population enrolled in the service this year. This is the District's third year of a three-year contract with North Shore Transit.

- FOIA Request, Karen Garcia, SmartProcure

Ms. Tarah O'Connell, Director of Communications explained the FOIA request and the District's response.

### Consent Agenda

Board President Mr. Frum called for Review of the Consent Agenda items.

### Financial Statement, not reported at this meeting

Upon review Mr. Basinger moved and Dr. Oren-Amit 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: Matthew Basinger, Martha Carlos, Melissa Copeland, Alex Frum, Dr. Gali Oren-Amit and

Daniel Terrien

NAY: None

ABSENT: Brian Paich

- No. 19603** Approval of the Special Meeting Minutes of August 11, 2022
- No. 19604** Approval of the Closed Session Minutes of August 11, 2022
- No. 19605** Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of August 18, 2022
- No. 19606** Approval of the Closed Session Minutes of August 18, 2022
- No. 19607** Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2022
- No. 19608** Approval of the Revised District Reopening Plan
- No. 19609** Approve Coverage in the Blue Cross Blue Shield Blue Advantage HMO for the 2023 Calendar Year
- No. 19610** Approve Coverage in the Blue Cross Blue Shield HMO Illinois Plan for the 2023 Calendar Year
- No. 19611** Approve Coverage in the Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO Plan for the 2023 Calendar Year
- No. 19612** Approve Coverage with Blue Cross Blue Shield for Life and AD&D Insurance for the 2023 Calendar Year
- No. 19613** Approve Coverage with Blue Cross Blue Shield for Long Term Disability (LTD) insurance for the 2023 Calendar Year
- No. 19614** Approve Dental Premiums for the Self-Funded Dental Program for the 2023 Calendar Year
- No. 19615** Approve contract extension with CATAPULT for Flexible Benefit Plan for 2023
- No. 19616** Approve contract extension with Perspectives for Employee Assistance Program for 2023
- No. 19617** Approve contract extension with with Tovar for Snow Removal Contract - 2022/23
- No. 19618** Approve contract extension with MidAmerican for Electricity Supply
- No. 19619** Approve contract extension with Symmetry for Natural Gas Supply

3. **Personnel Transactions**

<b><u>No. 19620</u></b>	Approval of Hire of Director of Facilities				
	<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>StartDate</u>	<u>Salary</u>
	Richard Hansen	Director of Facilities	District Office	11/7/2022	Admin Contract

Dr. McElligott commented that Mr. Richard Hansen has been selected as the District's incoming Director of Facilities. Mr. Hansen will assume the role on November 7th, he is highly experienced and passionate about facilities management, having spent more than 30 years in that department with the last six years as Director of Building and Grounds.

Kimberly added that Mr. Doug Heurich has been with us for 17 ½ years and has shown an exemplary work ethic, his integrity and loyalty to our district has been outstanding! Our incoming Director of Facilities Mr. Richard Hansen, comes in with many years of experience. They have had great conversations with Mr. Hansen and the building chiefs. She is confident that District #27 will have much success with the Master Facilities Plan.

#### 4. Financial Reports

**No. 19621**      Statement of Claims #1 for September, 2022 in the amount of \$1,227,214.03 was approved and the report is part of the official minutes.

**No. 19622**      Statement of BMO Claims for September, 2022 in the amount of \$13,866.17 was approved and the report is part of the official minutes.

**No. 19623**      Statement of Position for August, 2022, in the amount of \$15,255,297.98 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

Copies of the Statement of Investments for the period ending August, 2022 were distributed to Board members for their review. This report shows that as of this date, the district has \$15,042,611.88 invested in funds that are earning interest at rates that range from 0.01 to 2.24 percent. This report was made part of the official minutes.

**No. 19624**      Statement of Receipts for August 2022, in the amount of \$415,406.37 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

**No. 19625**      Status of Appropriations for August 2022, in the amount of \$2,963,377.78 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

**No. 19626**      Wood Oaks Activity Report, August 2022, in the amount of \$18,261.29 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

**No. 19627**      Payroll Dated August 31, 2022, in the amount of \$845,844.72 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

**No. 19628**      Payroll Dated September 15, 2022, in the amount of \$844,159.79 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

#### Unfinished Business

None

#### New Business

Adoption of the 2022-2023 Final Budget

Dr. Kimberly Rio, Assistant Superintendent of Finance stated that on the agenda for Board approval is a \$31 million budget for Fiscal Year 2023, this is a 2 percent increase over the Fiscal Year 2022 budget. A public hearing was held on September 8. The budget allocates \$300,000 toward contingencies and includes a 60 percent fund balance reserve.

**No. 19629**      Adoption of the 2022-2023 Final Budget

Mr. Terrien moved and Dr. Oren-Amit seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Adoption of the 2022-23 Final Budget with a roll call vote as listed below.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Brian Paich

Good and Welfare Dr. McElligott also extended his congratulations to Wood Oaks for the Blue Ribbon Award, it was a community effort between the principals and staff. Dr. Olson wrote a large piece of the curriculum application. Of course the students' amazing performance allowed us to accept this prestigious award on behalf of the students and the entire school. Our Blue Ribbon sign will be coming, this award is definitely a team effort and shines the light on the teachers' work!

Dr. Rio added a thank you to Dr. McElligott for all of his work in his new role; he is really doing a wonderful job. As one example, his new initiative “the Ring of Excellence”, supports a great culture of collaboration. Dr. McElligott explained the new program, we have added a second teacher's name to the ring today. Everyone agreed that it will be a great way to recognize staff members for their amazing dedication and support of our students and each other.

Mr. Basinger said that tonight’s “New Teacher Reception” was a great opportunity to meet them.

The District 27 Board of Education invites candidates to run for the Board in the April 4, 2023 spring election. Interested individuals must be a resident of District 27. The Illinois Association of School Boards offers additional information about School Board Elections and how to run.

Community Comments

Mr. Jim Briskin, commented that as a new scout leader, he wants to know if it is acceptable to give out flyers at the buildings? He would like to be able to get information out to the community and to grow his pack, the new organization is co-ed and he states that they have had at least 50 percent parent involvement.

Mr. Briskin thanked the staff for being able to utilize the gyms again, as well as, the Board for their time and consideration.

Dr. Deiter responded that he wants to look at the history to see what has been the past practice at the District.

Superintendent Comments / Update Dr. Deiter reiterated that many items have been discussed tonight regarding our new staff, staff members transitioning into new roles and the return back to in-person instruction. Everyone has moved well into their new positions and it has been a great start to the school year.

Closed Session - Superintendent Evaluation

**No. 19630** Dr. Oren-Amit made a Motion to go into Closed Session, seconded by Mrs. Carlos with a roll call vote as listed below. 7:22 p.m.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Brian Paich

The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors, or specific volunteers of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor, or a volunteer of the District or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), amended by P.A. 101-459.

**No. 19631** Motion to Reconvene to Open Session: Mrs. Carlos, seconded by Dr. Oren-Amit; all in favor vote, 6 ayes.

**No. 19632** Motion to Adjourn the Open Board Meeting.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the Board at this time Mr. Basinger moved and Mr. Terrien seconded the motion that the Open meeting be adjourned. A voice vote was taken, all in favor.

The motion was unanimously approved, and Board Vice President Melissa Copeland called the meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY

## **MINUTES APPROVED ON 10/20/22**