

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
NORTHBROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT 27  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Regular Meeting of 8/17/23	The Regular Meeting of August 17, 2023 of the Board of Education, School District 27 was called to order at 6:34 p.m., in the Wood Oaks Commons, 1250 Sanders Road, in said district.
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**Regular Meeting at 6:30 pm**  
**Wood Oaks Commons**

Board President Melissa Copeland called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

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

Present:      Mrs. Melissa Copeland, President  
                 Mrs. Martha Carlos  
                 Dr. Gali Oren-Amit  
                 Mr. Daniel Terrien  
                 Mr. Jack Waddle

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

Absent:          Mr. Matthew Basinger, Vice President  
                 Mr. Opi Akuffo

Community Comments for Items on the Agenda - No Public Comment.

1. Board Reports

- Recognition of Dr. Rio for being awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the annual report ending June 30, 2022 from the Government Finance Officers Association. President Copeland read the recognition awarded by the GFOA to Dr. Kimberly Rio. This is the 14 consecutive year in a row that Dr. Rio has achieved this recognition, congratulations to her and her team.

2. Staff Reports

- Report on the Summer Success Program - Dr. Katharine Olson, the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction shared the survey results with the Board of Education. 75% of students responded that what they liked most about the program were their teachers, and the second favorite was the outside break, the latter providing a well-timed pause between sessions. The program time of 8:30 to 11:45am is preferable per the survey. Parents are also asked when they prefer to receive information about the program including when to register. The first program has the highest enrollment.
- Report on the Summer Curriculum Work - Dr. Katharine Olson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, reported on the many curriculum projects that took place over the summer. Dr. Olson highlighted some of the projects which included implementing reading,

math and social studies resources, creating student safety lessons and a safety awareness week, planning future professional development, establishing the Little Bulldogs early childhood program, and developing DEI (diversity, equity and inclusion) objectives and action plans. This work alone required the combined efforts of more than 60 staff members. Dr. Olson thanked the Board for its support.

- Enrollment Report - Dr. Deiter explained that last year there were 120 kindergarteners, this year we are projected to start with 131; our default is 125. There are now 135 first graders who have moved up, second grade finished the year at 156 students, projected at 160. An eighth section has been added for the bubble class and that teacher has moved up to second grade with them. In Little Bulldogs there are currently 15 four year olds and 12 three year olds enrolled, there is room for a few more enrollments. It is expected that we will have 16 students each in the two age groups and out of 27 total enrolled students 11 of them currently have IEPs. Once school has started the current enrollment numbers will be reported at an upcoming Board meeting.

The preliminary district enrollment for the 2023-24 school year to be 1,337 students.

Enrollment, broken down by grade level below, is subject to change as the school year gets underway.

- Early Childhood - 27
- Kindergarten - 131
- First Grade - 135
- Second Grade - 160
- Third Grade - 143
- Fourth Grade - 139
- Fifth Grade - 152
- Sixth Grade - 139
- Seventh Grade - 148
- Eighth Grade - 163

- Announce the New Teacher Reception with the Board of Education on September 21, 2023 - Dr. McElligott, the Director of Human Resources stated that he has spent the last two days with incoming staff members; there are a total of 25 across all positions in the district. Teacher leaders were given the opportunity to lead the New Teacher Academy. It was a busy and productive two days of leadership activities.

- FOIA Request - Katy Smyser, NBC

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

#### Consent Agenda

Board President Mrs. Copeland called for Review of the Consent Agenda items.

#### Financial Statement No Statement

Upon review Mr. Terrien moved and Mr. Waddle 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: Martha Carlos, Melissa Copeland, Dr. Gali Oren-Amit, Daniel Terrien, and Jack Waddle.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Opi Akuffo and Matthew Basinger

- No. 19877** Approval of the Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes of July 27, 2023  
**No. 19878** Approval of the Finance Committee Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2023

3. Personnel Transactions

**No. 19879** Approval of Hire

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>StartDate</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Alison Georgacakis	Reading/LA Teacher	Wood Oaks	Aug. 21, 2023	BA, Step 7

**No. 19880** Approval of Hire

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>StartDate</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Jennifer Rogowin	4th Grade Teacher	Shabonee	Aug. 21, 2023	MA, Step 18

**No. 19881** Approval of Hire

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>StartDate</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Anna Thomas	Instructional Assistant	Hickory Point	Aug. 21, 2023	\$21.51/hr

4. Financial Reports

**No. 19882** Statement of Claims for August, 2023 in the amount of \$587,556.73 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

**No. 19883** Statement of BMO Claims for August, 2023 in the amount of \$23,656.29 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

**No. 19884** Statement of Position for July, 2023 in the amount of \$17,284,420.10 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

Copies of the Statement of Investments for the period ending July, 2023 were distributed to Board members for their review. This report shows that as of this date, the district has \$14,036,969.94 invested in funds that are earning interest at rates that range from 0.01 to 5.32 percent. This report was made part of the official minutes.

**No. 19885** Statement of Receipts for July, 2023 in the amount of \$419,175.51 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

**No. 19886** Status of Appropriations for July, 2023 in the amount of \$1,754,688.51 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

**No. 19887** Wood Oaks Activity Report, July, 2023 in the amount of \$22,864.59 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

**No. 19888**      Payroll Dated July 28, 2023, in the amount of \$188,832.06 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

**No. 19889**      Payroll Dated August 15, 2023, in the amount of \$221,879.46 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

**No. 19890**      Determination of the Closed Session Minutes for the Period of January 2023 to June 2023

**No. 19891**      Approval of the Destruction of Closed Session Audio Recordings prior to January 2022

Unfinished Business

Approval of Policy Updates from Illinois Association of School Boards PRESS Issue #112

- 2:170, Procurement of Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying Services
- 4:45, Insufficient Fund Checks and Debt Recovery
- 4:100, Insurance Management
- 5:230, Maintaining Student Discipline
- 6:190, Extracurricular and Co-curricular Activities
- 7:305, Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries

**No. 19892**      Approval of Policy Updates from Illinois Association of School Boards PRESS Issue #112

Dr. Oren-Amit moved and Mrs. Carlos seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Policy Updates from Illinois Association of School Boards PRESS Issue #112 as presented with a roll call vote as listed below.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Martha Carlos, Melissa Copeland, Dr. Gali Oren-Amit, Daniel Terrien, and Jack Waddle.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Opi Akuffo and Matthew Basinger

New Business - None Scheduled

Good and Welfare - Dr. McElligott mentioned that today wrapped up Band Camp and that it was a wonderful program, one of the new teachers in his group commented how good the students sounded. Mrs. Copeland added that she has seen the bus company has been conducting dry runs and it looks like they are in good shape for the start of school.

Community Comments - Mrs. Kaczmarek indicated that the summer program was amazing this year! The timing of sessions worked great for the students, also the built-in break was good for the kids as well as for the staff as it provided them set up time. All of the work that goes on during the summer is very much appreciated, a huge thanks to all of the staff, maintenance, custodial, etc. Thank you so much for all of your support.

Superintendent Comments / Update

Dr. Deiter indicated that the state has added a new initiative for recognizing student trauma and it includes the board members. The best way to complete this will be through the GCN training component.

The Board of Education meeting in February will be moved from Feb 15th to the 22nd in order for administrators to attend the National conference of School Administrators. The June Board meeting will be moved from the 3rd week to the 4th week, on June 27th in order to have additional time to process the end of the fiscal year financial transactions.

Dr. Deiter recognized everyone's efforts to get everything set up for the start of school. Thank you to the Administrators, their assistants, the maintenance and custodial staff; the buildings look great and we are looking forward to a great start to the school year next week.

At Hickory Point school, the maintenance crew has been very busy creating a new teacher work area in the building as well as a couple of new spaces and a new office for Ms. Weingarten. This was all in-house work. At Shabonee school, a new sensory room was added for students.

Closed Session - None scheduled

**No. 19893** Motion to Adjourn the Open Board Meeting.

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

The motion was unanimously approved, and Board President Melissa Copeland called the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY

**MINUTES APPROVED ON 9/21/2023**