

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
NORTHBROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT 27  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Regular Meeting of 1/25/24	The Regular Meeting of January 25, 2024 of the Board of Education, School District 27 was called to order at 6:30 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 6:30 p.m.

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

- Present: Mrs. Melissa Copeland, President  
Mr. Matthew Basinger, Vice President  
Mr. Opi Akuffo  
Mrs. Martha Carlos  
Dr. Gali Oren-Amit  
Mr. Daniel Terrien (arrived at 6:48 pm)  
Mr. Jack Waddle
- Staff: Dr. John Deiter, Superintendent  
Dr. Kimberly Rio, Assistant Superintendent of Business/Operations  
Dr. Robert McElligott, Director of Human Resources
- Absent: Dr. Katharine Olson, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum/Instruction

Student Recognition: Wood Oaks Art Students

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

1. Board Reports

- Report on the TrueNorth Leadership Council held on January 24, 2024

Mr. Basinger reviewed the meeting for Board members. There was a review of policy recommended updates, present financial components were discussed and the financial history was also discussed. They also attended a closed session for collective bargaining negotiation.

2. Staff Reports

- Review of School Perception Data - Mr. Bill Foster

Dr. Deiter introduced Mr. Foster who reviewed the School Perception Survey data for Board members. This survey is conducted biennially and the timing was moved this year as to not coincide with the 5 Essentials survey. District stakeholders will utilize the results to gauge feedback on school climate, programs, and overall satisfaction.

Areas of highlight include:

- 95% of students reported their classes to be fun and interesting, 99% of students feel they can be themselves at school, and 95% of students feel safe at school
- 89% of staff members who completed the survey reported that they would recommend District 27 as a place of employment

- 99% of parents who completed the survey feel welcome in their child’s school and feel school communication is both timely and transparent
- 92% of parents reported that they would recommend District 27 to a friend or family member

Superintendent Dr. John Deiter said the District continues to analyze the full scope of survey results to determine areas for future improvements and strategic planning. A more comprehensive report will be posted on the District website this spring.

- FOIA Request, Nathan Mihelich, Illinois Retired Teachers Association  
Ms. O’Connell reviewed the FOIA request and the district’s response.

Consent Agenda

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

Upon review Mr. Basinger moved and Mr. Akuffo 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, Opi Akuffo, Matthew Basinger, Daniel Terrien, Dr. Gali Oren-Amit and Jack Waddle.

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

- No. 19977** Approval of the Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes of December 21, 2023
- No. 19978** Approval of the Policy Committee Meeting Minutes of January 18, 2024

3. Personnel Transactions - Employment/Dismissal/Evaluation/Resignation/Leave of Absence/Compensation

**No. 19979** Approval of Hire

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
RaechelBrenner	School Psychologist	Wood Oaks	August 19, 2024	\$95,793/year

No Month-End Financial Statement was read into the record.

4. Financial Reports

**No. 19980** Statement of Claims for January, 2024 in the amount of \$706,414.21 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

**No. 19981** Statement of BMO Claims for January, 2024 in the amount of \$13,866.09 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

**No. 19982** Statement of Position for December, 2023 in the amount of \$19,465,200.27 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

Copies of the Statement of Investments for the period ending December, 2023 were distributed to Board members for their review. This report shows that as of this date, the district has \$19,386,489.18 invested in funds that are earning interest at rates that range from 5.31 to 5.60 percent. This report was made part of the official minutes.

- No. 19983**      Statement of Receipts for December, 2023 in the amount of \$8,068,662.89 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.
- No. 19984**      Status of Appropriations for December, 2023 in the amount of \$3,403,896.74 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.
- No. 19985**      Wood Oaks Activity Report, December, 2023 in the amount of \$24,155.98 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.
- No. 19986**      Revolving Fund Report, January, 2024 in the amount of \$1,661.33. was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.
- No. 19987**      Payroll Dated December 15, 2023, in the amount of \$951,517.57 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.
- No. 19988**      Payroll Dated December 22, 2023, in the amount of \$925,430.10 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.
- No. 19989**      Payroll Dated January 12, 2024, in the amount of \$995,955.06 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.
5. **No. 19990**      Approval of the Report on Shared Services or Outsourcing (Public Act 97-0357) for Fiscal Year 2023.

Unfinished Business - None Scheduled

New Business - First Read of Policy Updates from the IASB, PRESS Issue 113

- Policy 2:20, Powers and Duties of the School Board; Indemnification
- Policy 2:120, Board Member Development
- Policy 2:200, Types of School Board Meetings
- Policy 2:220, School Board Meeting Procedure
- Policy 4:10, Fiscal and Business Management
- Policy 4:30, Revenue and Investments
- Policy 4:60, Purchases and Contracts
- Policy 4:130, Free and Reduced-Price Food Services
- Policy 4:160, Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds
- Policy 5:30, Hiring Process and Criteria
- Policy 5:50, Drug- and Alcohol-Free Workplace; E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition
- Policy 5:190, Teacher Qualifications
- Policy 5:200, Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal
- Policy 5:210, Resignations
- Policy 5:220, Substitute Teachers
- Policy 5:250, Leaves of Absence
- Policy 5:330, Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
- Policy 6:15, School Accountability
- Policy 6:30, Organization of Instruction
- Policy 6:50, School Wellness

- Policy 6:60, Curriculum Content
- Policy 6:230, Library Media Program
- Policy 7:60, Residence
- Policy 7:70, Attendance and Truancy
- Policy 7:160, Student Appearance
- Policy 7:165, School Uniforms
- Policy 7:190, Student Behavior
- Policy 7:270, Administering Medicines to Students
- Policy 7:285, Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program
- Policy 7:290, Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention
- Policy 7:345, Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security
- Policy 8:30, Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

Mr. Basinger indicated that the above policies were reviewed and discussed during the Policy Committee meeting held on January 18, 2024. Most updates are formatting, legal reference and footnote updates. A few changes were substantive in nature and required more in depth discussion. The updates as recommended by the policy committee, will be scheduled for Board approval at the February 22 Board of Education meeting.

Good and Welfare - Dr. McElligott reported that the Thumbs up Thursday program continues to have many nominated staff members. It is great to see NB27 staff members recognizing each other for doing wonderful things.

Mr. Waddle attended the district's Wellness Fair, it was well attended and very nice to see all of the things that are being done for our community.

Ms. Copeland thanked the administration for calling the cold weather days and snow days and for getting the notice out to the community as early as possible.

Little Bulldogs students sent notes to the Board of Education in recognition of National Board Members Month.

Community Comments - Ms. Kaczmarek thanked Dr. Olson and the administration for all of their work in setting up the January 26th Professional Development day.

Superintendent Comments / Update

Dr. Deiter stated that NB27 had received a TIF notification from the Village of Deerfield last fall regarding the former Walgreens site which is 37.5 acres. The developer is proposing five or six large commercial developments. The commercial buildings are expected to be big box stores, a brewery, etc. However, the current proposal does not include any industrial buildings or residential homes. The TIF would be for 23 years. Our district does not have an active voice on the proposed development as it does not directly affect us, they are only keeping us advised of the current status of the proposal. At this point, they have a 7/0 vote in favor of the proposal from the Village of Deerfield. As such, the proposal for that property development is slowly underway.

The other item for potential development is the Lady of the Brook property located at 3700 Dundee Road. A developer has come forward with interest in developing the site as a Senior living development. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

Closed Session - Superintendent Mid-year Evaluation

The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

**No. 19991** Move into Closed Session 7:33 pm

Mr. Waddle moved and Mr. Akuffo seconded the motion that the Board of Education move into Closed Session 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, Opi Akuffo, Matthew Basinger, Daniel Terrien, and Jack Waddle.

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

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**No. 19992** Reconvene into Open Session. 9:13 pm

Mr. Basinger moved and Mr. Terrien seconded the motion that the Board of Education reconvene back to Open Session. A voice vote was taken, all in favor.

**No. 19993** 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 Dr. Oren-Amit 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 9:13 p.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY

## MINUTES APPROVED ON 2/22/24