BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTHBROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT 27
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Regular Meeting of 5/2/24	The Regular Meeting on May 2, 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.

Vice President Basinger called the Regular 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 (arrived at 6:33 pm)
Mrs. Martha Carlos
Dr. Gali Oren-Amit (arrived at 6:37 pm)
Mr. Daniel Terrien
Mr. Jack Waddle

Staff: Dr. John Deiter, Superintendent
Dr. Kimberly Rio, Assistant Superintendent

Absent: Dr. Katharine Olson, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Rob McElligott, Director of Human Resources

Community Comments for Items Listed on the Agenda - No public comment.

Communications

1. Board Reports - No Board Reports were scheduled for this board meeting.

2. Staff Reports
   - Review the Long Range Facilities Improvement Plan Updates 2024 & Funding Options

Dr. Rio, the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations, started the annual review. As the District completes Health Life Safety (HLS) work which began after the Ten Year HLS survey and the space utilization survey, we have been updating the Board of Education more often than annually. We have experienced a delayed property tax collection for the 2021 and 2022 school years and that is significant as it loses the opportunity to accrue interest on those dollars. In addition, there has been two years of inflation. Due to those conditions, the district is exploring additional funding options as discussed with the finance committee at the April 30th special meeting in order to be able to complete the remaining HLS work.
All three buildings were reviewed for the Board of Education, from what work needs to be completed, what work has already been finished and the financial projections and funding options for the remaining work. A playground access audit will be conducted soon and that will be shared with the Board of Education.

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The Strategic Plan is on tonight's agenda for Board approval and Key Success Factor #6 addresses the long range facilities plan. The main HLS items are roof system replacements, HVAC replacements and electrical upgrades at each of the three school buildings. The Wood Oaks roofs and HVAC have been completed; the electrical upgrade is still remaining to do at Wood Oaks. The space utilization study that had been previously completed also included traffic improvement options for the north parking lot of Wood Oaks as well.
At Hickory Point, the same HLS items, roof, hvac and electrical upgrades are also required and are scheduled to be completed this summer of 2024 and this work is budgeted at $5.6 million.
At Shabonee school, the same upgraded work; roofs, HVAC and electrical upgrades are scheduled to be done during the 2026-2028 school years.

The summer of 2024 will be a busy season. Throughout the District the routine summer cleaning of the buildings will be underway, the Summer Success program will be operating and all of the repair work under way at Hickory Point and Wood Oaks is scheduled for an elevator update. In addition, technology updates will be occurring at Shabonee school.

The financial projection for 2023-2029 was shared. Once the rest of the property tax collections have been received, an updated financial projection will be shared closer to next school year. However, it is already known that due to the critical necessity of maintaining our fund balance reserve at $13 million (in order to cover expenses) NB27 will need to determine additional funding options in order to complete the remaining HLS work.

The Hickory Point playground is ADA compliant, the Shabonee playground is not and the Districts has three years to update the playground for ADA compliance. Additional work to be addressed:

- Wood Oaks parking lot
- Hickory Point is at capacity for building space and does need a multi-purpose room

$18 million is the estimated budget of remaining work to be completed and that funding will require a ballot question (referendum); the number will shift a little less or more.

Funding options DSEB vs general obligation bonds were explained to the Board of Education. The District wants to educate the community and include a range of impact for what it would mean to them. A citizen committee would be formed in support of a referendum with transparency throughout the process.
The District will be working with Speer Financial in order to project the financing options. Discussion continued on the differences between debt services versus general obligation bonds. It is notable that there are less than ten school districts without a DSEB in the state of Illinois.

The District has a strong history of reinvesting dollars and has not had to ask the community for additional dollars in decades. The reality is that there has been a large shift upward in construction costs and other building repairs may be needed such as bleachers, intercom systems. Updated furniture and carpeting should also be discussed. The life of the current scheduled work should be 25 years on the roof replacements and 20 years on the HVAC replacements.

This is the first conversation of several that the District will be having relating to funding goals.
We will target this work during the Administrative Advance meetings in June and will then come back to the Board of Education in early August with updated structural drawings, architect options and construction management firms.

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

No. 20066 Approval of Hire

Name	Position	Location	Start Date	Salary
Stephanie Rasmussen	Special Ed. Teacher	Hickory Point	August 19, 2024	MA+15, Step 11

No. 20067 Approval of Non-Certified Salaries for 2024-25

No. 20068 Approval of Voluntary Accident Insurance 2024-25

4. Financial Reports - No Financial Reports were included at this meeting.

No. 20069 **Approval of Consent Agenda as Presented**

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: Opi Akuffo, Matthew Basinger, Martha Carlos, Melissa Copeland, Gali Oren-Amit, Daniel Terrien, and Jack Waddle. 7 ayes
ABSENT: None
NAY: None

Unfinished Business - None scheduled

New Business
No. 20070 Approval of the 2024-25 Board Meeting Calendar
Mrs. Carlos moved and Mr. Akuffo seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the 2024-25 Board Meeting Calendar with a roll call vote as listed below.
On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Opi Akuffo, Matthew Basinger, Martha Carlos, Melissa Copeland, Gali Oren-Amit, Daniel Terrien, and Jack Waddle. 7 ayes
ABSENT: None
NAY: None

No. 20071 Approval of the Strategic Plan for 2024-2029
Mr. Basinger moved and Mr. Akuffo seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the 2024-2029 Strategic Plan with a roll call vote as listed below.
On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Opi Akuffo, Matthew Basinger, Martha Carlos, Melissa Copeland, Gali Oren-Amit, Daniel Terrien, and Jack Waddle. 7 ayes
ABSENT: None
NAY: None

Good and Welfare - Congratulations to the new Vice Presidents of GlenBrook North Student Council; they are all former NB27 graduates.

Community Comments - No public comment was made

Superintendent Comments / Update - Dr. Deiter reminded everyone that the final student presentation of the school year is scheduled for the May 16th Board meeting. The students try to arrive at 6pm and a reminder of the early start will be sent out. Also, the Wizard of Oz play will be next week on Tuesday and Wednesday and also a Saturday matinee.

No. 20072 Closed Session - Wages / Evaluation 7:42 p.m.
The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).
And
Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

Dr. Oren-Amit moved and Mr. Terrien 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: Melissa Copeland, Dan Terrien, Gali Oren-Amit, Martha Carlos, Opi Akuffo, Matthew Basinger and Jack Waddle.
ABSENT: None
NAY: None

No. 20073 Motion to **Reconvene to Open Session**
With no further business to discuss pertinent to the closed session exception, Mr. Akuffo made a motion to reconvene to Open Session; seconded by Dr. Oren-Amit. A voice vote was taken, all in favor. 7 ayes.

Pres. Secy.

Closed Session was adjourned and the Board reconvened back to the Open Board Meeting at 8:40 p.m.

No. 20074 Motion to Adjourn the Board of Education Meeting

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board at this time Mr. Waddle moved and Mr. Akuffo seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned.

The motion was unanimously approved, and Board President Mrs. Copeland called the meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

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PRESIDENT SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED ON 5/16/24