BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTHBROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT 27
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Regular Meeting of 9/19/24	The Regular Meeting of September 19, 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.

New Teacher Reception

Wood Oaks Commons (Lower Level)

6:00 PM

Regular Meeting at 6:30 pm
Wood Oaks Commons

Board President Melissa Copeland called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:32 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
Dr. Gali Oren-Amit
Mrs. Martha Carlos
Mr. Daniel Terrien
Mr. Jack Waddle

Staff: Dr. John Deiter, Superintendent
Dr. Kimberly Rio, Asst. Superintendent of Business/Operations
Dr. Katharine Olson, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum/Instruction
Dr. Robert McElligott, Director of Human Resources

Absent: None

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

Board Reports

- Report on the Board Finance Committee Meeting on September 10, 2024

School Board Member Mr. Akuffo read the minutes from the latest Board Finance Meeting into the record. During that meeting; the committee reviewed and discussed enrollment projections, future health life safety work for roof, HVAC, and electrical system upgrades at Wood Oaks Junior High and Shabonee Schools, future building addition needs and parking lot updates based on the 2022 Space Utilization Study, and a review of funding options.

Staff Reports

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

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Dr. McElligott, the Director of Human Resources reported on the New Teacher Reception, it was a great opportunity to bring in the new staff members and have a chance to meet everyone and then introduce them to the Board of Education members.

- Opening of School Updates from Principals

The building principals and assistant principals gave presentations for Board members highlighting the beginning of the year activities. Hickory Point, Shabonee, and Wood Oaks have all experienced an exciting and memorable start to the school year with back-to-school bashes, family nights, assemblies, and community-building activities. Students are busy learning expected school behaviors while building connections.

- Transportation Update

Rick Hansen, the Director of Facilities reported that they are in year two of a contract extension with North Shore Transit. There are 25 bus routes and currently 666 students registered for transportation. In addition, there is an activity bus for Wood Oaks students. There is an app available on our website for parents to use in tracking bus routes. Special thanks to Shamiran Khoder for working all year round with NS transit to keep the routes running smoothly

- Report on the 2024 Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) Results

Dr. Olson, the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction reported to the Board on the State standardized testing results. Students in grades 3-8 (this past school year) took the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) in the spring. Dr. Olson reported that, overall, the District's IAR performance results greatly improved over last year's scores with the majority of grade levels meeting or exceeding the pre-pandemic performance levels (2019). To continue to support the students, the District is moving into its third year of implementing comprehensive action plans in reading and math. Individual results are expected to be emailed home within the next week, and districtwide and statewide data is expected to be released with the Illinois State Report Card at the end of October. The Board of Education was impressed with the results and commended our students and staff members for all of their efforts in achieving so much progress.

- Fall Enrollment Report

Dr. Deiter shared the report and stated that the District is currently down 18 students overall. In addition, the kindergarten group usually increases by first grade and that growth was half of what was expected. Enrollment data was shared from recent years as well.

The District's total enrollment stands at 1,315 students, with Hickory Point at 383, Shabonee at 455, and Wood Oaks at 448. This year's enrollment is slightly lower than expected, particularly in kindergarten and first grade. Overall, class sizes are smaller than the typical student-teacher ratio. The District will continue

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to monitor demographics to ensure that the needs of the community are being met. Diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) work will continue throughout the school year.

Dr. Deiter noted that factors potentially contributing to the lower enrollment include a tight housing market and a decline in birth rates nationally and statewide from 2007 to 2022. The District expects enrollment to remain stable in the coming years and will continue to assess its Long-Range Facilities Improvement Plan to determine if additional space is needed. Enrollment projections are updated annually. There has been some progress on the development of the Lady of the Brook property; more information will be provided when it is available from the Village of Northbrook.

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

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

No. 20173 Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board of Education Meeting of August 15, 2024

No. 20174 Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board of Education Meeting of September 5, 2024

No. 20175 Approval of the Minutes for the Finance Committee Meeting of September 10, 2024

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

No. 20176 Approval of Hire

Name	Position	Location	Start Date	Salary
Jenette Runge	Instructional Assistant	Shabonee	November 12, 2024	$22.61/hr

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

Financial Reports

No. 20177 Statement of Claims for September, 2024 in the amount of $3,722,089.25 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20178 Statement of Claims #2 for September, 2024 in the amount of $27,570.69 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

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No. 20179 Statement of Claims #2 for August, 2024 in the amount of $523,378.00 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20180 Statement of BMO Claims for September, 2024 in the amount of $41,503.02 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20181 Statement of Position for August, 2024 in the amount of $27,667,126.68 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

Copies of the Statement of Investments for the period ending August, 2024 were distributed to Board members for their review. This report shows that as of this date, the district has $27,635,784.66 invested in funds that are earning interest at rates that range from 5.20 to 5.56 percent. This report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20182 Statement of Receipts for August, 2024 in the amount of $7,145,203.46 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20183 Status of Appropriations for August, 2024 in the amount of $3,249,291.06 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20184 Wood Oaks Activity Report, August, 2024 in the amount of $24,881.44 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20185 Revolving Fund, September, 2024 in the amount of $150.00 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20186 Payroll Dated August 15, 2024, in the amount of $223,094.67 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20187 Payroll Dated August 30, 2024, in the amount of $935,292.75 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20188 Payroll Dated September 13, 2024, in the amount of $947,709.28 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20189 Payroll Dated September 13, 2024B, in the amount of $7,777.71 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20190 Approval of Building Threat Assessment Plans for 2024-25

No. 20191 Approval of Trustee of School - Public Act 103-0790

Unfinished Business - None Scheduled

New Business

- Adoption of the 2024-25 Final Budget of $35 million.

No. 20192 Mr. Akuffo moved and Mr. Waddle seconded the motion to approve the Adoption of the 2024-25 Final Budget with a roll call vote.

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On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Good and Welfare - Dr. Oren-Amit stated that the band performance yesterday was wonderful, Mr. Basinger added that it was indeed a great concert.
On September 6th Ms. Sharon Gothelf was featured on the Northbrook Patch and Mr. Wayne Gordon was featured on September 18th. They were nominated by parents of Northbrook 27 recognizing the value that these extraordinary educators bring to the District. The Board of Education added their congratulations to Ms. Gothelf and Mr. Gordon.

Community Comments - No Community Comments were given during the meeting.

Superintendent Comments / Update
Dr. Deiter indicated that former Cubs player, Chris Singleton will be visiting the District as a guest speaker to speak with students about kindness, harmony and inclusivity in age-appropriate presentations.
The Jewish United Fund (JUF) will be sending a guest speaker to present to our staff members during an upcoming IST meeting in order to share information on Jewish communities.
Staff members will be available to speak with anyone who may need support during the upcoming October 7th anniversary of the recent violence in Israel and Gaza.

No. 20193 Mrs. Carlos made a motion and Mr. Akuffo seconded the motion that the Board of Education move into Closed Session with a roll call vote as listed below. 7:39p.m.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Closed Session 7:39 p.m.

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

● Security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8).

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No. 20194 Reconvene Back to Open Session; Mr. Waddle made a motion to return to Open Session, seconded by Mrs. Carlos. All in favor. 8:35 p.m.

No. 20195 Motion to Adjourn the Board of Education Meeting

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board at this time Mr. Terrien 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 Mrs. Copeland called the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

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PRESIDENT SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED ON 10/24/24