BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTHBROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT 27
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Regular Meeting of 10/24/24	The Regular Meeting of October 24, 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.

Regular Meeting at 6:30 pm
Wood Oaks Commons

Board Vice President Matt Basinger 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: Mr. Matthew Basinger, Vice President
Mr. Opi Akuffo (arrived at 6:31 p.m.)
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: Mrs. Melissa Copeland, President

Student Presentation - Hickory Point, Power Up, Power Down and Mindful Moment

Five Hickory Point students presented learning skills that they have been practicing this school year. They demonstrated breathing techniques, stretching and moving around in order to help them power up and power down for various activities throughout their day. Social-emotional well-being is one of District 27's six Key Success Factors.

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

Board Reports

- Report and Discussion of Resolutions on the IASB Resolutions Committee for the Delegate Assembly on November 23, 2024

Dr. Deiter reviewed the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) Resolutions that are listed on the agenda to be voted on during the upcoming annual delegate assembly. There were not any resolutions in which the Northbrook 27 Board of Education was opposed to the recommendation of the IASB Resolutions Committee.

Staff Reports

- Report on the Shabonee Playground Update

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Dr. Kimberly Rio, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, presented an update on the Shabonee playground improvement project to the Board. Earlier this year, the District partnered with WT Group to conduct an access audit, which determined that the Shabonee playground needs to be replaced to upgrade the equipment and surfacing and increase accessibility. A parent survey was conducted as part of the audit. The next steps involve gathering additional input from Shabonee families, students, and staff and finalizing the playground design with a landscape architect. Construction is expected to begin in the summer of 2025, with completion targeted for the start of the 2025-26 school year.

- Report on the Public Relations Firms Interviewed for Referendum Support

Dr. Deiter reviewed the interview process for determining which Public Relations Firm was selected in order to go forward with community engagement events and the formation of a committee in order to gather public input and inform the Northbrook 27 residents on the District's Long-Range Facilities Improvement Plan and potential funding options. EOSullivan Consulting has been selected as the firm to start this November in creating a custom engagement program. This recommendation is on tonight's consent agenda for Board approval.

- FOIA Request, Ta Schaunda Shumpert, R.J.B. Properties, Inc.

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

Consent Agenda

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

Upon review Mrs. Carlos 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: Opi Akuffo, Matthew Basinger, Martha Carlos, Dr. Gali Oren-Amit, Daniel Terrien, and Jack Waddle.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Melissa Copeland

No. 20197 Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board of Education Meeting of September 19, 2024

No. 20198 Approval of the Minutes for the Closed Session of September 19, 2024

No. 20199 Approval of the Minutes for the Special Board Meeting of October 10, 2024

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

No. 20200 Approval of Substitute Teacher Rate of Pay

No. 20201 Acceptance of Intent to Retire, Principal Shabonee School

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No. 20202 Acceptance of Intent to Retire, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations
No. 20203 Acceptance of Intent to Retire, Director of Human Resources

Financial Reports

No. 20204 Statement of Claims for October, 2024 in the amount of $762,609.89 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20205 Statement of BMO Claims for October, 2024 in the amount of $19,653.66 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20206 Statement of Position for September, 2024 in the amount of $22,088,122.26 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

Copies of the Statement of Investments for the period ending September, 2024 were distributed to Board members for their review. This report shows that as of this date, the district has $22,056,090.92 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. 20207 Statement of Receipts for September, 2024 in the amount of $215,771.34 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20208 Status of Appropriations for September, 2024 in the amount of $5,794,775.46 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20209 Wood Oaks Activity Report, September, 2024 in the amount of $24,756.44 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20210 Revolving Fund, October, 2024 in the amount of $408.00 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20211 Payroll Dated September 30, 2024, in the amount of $984,938.22 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20212 Payroll Dated October 15, 2024, in the amount of $981,357.03 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20213 Approval of Wood Oaks Spring Musical

No. 20214 Approval of Landscape Architect for Shabonee Playground Update

No. 20215 Approve Coverage in the Blue Cross Blue Shield Blue Advantage HMO for the 2025 Calendar Year

No. 20216 Approve Coverage in the Blue Cross Blue Shield HMO Illinois Plan for the 2025 Calendar 2025

No. 20217 Approve Coverage in the Blue Cross Blue Shield PPO Plan for the 2025 Calendar Year

No. 20218 Approve Coverage in the Blue Cross Blue Shield for Life and AD&D Insurance for the 2025 Calendar Year

No. 20219 Approve Coverage in the Blue Cross Blue Shield for Long-Term Disability (LTD)

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insurance for the 2025 Calendar Year

No. 20220 Approve Dental Premiums for the Self-Funded Dental Program for the 2025 Calendar Year

No. 20221 Approve contract extension with Catapult for Flexible Benefits Plan for 2025

No. 20222 Approve contract extension with Perspectives for Employee Assistance Program for 2025

No. 20223 Approve Transamerica Voluntary Accident Protection Insurance for 2025

No. 20224 Approve EO Sullivan Consulting for Referendum Support

Staff Reports Continued

- Report on the Illinois School Report Card

Dr. Katharine Olson, the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction stated that the scores have been posted as a media file, however the information is currently embargoed and will not yet be available for public release. She did report that she was able to review the test score data and stated that it is positive information. This test score data will be used to help develop the upcoming professional development day; the data will be released statewide on October 30.

Unfinished Business - None Scheduled

New Business

- First Read of the 2025-2026 Proposed Calendar

Dr. Deiter reported that the GlenBrook High School will start school one week earlier next year, however, the Northbrook 27 calendar will start in the usual week of August. Since there will not be an extra day off for Election Day in November 2025, NB27 will observe Indigenous People's Day off instead.

Good and Welfare - The Fourth Grade Musical last night was outstanding! The students gave an amazing performance. The Board of Education read an article about Mr. Jack Waddle taking a group of his senior students from his Civics class to the polls in order for them to vote and learn about the process.

Community Comments - Ms. Kaczmarek thanked Dr. Rio and the Facilities Department for giving the schools an opportunity to provide feedback for the Shabonee playground.

Superintendent Comments / Update

Dr. Deiter reported that in the interest of time, as a couple of Board members have other commitments to get to, he will provide more information at the next Board of Education meeting.

Closed Session None Scheduled

No. 20225 Motion to Adjourn the Board of Education Meeting

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Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board at this time Mr. Akuffo 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 Mr. Basinger called the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

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PRESIDENT SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED ON 11/21/24

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Pres. Secy.