BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTHBROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT 27
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Regular Meeting of 11/21/24	The Regular Meeting of November 21, 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 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. Opi Akuffo (arrived at 6:45 p.m.)
Mrs. Martha Carlos
Mr. Daniel Terrien (left at 7:15 p.m.)
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: Mr. Matthew Basinger, Vice President
Dr. Gali Oren-Amit

Student Presentation - Wood Oaks, 6th Grade Technology. Who I am Poster project.
Several Wood Oaks applied technology students visited the Board of Education meeting on November 21. They showed off projects they have worked on this year, including identity posters, 3D printing creations, website portfolios, and coding projects. Each project was related to their personal interests.

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

Board Reports

- Report on the True North Leadership Council held on November 13, 2024

Mrs. Copeland reported that the main topic of the meeting was the District 34 intent to withdraw from the special education collaborative. There are two aspects for consideration: 1) services 2) financial standpoints; the former has been approved but the latter is still in analysis and is awaiting additional financial data in order to make the determination. More action will take place over the next couple of weeks to see if the withdrawal is unanimously approved from the collaborative member districts; or if District 34 will file a withdrawal with the North Cook Intermediate Service Center.

Staff Reports

- Report on the November 4th Professional Development Day

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Dr. Katharine Olson, the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction provided an update on the staff's recent PD day. The day was organized into three two-hour blocks and featured 50 unique learning sessions across the District. All certified staff participated in a cornerstone session on Domain 2 of the Danielson Framework for Teaching, which focused on fostering a positive learning environment through cultural competence, developmental appropriateness, and student agency. Additional sessions addressed topics such as the social studies curriculum revision, math and reading instructional and assessment practices, primary reading curriculum development, and department/grade level-specific goals. These sessions align with the District's Strategic Plan, ensuring professional learning directly supports key educational priorities.

Dr. Olson expressed gratitude to the Board and the PTA for their continued support of staff professional development days.

- Update on DEI Initiatives

Dr. Deiter indicated that this is our fourth year of having DEI as a focus. As planned, the District has experienced an increase in staff led work on this; the initiative is now staff driven and staff led. The posters have had a big impact. They are posted in the media centers, classrooms, and hallways. Staff stated that they wanted to learn more about Jewish populations, muslim, etc. Staff has been appreciative of this deeper dive into the initiative.

The District is excited to be hosting a cultural event on Friday, Feb 7th at Shabonee school titled Love Around the World. Over thirty parents have signed up to speak at the event; catering will be provided.

We have not yet met with a parent group this year, but would like to be able to do so. However, we do not want to meet just for the sake of meeting, but rather to have robust discussions.
Teachers have requested to learn more about microaggressions and how to intervene and interrupt. Leadership has kicked it off, but now it is staff led and the teams are moving forward with this work.

- Announce the Wood Oaks Graduation on May 29, 2025, 6:00 p..m at Glenbrook North
  NB27 will have the auditorium at GBN 225 to ourselves for the graduation ceremony this year.

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

Upon review Mrs. Carlos 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, Melissa Copeland, Martha Carlos, and Jack Waddle.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Matthew Basinger, Daniel Terrien, and Dr. Gali Oren-Amit

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No. 20232 Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board of Education Meeting of October 24, 2024

No. 20233 Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board of Education Meeting of November 7, 2024

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

No. 20234 Approval of Hire, Instructional Assistant, Hickory Point

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No. 20236 Acceptance of Intent to Retire, Benefits Coordinator, District Office

Financial Reports

No. 20237 Statement of Claims for November, 2024 in the amount of $1,198,470.44 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20238 Statement of BMO Claims for November, 2024 in the amount of $21,789.48 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20239 Statement of Position for October, 2024 in the amount of $21,037,039.66 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

Copies of the Statement of Investments for the period ending October, 2024 were distributed to Board members for their review. This report shows that as of this date, the district has $19,280,401.05 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. 20240 Statement of Receipts for October, 2024 in the amount of $1,722,773.06 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20241 Status of Appropriations for October, 2024 in the amount of $2,773,855.96 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20242 Wood Oaks Activity Report, October, 2024 in the amount of $25,566.44 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20243 Revolving Fund, November, 2024 in the amount of $470.00 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20244 Payroll Dated October 31, 2024, in the amount of $1,006,248.99 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20245 Payroll Dated November 15, 2024, in the amount of $1,000,745.20 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

Unfinished Business - None Scheduled

New Business

No. 20246 Approval of the 2024 Tentative Tax Levy

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Upon review Mr. Akuffo moved and Mr. Waddle seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the 2024 Tentative Tax Levy with a roll call vote as listed below.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Opi Akuffo, Melissa Copeland, Martha Carlos, and Jack Waddle.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Matthew Basinger, Daniel Terrien, and Dr. Gali Oren-Amit

Good and Welfare - Dr. McElligott indicated that Thumbs Up Thursday will be monthly this year instead of weekly. Staff participation has continued and it has been nice as a District to recognize the exceptional work of our peers. This week, Ted Weiner was nominated by staff in part for his assisting a student out of a tree during recess. It is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a district to recognize staff members.

The internet safety presentation last night was very informative and it is beneficial to share this information early in the school year.

Community Comments - No Public Comment was made.

Superintendent Comments / Update
Dr. Deiter reported that the internet safety presentation given by the Northbrook Police Department was informative. The presentation was recorded and will be available on our website for viewing.
The letter informing the community about the referendum was sent out today and the latest financial information was received in time to be able to update the Health Life Safety figures to reflect $17 million.

Closed Session None Scheduled

No. 20247 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 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 7:21 p.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

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PRESIDENT SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED ON 12/19/24

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