BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTHBROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT 27
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Regular Meeting of 12/19/24	The Regular Meeting of December 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.

Regular Meeting at 6:30 pm
Wood Oaks Commons

Board President Melissa Copeland called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:31 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 (arrived at 6:49 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. Daniel Terrien

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

Board Reports - None Scheduled

Staff Reports

- Shabonee Playground Update

Mr. Rick Hansen, Director of Facilities provided an update on the Shabonee playground equipment upgrades that is scheduled for replacement over the summer of 2025. A survey of students, parents and staff was conducted earlier this year in order to determine favorability among three design options. These results were shared with the contractor and landscape architect. After tonight's approval, the permitting process will begin.

Kids Around the World will be dismantling the existing equipment in order to repurpose it. Once the new equipment arrives, the site will be prepared and the equipment assembled; finally the playground surfacing will begin in August with an expected completion date of August 15th. The surface will need to be assessed for condition every five years and the new equipment has a 30 year lifespan. The updated playground will provide an exciting and accessible play experience for all students.

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Dr. Rio thanked Mr. Hansen for all of his efforts conducting the survey and working with the architects and contractors on this project.

- EO Sullivan Report on Community Engagement

Mr. Rich Carter and Mr. Ed Sullivan from EOSullivan Consulting presented a summary of District 27's recent community engagement efforts. 516 community members provided feedback, there were three public engagement sessions in order to explain the status of projects and funding options. A phone and an online survey were sent out to the community requesting their input.

- 91% of respondents rated District 27 favorably.
- Top priorities included safety/security, infrastructure/mechanical upgrades, and technology improvements.
- 83% of respondents supported additional funding for these improvements.

Mr. Sullivan explained what a Debt Services Extension Base (DSEB) is and that it started when PTELL laws were enacted. Survey information gathered from the community included what the favorability was for each level of funding. The type of updates as well as the rating of importance were also collected and the survey and discussed. A mid-level referendum ask of $43.5 million would be an average tax impact of $433 per year for homeowners.

EO Sullivan Consulting recommended the mid level referendum with a DSEB while explaining why that funding mechanism is best. Once determined, the ballot language would need to be approved at the next Board of Education meeting scheduled for January 9.

- Discussions regarding the outcomes of the Community Engagement Sessions and the Next Steps to Address Facility Needs

Dr. Deiter discussed all of the building needs and options that are currently listed in order of priority and favorability. Based on the assumption that the District will be moving forward with a medium funding level with a DSEB. There is currently $17 million dollars in health life safety work scheduled; it is preferable to have the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) approve this work under new legislation provisions, however, the roof work needed to start before it was enacted; the District is currently working with ISBE in order to get the highest amount possible of the $17 million HLS projects approved which could be a difference between $12 million and $17 million.

Cost savings were discussed by way of grouping construction projects. While the HLS work needs to be prioritized, most of the upgrades can be grouped in phases. Additional upgrades were explained including: extra classrooms at Hickory Point school and a multi-use space. Expanded the music room at Wood Oaks, replacing the parking lot and separating the bus and car traffic. Additional technology and security upgrades

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were explained. The Board of Education will be asked to approve the referendum and the ballot language at the next meeting. The full report and data are available on the District 27 website.

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

Upon review Mr. Akuffo 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, Melissa Copeland, Martha Carlos, Dr. Gali Oren-Amit, and Jack Waddle.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Daniel Terrien

No. 20251 Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board of Education Meeting of November 21, 2024

No. 20252 Approval of the Minutes for the Public Hearing/Regular Board Meeting of December 5, 2024

Personnel Transactions - None Scheduled

Financial Reports

No. 20253 Statement of Claims for December, 2024 in the amount of $1,135,807.02 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20254 Statement of BMO Claims for December, 2024 in the amount of $16,273.95 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20255 Statement of Position for November, 2024 in the amount of $17,961,406.35 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

Copies of the Statement of Investments for the period ending November, 2024 were distributed to Board members for their review. This report shows that as of this date, the district has $17,425,509.24 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. 20256 Statement of Receipts for November, 2024 in the amount of $248,087.09 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20257 Status of Appropriations for November, 2024 in the amount of $3,323,720.40 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20258 Wood Oaks Activity Report, November, 2024 in the amount of $25,781.94 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20259 Payroll Dated November 29, 2024, in the amount of $1,087,579.25 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

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No. 20260 Payroll Dated December 13, 2024, in the amount of $999,866.85 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20261 Approval of Suburban School Cooperative Insurance Pool (SSCIP) Insurance Renewal for 2025.

No. 20262 Approval of Shabonee Playground Equipment Upgrades.

The total cost for the Shabonee Playground contract with Landscape Structures, Inc. is $763,296.00 The original budget for this project is $800,000.

No. 20263 Approval of Filing for Health Life Safety Amendments - Shabonee School & Wood Oaks Junior High.

Unfinished Business - Policy Updates

No. 20264 Approval of Policy Updates as Recommended by Illinois Association of School Boards on PRESS Issue 117

- 2:105, Ethics and Gift Ban
- 2:110, Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers
- 2:120, Board Member Development
- 4:30, Revenue and Investments
- 4:60, Purchases and Contracts
- 4:150, Facility Management and Building Programs
- 4:170, Safety
- 5:10, Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
- 5:20, Workplace Harassment Prohibited
- 5:30, Hiring Process and Criteria
- 5:35, Compliance with the Fair Labor Standards Act
- 5:90, Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
- 5:120, Employee Ethics; Code of Professional Conduct; and Conflict of Interest
- 5:150, Personnel Records
- 6:60, Curriculum Content
- 6:135, Accelerated Placement Program
- 7:10, Equal Educational Opportunities
- 7:100, Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students
- 7:180, Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
- 7:200, Suspension Procedures
- 8:10, Connection with the Community

Upon review Mr. Basinger moved and Mrs. Carlos seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Policy Updates listed on PRESS Issue 117 with a roll call vote as listed below.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

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ABSENT: Daniel Terrien

New Business

No. 20265 Approval of the 2024 Final Tax Levy, $34,665,942

	2024 - Final Tax Levy
Education	$30,297,029
Operations & Maintenance	$2,386,155
Transportation	$1,982,423
Illinois Municipal Retirement	100
Social Security	100
Working Cash	135
Total	$34,665,942

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

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Daniel Terrien

Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, Dr. Kimberly Rio, said it is important that the District capture all new property beyond the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (tax cap) of 3.4% to allocate additional funding toward maintaining programs and services and funding future capital improvement needs for the school buildings. A public hearing was held on December 5. A 2024 Tax Levy request of 4.5% was determined.

Good and Welfare - The choir concert and the Shabonee orchestra concert were both great performances!

Community Comments - Ms. Kaczmarek extended a thank you, on behalf of the NB27 staff, to the Board of Education for providing holiday fruit baskets for the staff in the lounges, it is always appreciated. And also a big thank you to the PTA for all of their support throughout the year. Have a Happy Holiday Season!

Superintendent Comments / Update

Dr. Deiter reported that he was able to attend the Cradles to Crayons event, it was very nice; Nathan Rhodes was able to get this event organized amongst local school districts.

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Closed Session None Scheduled

No. 20266 Motion to Adjourn the Board of Education Meeting

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board at this time Mr. Basinger 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 8:20 p.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

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PRESIDENT SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED ON 1/23/25

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