BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTHBROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT 27
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Regular Meeting of 1/23/25	The Regular Meeting of January 23, 2025 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 6:30 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
Mrs. Martha Carlos
Dr. Gali Oren-Amit
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

Student Presentation - Shabonee Newcomers Club

Several Students from Shabonee school gave a presentation to the Board of Education to provide information including the activities that club participants engage in, the times that they meet and how to attend the club.

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

Board Reports - Report on TrueNorth Leadership Council held on January 22, 2025

Mr. Basinger reported that Dr. Schneider spoke briefly about the pending withdrawal for District 34 and reminded everyone of the deadlines for that withdrawal.

Staff Reports

- Professional Development Day Update for the January 17th

Dr. Olson thanked the Board for supporting the professional development day that is offered to staff. There were approximately 55 unique professional development sessions that are aligned to specific grade level needs and the Strategic Plan. Many of the sessions were facilitated, but a few sessions were self-run. The day was broken into three, two-hour sessions.

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All certified staff attended the Danielson Framework session; educators are using this year to learn more about the new Danielson framework. The key outcomes were learning about domain one, planning and preparation, the pedagogy, knowing your students, and knowledge of resources. The team is also coordinating work with GlenBrook High School. Librarians attend the sessions as well as speech pathologists. Also included in the day was work tied to the social justice standards.

Some of the curriculum sessions offered were K-8 reading sessions, K-8 social studies curriculum revision sessions, grades 2-8 math sessions. The music teachers did site visits, the technology coordinators ran several sessions. The two behavior intervention coaches held two sessions. Behavior training and on-the-fly visuals were provided to over 30 instructional assistants.

Once again, the PTA provided an amazing snack bar at all three buildings for all staff members which was very appreciated.

- FOIA Request, Sheila Norma, Illinois Retired Teachers Association

Ms. Tarah O'Connell, The Director of Communications, read the FOIA request and the District's response.

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

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, Melissa Copeland, Martha Carlos, Dr. Gali Oren-Amit, Daniel Terrien, and Jack Waddle.

NAY: None

ABSENT:

No. 20272 Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board of Education Meeting of December 19, 2024

No. 20273 Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board of Education Meeting of January 9, 2025

No. 20274 Approval of the Addendum to the Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting on January 9, 2025

No. 20275 Approval of the Minutes for the Closed Session Meeting on January 9, 2025

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

No. 20276 Approval of Hire, Hickory Point, Instructional Assistant

No. 20277 Acceptance of Intent to Retire, Wood Oaks, Special Education

Financial Reports

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No. 20278 Statement of Claims for January, 2025 in the amount of $780,450.17 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20279 Statement of BMO Claims for January, 2025 in the amount of $13,586.69 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20280 Statement of Position for December, 2024 in the amount of $15,031,813.90 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

Copies of the Statement of Investments for the period ending December, 2024 were distributed to Board members for their review. This report shows that as of this date, the district has $14,955,273.51 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. 20281 Statement of Receipts for December, 2024 in the amount of $203,540.35 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20282 Status of Appropriations for December, 2024 in the amount of $3,133,132.80 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20283 Wood Oaks Activity Report, December, 2024 in the amount of $28,092.11 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20284 Revolving Fund Report, January, 2025 in the amount of $3,360.97 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20285 Payroll Dated December 20, 2024, in the amount of $976,416.72 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20286 Payroll Dated January 15, 2025, in the amount of $1,026,230.49 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20287 Approval of Resolution to Withdraw from the Northfield Township Trustees of Schools

No. 20288 Approval of Hold Harmless Agreement for the Withdrawal of School Districts from the Northfield Township Trustees of Schools

Unfinished Business - None Scheduled

New Business - None Scheduled

Good and Welfare - Mrs. Copeland thanked Dr. Rio and Dr. Deiter

Mr. Basinger said that it is so positive to see the students come in and give a presentation. It puts a smile on everyone's faces.

Community Comments -

Superintendent Comments / Update

Dr. Deiter stated that parents have received notification of the upcoming referendum meetings scheduled for February. The information is now posted on the District website and a “Referendum” tab has been added to the top of the main webpage. There was a QR code for meeting participants to sign up for the “yes”

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committee. The Superintendent will discuss this more with Colin and Rich for the next steps of organizing this committee. We have already received a generous contribution from I-faith which is a PAC associated with the Illinois Education Association, Mrs. Kaczmarek had reached out to them and they have responded. The PTA had also reached out to say that they have plans to make a contribution as well.

Some of the upcoming dates to add to Board members calendars are: May 8th for the transitioning of the Board and swearing in the new Board members. March 6th will be the date that the Superintendent's evaluation and survey is sent out to Board members with a completion date before spring break. This should afford sufficient time to review and comment on everything in order to get the final evaluation complete and then vote on the superintendent's next contract renewal.

The Vex robotics competition will be on Saturday, February 1st. Students are scheduled to compete from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. here at Wood Oaks and there will be screens projecting those on the wall.. On February 7, a cultural fair will be held at Shabonee from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; it is shaping up to be a nice event. On Saturday, February 22nd will be the second annual wellness fair. There will be up to 30 different vendors, health providers. The Wellness Fair will be held at Wood Oaks this year.

Dr. Kurt Schneider the Superintendent of TrueNorth District #804 joined the Superintendent's weekly meeting last Wednesday and he confirmed that Lake Bluff District #65 has voted down the District #34 withdrawal from #804. The next steps for District #34 will be to request a withdrawal hearing from the Regional Office of Education.

Happy National Board Members Appreciation month! Thank you for all of your work on behalf of the students, staff and families of Northbrook 27.

Closed Session None Scheduled

No. 20289 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. 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 President Melissa Copeland called the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

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MINUTES APPROVED ON 2/20/25

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