BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTHBROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT 27
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Regular Meeting of 8/15/24	The Regular Meeting of August 15, 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 Matthew Basinger 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: Mr. Matthew Basinger, Vice President
Mr. Opi Akuffo (arrived 6:39 pm)
Dr. Gali Oren-Amit (arrived 6:33 pm)
Mrs. Martha Carlos
Mr. Daniel Terrien
Mr. Jack Waddle

Staff: Dr. John Deiter, Superintendent
Dr. Kimberly Rio, Asst. Superintendent of Business/Operations (via phone)
Dr. Robert McElligott, Director of Human Resources

Absent: Mrs. Melissa Copeland, President
Dr. Katharine Olson, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum/Instruction

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

Board Reports - None Scheduled

Staff Reports

- Report on the Summer Success Program

Dr. Deiter reported that the move to a 3 ½ week program with one session instead of two sessions worked well for both student enrollment and staffing. There were ten sections offered; eight of Reading / Language Arts serving students in grades 1-8 and two sections of Math serving students in grades 3-6. There were a total of 65 students enrolled in the program. We do not offer Math for 7th and 8th grades due to historically low enrollment. There were also visits by Chloe the therapy dog who works with the Northbrook Police Department.

- Report on Summer Curriculum Work/Professional Learning

Dr. Deiter indicated that Dr. Olson conveyed a big thank you to the Board of Education for approving the summer budget and for continuing to support the professional learning for staff over the summer. It is highly valued work that allows our staff members to be their best! 29 separate groups met to work on projects consisting of 130 staff members and coordinators. Some of the areas of focus were: The Primary

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Reading Committee reviewed the Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan, discussed instructional practices, conducted a preliminary review of potential resources and identified some of the instructional shifts and tools to support small group instruction. In grades 3-5 they worked further in refinement of curriculum driven by grade-level research. In grade eight, considerable progress was made on building common reading assessments and will transition to using PEAR assessments; formally Edulastic, which will allow cross assessment and standard based reports to be generated as we do in grades k-5. Foundation work was completed in grades six and seven.

The DEI Committee welcomed six new members and they engaged in some new and refresher professional learning and updated the school-wide plans to recognize Heritage and Awareness Months, as well as, preliminary planning for staff professional learning over the 2024-25 school year and they discussed the need for student based presentations at each school. Math teachers in grades 2-8 reviewed student data, refined the curriculum and examined the instructional practices. At grades 2-5, teachers identified questions from the data and developed action plans for the upcoming year; that work will continue during the opening Teacher Institute Days. Special education teachers in grades 3-8 developed plans to bring greater alignment between replacement curriculum and general education. The k-5 Social Studies Committee reviewed the updated social science standards, particularly the inquiry standards and identified the criteria that will be used to vet resources. The social justice standards are integrated into the criteria.The RULER committee, (the social / emotional program); met to develop plans for the 2024-25 school year and some groups will be using their summer time for after-school sessions with their colleagues where their summer schedules will more readily allow them to meet.

Also an AI group has been established; the tech coordinators have developed a course which was very informative and educators from each building are included. As the capacity and knowledge is gained, it will be shared with their peers.
Dr. McElligott added that the second component of summer learning is for new hires and position changes. There were 20 different sessions going between those two categories. Both workshops came in below budget.

- Report on New Teacher Academy

Dr. McElligott explained that the three day academy has just been completed. Some of the activities included reviewing the District's technology, the Infinite Campus system, Skyward, Red Rover and what to expect during Professional Development days. The customary Northbrook 27 Bus Tour took them through our neighborhoods and was narrated by Northbrook's own Trevor Hope.

- Announce the New Teacher Reception with the Board of Education on September 19, 2024.

Dr. McElligott will meet with the new teachers from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. and then everyone will meet with the Board of Education members in the Commons at 6:00 p.m. There are 14 new staff members.

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New signs have been posted to recruit substitute teachers; they are invited to come in and Dr. McElligott explains that during the Substitute Kickoff they check into the Red Rover system and they also go over basic first aid. To date, forty substitute teachers have signed up this school year. They receive a $50 stipend for attending the training payable upon completing five days of substitute teaching. In Human Resources, there are three Instructional Assistant interviews scheduled for tomorrow and a quality candidate has been selected for the Wood Oaks Assistant Secretary position. The Shabonee Nurse position is currently being determined.

- Enrollment Report

Dr. Deiter stated that as of this week, enrollment is down with 111 kindergarteners currently registered. We have been using the target formula of 125 for new student kindergarten enrollment for several years. Contributing to our low enrollment is the slow housing market. We were projecting 145 for first grade, so we added another section; currently we are at 139. Third grade is currently at 159. We will continue to monitor student enrollment and provide a full Fall Enrollment Report in September.

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

Upon review Dr. Gali Oren-Amit moved and Mrs. Carlos 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. 20153 Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board of Education Meeting of July 25, 2024

No. 20154 Approval of the Closed Session Minutes for July 25, 2024

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

- None Scheduled

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

Financial Reports

No. 20155 Statement of Claims for August, 2024 in the amount of $1,509,327.75 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20156 Statement of BMO Claims for August, 2024 in the amount of $17,597.60 was

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approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20157 Statement of Position for July, 2024 in the amount of $23,771,214.28 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

Copies of the Statement of Investments for the period ending July, 2024 were distributed to Board members for their review. This report shows that as of this date, the district has $19,300,718.74 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. 20158 Statement of Receipts for July, 2024 in the amount of $8,512,187.69 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20159 Status of Appropriations for July, 2024 in the amount of $1,680,651.34 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20160 Wood Oaks Activity Report, July, 2024 in the amount of $25,016.44 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20161 Revolving Fund, August, 2024 in the amount of $1,211.38 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20162 Payroll Dated July 31, 2024, in the amount of $214,087.48 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20163 Determination for the Closed Session Minutes for the Period of January 2024 to June 2024

No. 20164 Approval of the Destruction of Closed Session Audio Recordings prior to January 2023

Unfinished Business - None Scheduled

New Business

- Approval of Policy Updates from Illinois Association of School Boards PRESS Issue #115

No. 20165 Mr. Waddle moved and Mr. Akuffo seconded the motion to approve the policy revisions included on PRESS Issue 115 with a roll call vote as listed below.

- 2:160, Board Attorney
- 4:15, Identity Protection
- 4:40, Incurring Debt
- 4:70, Resource Conservation
- 4:80, Accounting and Audits
- 5:130, Responsibilities Concerning Internal Information
- 5:200, Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal
- 6:140, Education of Homeless Children
- 6:150, Home and Hospital Instruction
- 7:170, Vandalism

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Melissa Copeland

Good and Welfare - Mrs. Copeland is currently bringing her daughter to college, congratulations on her transition to college.

Dr. McElligott shared that on June 14th he played in the Northbrook Chamber of Commerce golf outing. He got a hole in one and won the $10,000 cash prize!

Mr. Basinger said that it was great to attend the Northbrook Days and he purchased his tickets from Dr. Deiter and met his daughter.

The Northbrook caucus is still looking for candidates to run for the Board of Education, please reach out to anyone who wants to serve their local community.

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

Superintendent Comments / Update
Dr. Deiter is holding their North Cook division dinner at Maple school, it will be 6:00 p.m. on Monday, September 30th. The District is currently looking for Board Member participation at our upcoming finance meeting at 6:30 p.m. on September 10th. Currently Mr. Akuffo, Mr. Basinger and Mr. Terrien will attend.
The PTA 5k race will be on September 28 starting at 8:00 a.m., there is also a one mile run for students and you can walk or run either event.

PRESS Issue 116 has already been released, it is 90% focused on Title IX updates. The IASB webinar today they cautioned not moving forward with the updates as of yet. The group, Moms of Liberty has been voicing their opinion when they have a child in their district and has filed an injunction. That list of Districts has been growing. Northbrook 27 does not anticipate working on the PRESS 116 updates for the time being. If there are any Title IX cases, they will be handled by our District attorney.

Proposed school calendar for the 2025-2026 school year: District 225 is starting their school year one week earlier in order to get their construction completed. Currently neighboring districts are not planning to adjust their calendars up. Dr. Deiter will bring our proposed calendar to the Administrative Council for feedback and then to the Association for their input. We would like to have the proposed calendar determined by October or November at the latest. We will continue to align for spring and holiday breaks with the highschool.

Closed Session - None Scheduled

No. 20166 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. Terrien 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 Vice President Matthew Basinger called the meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

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PRESIDENT SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED ON 9/19/24

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