BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTHBROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT 27
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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| Public Hearing / Regular Meeting of 2/20/25 | The Public Hearing / Regular Meeting of February 20, 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 Public Hearing to order at 6:30 p.m.
Roll Call On call of the roll, the following members were present:

Present: Mrs. Melissa Copeland, President
Mrs. Martha Carlos
Dr. Gali Oren-Amit (arrived at 6:31 p.m.)
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: Mr. Opi Akuffo
Mr. Matthew Basinger

PUBLIC HEARING: For the purpose of petitioning the State Board of Education for approval of waivers or modifications of State Board of Education rules or modifications of School Code mandates in accordance with Section 2-3.25g of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/2-3.25g). The petition is specifically related to health and life safety funding.

Dr. Kimberly Rio, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance read the requirements of the public hearing regarding District 27 petitioning the State Board of Education for approval of a waiver of the ISBE rules in accordance with section 2-3.25g specifically relating to Health Life Safety (HLS) funding. Our District does not have an established debt service extension base (DSEB); as such when District 27 files HLS surveys with the ISBE, it does not have the authority to request a funding source for the necessary HLS work.

New legislation Public Act 103-0591 now allows school districts to issue non referendum HLS bonds outside of the tax cap and without an established DSEB. District 27 had already scheduled the HLS work at Hickory Point school to be done during the summer of 2024 before the above legislation was completely voted in. Now, that this new legislation allows for non-referendum bonds to be issued in order to cover HLS work, District 27 is asking for a waiver of the pre-approval requirement, as stated in school code, in order to include the repairs completed at Hickory Point school that have already been expended from the Operations and Maintenance Funds. The HLS survey work was approved by the State Superintendent of Education, as such District 27 is conducting this public hearing as required in order to request a waiver of the



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aforementioned pre-approval. There will be an opportunity to appeal the ISBE decision after this hearing. An appeal to the General Assembly could also be made after the decision of this appeal to ISBE. At this time public comment and questions were asked for, no public comments were made pertaining to the public hearing.

Mrs. Copeland called to order the Regular Board Meeting, Dr. Oren-Amit now in attendance.

Student Presentation - Hickory Point STEAM

Students from Hickory Point school presented their STEAM program which is held in the library. Students brought supplies in order for the Board members to build the tallest tree possible. STEAM stands for: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math. Everyone enjoyed the STEAM song together.

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

Board Reports - None Scheduled

Staff Reports

FOIA Request, Owen Wang, North Cook News

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Opi Akuffo, and Matthew Basinger

**No. 20290** Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Board of Education Meeting of January 23, 2025

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

**No. 20291** Approval of Leave of Absence, Kindergarten Teacher, Hickory Point

**No. 20292** Acceptance of Resignation, Instructional Assistant, Shabonee

Financial Reports

**No. 20293** Statement of Claims for February, 2025 in the amount of $834,940.13 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.



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**No. 20294** Statement of BMO Claims for February, 2025 in the amount of $25,708.09 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

**No. 20295** Statement of Position for January, 2025 in the amount of $12,595,777.05 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

Copies of the Statement of Investments for the period ending January, 2025 were distributed to Board members for their review. This report shows that as of this date, the district has $12,557,564.36 invested in funds that are earning interest at rates that range from 4.29 to 4.65 percent. This report was made part of the official minutes.

**No. 20296** Statement of Receipts for January, 2025 in the amount of $371,671.95 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

**No. 20297** Status of Appropriations for January, 2025 in the amount of $2,807,708.80 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

**No. 20298** Wood Oaks Activity Report, January, 2025 in the amount of $30,052.23 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

**No. 20299** Revolving Fund Report, February, 2025 in the amount of $4,125.91 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

**No. 20300** Payroll Dated January 31, 2025, in the amount of $966,841.18 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

**No. 20301** Payroll Dated February 14, 2025, in the amount of $1,085,528,66 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

**No. 20302** Approval of the Determination for the Closed Session Minutes for the Period of July 2024 through December 2024

**No. 20303** Approval of the Destruction of Closed Session Audio Tapes Prior to July 2023

Unfinished Business - None Scheduled

New Business - None Scheduled

Good and Welfare - Mr. Wayne Gordon has been awarded a Certificate of Merit! Congratulations to him, it is so well deserved! The first annual culture fair was really well attended, 149 passports were utilized. The PTA did an amazing job!

Community Comments - Ms. Kaczmarek added her appreciation for culture day; it was a wonderful event. Acknowledgement also goes to Dr. Olson for all of her organization for the PD segments and thanks again to the PTA for providing a trail mix assortment.

Superintendent Comments / Update



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Dr. Deiter advised Board members that the North Cook Intermediate Service Center is hosting a dinner meeting on AI on March 4th. All Board members are welcome to attend, registration ends on Feb 25th.
The culture fair was great, and next year is eagerly anticipated which is expected to be even bigger than this year and will include other Northbrook schools. The health fair will be this Saturday at Wood Oaks.
The yes committee is gearing up for their campaign, we will start to see more signs between now and the April 1st vote. The online webinar currently has 54 participants registered and everyone is invited to attend.

Closed Session None Scheduled

**No. 20304** Motion to Adjourn the Board of Education Meeting

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the Board at this time Dr. Oren-Amit 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 7:06 p.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

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PRESIDENT SECRETARY

# MINUTES APPROVED ON 3/20/25



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