BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTHBROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT 27
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Regular Meeting of 3/20/25	The Regular Meeting of March 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 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
Mr. Matthew Basinger, Vice President
Dr. Gali Oren-Amit
Mr. Daniel Terrien
Mr. Jack Waddle

Staff: Dr. John Deiter, Superintendent
Dr. Kimberly Rio, Asst. Supt. of Business/Operations
Dr. Katharine Olson, Asst. Supt. of Curriculum/Instruction (arrived at 7pm)
Dr. Robert McElligott, Director of Human Resources

Absent: Mrs. Martha Carlos

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

Board Reports - Report on the True North Leadership Council Meeting on March 12, 2025
Mr. Basinger reported that 13 member districts voted in favor of the District 31 withdrawal, four voted against; so District 34 will go forward with the non consensual withdrawal hearing. In addition, District 225 just notified TrueNorth 804 that they will also go forward with their intent to withdraw from District 804.

Staff Reports
Review of Class 6b Application - 3075-3085 Commercial Avenue
Dr. Kimberly Rio, the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations advised the Board that the previous company that applied for a 6b for this address withdrew their application. The current company is Catalina and they wish to expand their operations into Northbrook. Normally occupied commercial property

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is standardly assessed at 25 percent, the class 6b option provides an opportunity to revitalize the property. Catalina has already purchased the parcel and if approved, the assessment will be 10 percent until year 13. Division by class was discussed between residential, commercial and industrial and that it is advantageous to homeowners to share the tax burden with commercial and industrial properties.
They plan to invest 2.7 million dollars to revitalize that property. NB27 does support this 6b application with the prohibition of appealing their property taxes during the life of the 6b and prohibiting the re-application of a subsequent 6b (renewal). NB27 will send their approval of Catalina's 6b application to the Village of Northbrook for their action.

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

Upon review Mr. Waddle moved and Mr. Terrien 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, Dr. Gali Oren-Amit, Daniel Terrien, and Jack Waddle.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Martha Carlos

No. 20308 Approval of the Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting of February 20, 2025

No. 20309 Approval of the Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting of March 6, 2025

No. 20310 Approval of the Minutes of the Board of Education Closed Session of March 6, 2025

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

No. 20311 Acceptance of Resignation, Assistant Principal, Shabonee, June 13, 2025

No. 20312 Acceptance of Intent to Retire, 4th Grade Resource Teacher, Shabonee, 2028-29

Financial Reports

No. 20313 Statement of Claims for March, 2025 in the amount of $1,075,134.39 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20314 Statement of BMO Claims for March, 2025 in the amount of $18,533.21 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

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No. 20315 Statement of Position for February, 2025 in the amount of $15,609,019.26 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

Copies of the Statement of Investments for the period ending February, 2025 were distributed to Board members for their review. This report shows that as of this date, the district has $15,570,806.57- 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. 20316 Statement of Receipts for February, 2025 in the amount of $5,988,554.10 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20317 Status of Appropriations for February, 2025 in the amount of $2,975,311.89 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20318 Wood Oaks Activity Report, February, 2025 in the amount of $27,845.13 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20319 Revolving Fund Report, March, 2025 in the amount of $1,470.91 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20320 Payroll Dated February 28, 2025, in the amount of $1,003,536.32 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20321 Payroll Dated March 14, 2025, in the amount of $993,345.96 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20322 Approval of Contract Extension with Prairie Farms FY2026

No. 20323 Approval of Contract Extension with North Shore Transit FY2026-FY2027

No. 20324 Approval of the Summer 2025 Student Success Literacy and Math Program Budget

No. 20325 Approval of ISBE Waiver Application of State Board Rules and/or School Code Mandates

Unfinished Business - None Scheduled

New Business - None Scheduled

Good and Welfare -

Community Comments - Mr. Steve Wander presented a petition containing 80 signatures on behalf of NB27 parents who wish to see Hebrew added as a foreign language option at Wood Oaks. He explained that they have prepared a proposal based on their research into similar programs at neighboring Districts and have asked that Northbrook 27 create a foreign language exploratory committee and to look into the feasibility of adding a Hebrew program here and respond by September 2025.

Superintendent Comments / Update
Dr. Deiter stated that the April 1st referendum date is quickly approaching; we are anxiously awaiting the

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outcome and whether this will be the start of a successful effort to update the buildings and realize additional spaces or reverting back to the drawing board on how to make adjustments without additional funds.

Dr. Deiter had a chance to meet with a parent group regarding the Hebrew program in January, the District would like to determine the viability long-term and the sustainability of the program. Northbrook 27 may conduct a parent survey to help to determine this. Currently 80 percent of our Wood Oaks students take a world language and it is a core class. The District must also take into account changes at the state level mandating two credits of world language at the high school level. Discussions will continue with staff at GlenBrook North on the logistics of these points and then bring the determination back to the parent group.

Closed Session Review of Reemployment of Staff 7:22 p.m.

Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

No. 20326 Dr. Oren-Amit made a Motion to go into Closed Session, seconded by Mr. Basinger, followed by a roll call vote.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Martha Carlos

No. 20327 Reconvene to Open Session.
Mr. Waddle made a motion to reconvene to Open Session, seconded by Mr. Akuffo, followed by a voice vote. All in favor.

No. 20328 Motion to Adjourn the Board of Education Meeting

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board at this time Mr. Terrien moved and Mr. Basinger 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 7:36 p.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

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PRESIDENT SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED ON 4/24/25

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