BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTHBROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT 27
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Regular Meeting of 4/3/25	The Regular Meeting of April 3, 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.

Board President Melissa Copeland called the Regular 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 (arrived at 6:50 p.m.)
Mrs. Martha Carlos
Dr. Gali Oren-Amit (arrived at 6:38 p.m.)
Mr. Daniel Terrien (arrived at 7:14 p.m.)
Mr. Jack Waddle

Staff:
Dr. John Deiter, Superintendent
Dr. Kimberly Rio, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Katharine Olson, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Rob McElligott, Director of Human Resources

Absent:

Community Comments for Items Listed on the Agenda - No public comment was given.

1. Board Reports - None Scheduled

2. Staff Reports

- FOIA Requests, ad.cuius.bonum@proton.me

Ms. Tarah O'Connell, the Director of Communications explained the three FOIA requests which were all received by the above requestor and the District's response. To date, 10 anonymous FOIA requests have been sent from this platform.

- Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) Certificate of Excellence Recognition for Fiscal Year 2024.

Dr. Deiter read the certificate of excellence in financial reporting from the ASBO and added that it is a group effort from the whole Business department to receive the highest award for financial reporting for the 16th consecutive year. This designation is also beneficial for achieving the best bond rating when the District goes out to sell bonds.

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

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Opi Akuffo, and Daniel Terrien

3. Personnel Transactions - Employment/Dismissal/Resignation/Leave of Absence/Compensation

No. 20329	Acceptance of Intent to Retire, Shabonee School, 4th Grade Language Arts, 2028-2029
No. 20330	Acceptance of Intent to Retire, Wood Oaks, Health, 2028-2029
No. 20331	Acceptance of Resignation, Hickory Point, 2nd Grade
No. 20332	Acceptance of Resignation, Hickory Point, Resource Teacher

4. Financial Reports - None Scheduled

Unfinished Business - None Scheduled

New Business - None Scheduled

Good and Welfare - The eighth grade boys volleyball tournament is playing tonight and is the strong favorite to win. The outcome of the game will be shared tomorrow. The Junior High band was selected for super state and will be performing in Champaign.
Mrs. Copeland thanked everyone for all of their hard work in helping to pass the referendum. It was a tremendous effort working with the agencies and committees and getting all of the information compiled and shared with the community so that they could make an informed decision.

Community Comments - Ms. Kaczmarek shared similar sentiments thanking everyone for their efforts in supporting the referendum, Northbrook 27 and its students and community. It is a great way to set us up for the future.

Superintendent Comments / Update
Dr. Deiter added his thanks for everyone's support in passing the referendum. Dr. Rio was instrumental in getting all of the funding, timeline and construction information together and out first to the Board members for their review and decision and then out to the consulting firm and the Yes committee. The referendum was decided and supported on a very tight turnaround and it was a great success! Additional work will continue with the bond sale, bids, meeting with all of our construction teams to create updated timelines and a master plan. Ms. O'Connell was on top of the communication process the entire way and helped with the consulting firm search. Thank you to Ms. Kaczmarek for her help on the Yes committee and for securing a large donation from the Illinois Education Association (IEA) to help with the cost of mailers. The referendum page will remain up for the time being, at least until the election results have been certified by the County Clerk's

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office. Thank you to everyone who supported the referendum.

Closed Session

- Superintendent Evaluation 6:41 p.m.

The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors, or specific volunteers of the District or legal counsel for the District, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

No. 20333 Mr. Waddle made a Motion to go into Closed Session, seconded by Mrs. Carlos, followed by a roll call vote.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Opi Akuffo, and Daniel Terrien arrived after roll call vote to enter into closed session.

No. 20334 Reconvene to Open Session. 7:26 p.m.

Dr. Oren-Amit made a motion to reconvene to Open Session, seconded by Mr. Terrien, followed by a voice vote. All in favor.

No. 20335 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. Akuffo seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned. All in favor.

The motion was unanimously approved, and President Copeland called the meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

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PRESIDENT SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED ON 4/24/25

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