BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTHBROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT 27
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Public Hearing / Regular Meeting of 6/26/25	The Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of June 26, 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 Matthew Basinger called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:38 p.m.

Roll Call On call of the roll, the following members were present:

Present: Mr. Matthew Basinger, President
Dr. Gali Oren-Amit, Vice President
Mr. Opi Akuffo (arrived at 6:41 p.m.)
Ms. Marlyse Cohen
Mr. Dan Walsh

Staff: Dr. John Deiter, Superintendent
Dr. Kimberly Rio, Asst. Supt. of Finance/Operations

Absent: Mrs. Martha Carlos
Mr. Jack Waddle
Dr. Katharine Olson, Asst. Supt. of Curriculum/Instruction
Dr. Robert McElligott, Director of Human Resources

Public Hearing - Northbrook District 27 Withdrawal from TrueNorth 804

The purpose of the public hearing was to discuss the District's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities and the proposed withdrawal of the District from True North Special Education Cooperative 804, effective at the start of the 2027-28 school year.

The current status of TrueNorth was explained due to multiple Districts pursuing withdrawal; there are five proposed withdrawals on tonight's agenda. If two thirds of the member Districts leave the cooperative, then 804 will dissolve. There will be an option to remove the proposed withdrawal if the formal dissolution moves forward. District 27 is going forward with a withdrawal and it will likely take two years for that to take effect. Northbrook 27 remains committed to providing the best education possible for the students in our District.

President Basinger asked for questions from the public, Board members and staff members, hearing none, a motion was made by Mr. Akuffo to close the public hearing, seconded by Ms. Cohen will a roll call vote as follows:

AYE: Opi Akuffo, Matthew Basinger, Ms. Marlyse Cohen, Dr. Gali Oren-Amit, Daniel Walsh

NAY: None

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ABSENT: Martha Carlos, Jack Waddle

Public Hearing - Transfer of Monies from the Education Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund

The purpose of the public hearing will be to solicit public input on the transfer of up to $3,000,000 from the Education Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund for the purpose of providing additional funding for certain costs related to operations and maintenance expenses.

President Basinger asked for questions from the public, Board members and staff members, hearing none, a motion was made by Ms. Cohen to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Akuffo will a roll call vote as follows:

AYE: Opi Akuffo, Matthew Basinger, Ms. Marlyse Cohen, Dr. Gali Oren-Amit, Daniel Walsh

NAY: None

ABSENT: Martha Carlos, Jack Waddle

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

Board Reports

- Report on the True North Leadership Meeting of June 11, 2025

Dr. Deiter advised Board members that the process of the member District option to withdraw under a dissolvement is being explored. In addition the billing of withdrawing Districts for the remaining years will be reported at the next TrueNorth meeting.

- Report on the Wood Oaks 2025 Graduation

Mr. Basinger reported that on May 29th the graduation took place, it was a wonderful event. Special thanks to Wayne Gordon and Nathan Rhodes and the Northbrook orchestra band for playing at the event, 147 students graduated. There was some discussion on future improvements to the logistics of the spacing for ease of movement through the room, as well as ensuring that parents have a line of sight in order to take pictures.

Staff Reports

- FOIA Request - CT Mills, Public Info Access, Inc.

Dr. Deiter reported on the FOIA request and the District's response.

Consent Agenda

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

Upon review Ms. Cohen moved and Mr. Walsh 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, Ms. Marlyse Cohen, Dr. Gali Oren-Amit, Daniel Walsh

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NAY: None

ABSENT: Martha Carlos, Jack Waddle

No. 20403 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on May 22, 2025

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

No. 20404 Approval of Hire

Name	Position	Location	Start Date	Salary
Irene Koliopoulos	Special Education Teacher	Wood Oaks	August 18, 2025	MA, Step 10

No. 20405 Approval of Hire

Name	Position	Location	Start Date	Salary
Chinenye Ekwulugo	Librarian	Hickory Point	August 18, 2025	MA, Step 12

No. 20406 Approval of Hire

Name	Position	Location	Start Date	Salary
Renee Wishnia	Building Secretary	Shabonee	August 7, 2025	$52,000/yr

No. 20407 Acceptance of Retirement, Shabonee, Building Secretary, June 2025

No. 20408 Acceptance of Resignation, Wood Oaks, Special Education Teacher

No. 20409 Acceptance of Resignation, Hickory Point, Instructional Assistant

No. 20410 Acceptance of Resignation, Hickory Point, Instructional Assistant

No. 20411 Acceptance of Resignation, Shabonee, Instructional Assistant

No. 20412 Acceptance of Resignation, Shabonee, ERP Instructional Assistant

Financial Reports

No. 20413 Statement of Claims #1 for June, 2025 in the amount of $1,244,726.95 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20414 Statement of Claims #2 for June, 2025 in the amount of $1,097,885.06 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20415 Statement of BMO Claims for June, 2025 in the amount of $28,541.87 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20416 Statement of Position for May, 2025 in the amount of $19,429,941.23 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

Copies of the Statement of Investments for the period ending May, 2025 were distributed to Board members for their review. This report shows that as of this date, the district has

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$19,320,269.10 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. 20417 Statement of Receipts for May, 2025 in the amount of $538,621.72 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20418 Status of Appropriations for May, 2025 in the amount of $2,620,099.61 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20419 Wood Oaks Activity Report, May, 2025 in the amount of $36,226.67 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

Revolving Fund Report - No Revolving Fund Report this month.

No. 20420 Payroll Dated May 30, 2025, in the amount of $993,303.19 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20421 Payroll Dated May 30, 2025 A, in the amount of $1,504.79 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20422 Payroll Dated June 03, 2025 A, in the amount of $797,769.60 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20423 Payroll Dated June 03, 2025 B, in the amount of $682,607.41 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20424 Payroll Dated June 03, 2025 C, in the amount of $4,099.15 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20425 Payroll Dated June 13, 2025, in the amount of $229,462.99 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20426 Approval of Resolution Designating Interest Earnings for 2025-26

No. 20427 Approval of Renewal of Workers' Compensation Insurance for 2025-26

No. 20428 Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Monies from the Education Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund

Unfinished Business

1. Approval of Policy Revisions included on the Illinois Association of School Boards, PRESS Issue 118

- Policy 2:260, Uniform Grievance Procedure
- Policy 2:265, Title IX Grievance Procedure
- Policy 4:15, Identity Protection
- Policy 4:80, Accounting and Audits
- Policy 5:10, Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
- Policy 5:20, Workplace Harassment Prohibited
- Policy 5:100, Staff Development Program

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- Policy 6:150, Home and Hospital Instruction
- Policy 6:235, Access to Electronic Networks
- Policy 7:10, Equal Educational Opportunities
- Policy 7:20, Harassment of Students Prohibited
- Policy 7:50, School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools
- Policy 7:60, Residence
- Policy 7:70, Attendance and Truancy
- Policy 7:180, Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
- Policy 7:185, Teen Dating Violence Prohibited
- Policy 7:200, Suspension Procedures
- Policy 7:210, Expulsion Procedures
- Policy 7:250, Student Support Services
- Policy 7:255, Students Who are Parents, Expectant Parents, or Victims of Domestic or Sexual Violence
- Policy 7:270, Restrictions on Publicans; Elementary Schools
- Policy 7:315, Restrictions on Publications, High Schools
- Policy 7:340, Student Records
- Policy 8:30, Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

- Annual Review: Policy 7:190; Student Behavior

No. 20429 Dr. Oren-Amit made a motion and Mr. Walsh seconded the motion to approve the Policy Updates as listed on PRESS Issue 118 as presented, with a roll call vote as listed below.

AYE: Opi Akuffo, Matthew Basinger, Ms. Marlyse Cohen, Dr. Gali Oren-Amit, Daniel Walsh

NAY: None

ABSENT: Martha Carlos, Jack Waddle

New Business

No. 20430 Resolution for the Proposed Withdrawal of District 27 from the TrueNorth Cooperative 804

Upon review Dr. Oren-Amit moved and Ms. Cohen seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Proposed Withdrawal of District 27 from TrueNorth 804 with a roll call vote as listed below.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Opi Akuffo, Matthew Basinger, Ms. Marlyse Cohen, Dr. Gali Oren-Amit, Daniel Walsh

NAY: None

ABSENT: Martha Carlos, Jack Waddle

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No. 20431 Resolution for the Proposed Withdrawal of District 30 from the TrueNorth Cooperative 804
Upon review Mr. Akuffo moved and Dr. Oren-Amit seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Proposed Withdrawal of District 30 from TrueNorth 804 with a roll call vote as listed below.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Opi Akuffo, Matthew Basinger, Ms. Marlyse Cohen, Dr. Gali Oren-Amit, Daniel Walsh

NAY: None

ABSENT: Martha Carlos, Jack Waddle

No. 20432 Resolution for the Proposed Withdrawal of District 106 from the TrueNorth Cooperative 804
Upon review Ms. Cohen moved and Mr. Walsh seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Proposed Withdrawal of District 106 from TrueNorth 804 with a roll call vote as listed below.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Opi Akuffo, Matthew Basinger, Ms. Marlyse Cohen, Dr. Gali Oren-Amit, Daniel Walsh

NAY: None

ABSENT: Martha Carlos, Jack Waddle

No. 20433 Resolution for the Proposed Withdrawal of District 109 from the TrueNorth Cooperative 804
Upon review Ms. Cohen moved and Mr. Walsh seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Proposed Withdrawal of District 109 from TrueNorth 804 with a roll call vote as listed below.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Opi Akuffo, Matthew Basinger, Ms. Marlyse Cohen, Dr. Gali Oren-Amit, Daniel Walsh

NAY: None

ABSENT: Martha Carlos, Jack Waddle

No. 20434 Approval of Contract with Canines 4 Comfort
Upon review Ms. Cohen moved and Dr. Oren-Amit seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Canines 4 Comfort contract with a roll call vote as listed below.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Opi Akuffo, Matthew Basinger, Ms. Marlyse Cohen, Dr. Gali Oren-Amit, Daniel Walsh

NAY: None

ABSENT: Martha Carlos, Jack Waddle

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Discussion regarding the possible relocation of the Northbrook Police Station
Dr. Deiter advised the Board that preliminary discussion took place at a meeting between the Village of Northbrook officials, the Northbrook Park District manager, Northbrook 27 and the Northbrook Police Department regarding the possibility of relocating the police station to six acres at the front of the Wood Oaks park at the front of Sanders Road adjacent to the Wood Oaks Junior High. The Village and Park District Boards will also be discussing this location as an option. The Village stated that they would make a significant investment in the improvement of Sanders Road. Logistics are also being discussed regarding the parking lots. If this location would go forward, the earliest that it would be possible is a couple of years. Tonight's discussion is to determine any concerns that community members might have.

Good and Welfare - Congratulations to the Wood Oaks graduates, best wishes moving forward at Glenbrook North.

Community Comments - Sydney Topaz provided public comment in support of a modern Hebrew program at Northbrook 27. Dr. Deiter indicated that the question of offering a modern Hebrew language program will be included on the community survey in late October in order to determine interest in the program.

Superintendent Comments / Update
Dr. Deiter mentioned that the Board Members Committee appointments were finalized for the next two years and are available on the District website.

Closed Session - None Scheduled

No. 20435 Motion to Adjourn the Board of Education Meeting

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board at this time Mr. Walsh moved and Dr. Oren-Amit 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 Matthew Basinger called the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

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MINUTES APPROVED ON 7/31/25

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