BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTHBROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT 27
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Regular Meeting of 8/14/25	Regular Meeting of August 14, 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.

ADDENDUM to the August 14, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes:

Board President Matthew Basinger called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:31 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
Ms. Marlyse Cohen
Mr. Jack Waddle

Staff: Dr. John Deiter, Superintendent
Dr. Kimberly Rio, Asst. Supt. of Finance/Operations
Dr. Katharine Olson, Asst. Supt. of Curriculum/Instruction
Dr. Robert McElligott, Director of Human Resources

Absent: Mrs. Martha Carlos
Mr. Dan Walsh

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

Board Reports - None Scheduled

Staff Reports

● Report on Summer Success Program

Dr. Katharine Olson, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Learning reported on the student summer program. This program was started in response to education impacts due to the Covid pandemic, student enrollment has started to decline since 2022 with current enrollment at 50 students in 2025. During the summer of 2026 due to construction, the summer program will not be able to be held inside any of the NB27 buildings. A determination will be made later this year after off-campus options are fully explored.

● Report on Summer Curriculum Work/Professional Learning

Dr. Olson Dr. Olson thanked the Board of Education for approving the summer professional development sessions. She explained that there were 26 main professional development projects scheduled of which 140

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educator slots were attended. Some of the 55 sessions included training on Brisk, RULER, Second Step, PBIS, and planning for Nico the District's therapy dog. The technology coordinators were intensely involved in the sessions as well as teacher leaders. A breakdown of the grade by grade subject sessions were provided.

● Report on New Teacher Academy

Dr. McElligott, Director of Human Resources welcomed 12 new teachers and one long term sub covering for a maternity leave. It is a great group and the days were very productive. On the first day, the administrative staff came in to introduce themselves and have breakfast together. The social emotion learning staff was included when appropriate, Ms. Conway in Human Resources explained the Skyward and RedRover programs. Mentor teacher leaders were in continuous communication in order to put together meaningful sessions. Dr. Olson reviewed the curriculum and what the revision and assessment programs entail. The technology coordinators went over the using Infinite campus, and the teaching platforms. Dr. Rio went over the emergency preparedness procedures. Ruler, social emotional learning were explained and Nico the therapy canine was introduced. Mr. Hope narrated the bus tour of the Northbrook 27 area and the mentors joined them for part of that day as well as the association president to review the contract with them.

● Announce the New Teacher Reception with the Board of Education on September 18, 2025

The Board of Education will have a chance to meet this year's 13 new teachers at the beginning of the September 18th Board of Education meeting; the event will start at 6:00 p.m. The Principals and Mr. Hansen from Facilities will be in attendance to provide their annual start of school updates.

● Enrollment Report

Dr. Deiter reviewed the enrollment report for each grade level. The District does not drop students at this time of the year unless a records transfer request has been received, the reported numbers will be adjusted somewhat over the next couple of weeks. At present we are 25 students up with most of those students in kindergarten. The second grade class continues to grow, but not as much as expected; as Hickory Point is tight on space, it was reduced to seven sections. The added classrooms at Hickory Point will be a welcome addition. The fourth grade class has been the biggest class for a few years now and is at 168 students currently. An updated enrollment report will be shared at the September Board of Education meeting.

● Project 2030 Review

Dr. Deiter gave an overview of Vision 2030, a collaborative effort of a number of Illinois education associations, including the Illinois Association of School Boards and the Illinois Association of School Administrators. The key goals are to work for mandated relief, promote future-focused learning, and establish predictable funding, among others. The Board of Education will be asked to sign a resolution approving the effort at its meeting next month.

<u>Consent Agenda</u>

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

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Upon review Opi Akuffo moved and Jack Waddle 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, Ms. Marlyse Cohen, Dr. Gali Oren-Amit, and Jack Waddle

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mrs. Martha Carlos, Mr. Dan Walsh

No. 20458 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on July 31, 2025

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

No. 20459 Approval of Hire, Fourth Grade Reading Teacher, Shabonee

Name	Position	Location	Start Date	Salary
Christian Gabriel	4th Grade Reading Teacher	Shabonee	August 18, 2025	BA, Step 1 $59,340/yr

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Name	Position	Location	Start Date	Salary
Jennifer Koval	Instructional Assistant	Shabonee	August 18, 2025	$24.97/hr

No. 20461 Approval of Hire, Instructional Assistant, Shabonee

Name	Position	Location	Start Date	Salary
Veronica Saavedra	Instructional Assistant	Shabonee	August 1, 2025	$22.60/hr

No. 20462 Approval of Hire

Name	Position	Location	Start Date	Salary
Matt Boston	Instructional Assistant	Hickory Point	August 18, 2025	$23.18/hr

No. 20463 Acceptance of Resignation, Instructional Assistant, Shabonee

Financial Reports

No. 20464 Statement of Claims for August, 2025 in the amount of $629,237.05 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20465 Statement of BMO Claims for August, 2025 in the amount of $30,968.45 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20466 Statement of Position for July, 2025 in the amount of $11,354,878.45 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

Copies of the Statement of Investments for the period ending July, 2025 were distributed to Board members for their review. This report shows that as of this date, the district has $11,543,166.80 invested in funds that are earning interest at rates that range from 4.22 to 4.52 percent. This report was made part of the official minutes.

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No. 20467 Statement of Receipts for July, 2025 in the amount of $138,514.83 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20468 Status of Appropriations for July, 2025 in the amount of $2,128,027.30 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20469 Wood Oaks Activity Report, July, 2025 in the amount of $37,250.26 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

Revolving Fund Report, No Report in August.

No. 20470 Payroll Dated July 31, 2025, in the amount of $215,987.03 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20471 Payroll Dated August 15, 2025, in the amount of $218,531.38 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20472 Determination for the Closed Session Minutes for the Period of January 2025 to June 2025

No. 20473 Approval of the Destruction of Closed Session Audio Recordings prior to January 2024

No. 20474 Approval of Building Threat Assessment Teams for 2025-26

No. 20475 Substitute Teacher Rates for 2025-26

Type of Guest Educator (formerly "Sub")	**Rate of Pay**
Daily	$150 per day
Daily, after 20 full days of covering a posting	$160 per day
Past Employee (e.g., retired teacher)	$180 per day
Long-term teacher (>20 consecutive days in the same role)	Lane 1 Step 1 of salary schedule
Long-term instructional assistant (>20 consecutive days in the same role)	$170 per day
Registered Nurse	$170 per day

Unfinished Business - None Scheduled

New Business

No. 20476 First Read of Policy Revisions from Illinois Association of School Boards PRESS Issue #119

○ Policy 1:10, School District Legal Status

○ Policy 1:20, District Organization, Operations, and Cooperative Agreements

○ Policy 2:80, Board Member Oath and Conduct

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○ Policy 2:130, Board-Superintendent Relationship
○ Policy 7:40, Nonpublic School Students, Including Parochial and Home-Schooled Students
○ Policy 7:90, Release During School Hours
○ Policy 7:130, Student Rights and Responsibilities
○ Policy 7:140, Search and Seizure
○ Policy 7:300, Extracurricular Activities
○ Policy 7:325, Student Fundraising Activities
○ Policy 8:80, Gifts to the District

Good and Welfare - Band Camp was a great success! Thank you to the staff members who were able to help make this event terrific for the students.

Community Comments - Steve Warner made public comments representing a coalition of parents supporting a modern Hebrew language program. The comments and handout for the Board members were to provide additional information to the District in support of the program. Two Glenbrook North students made public comments in support of the program as well as another parent who resides in the District.

Superintendent Comments / Update - Dr. Deiter said that the playground is coming along great at Shabonee. Regarding the current status of TrueNorth, all 18 member districts are planning on withdrawing from the cooperative. The District is exploring an orderly dissolution of the cooperative. A small group of Districts is exploring the options of creating a smaller cooperative. We do rely on TrueNorth for some of our student's services. The recommendation is that we explore the option to form a reiteration of TrueNorth that is more fiscally responsible for meeting the needs of the Districts. At the August 20th TrueNorth meeting, they will approve two interim superintendents to take the lead during the final years of the current TrueNorth cooperative.

Closed Session - None Scheduled

No. 20477 Motion to Adjourn the Board of Education Meeting

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board at this time Gali Oren-Amit moved and Marlyse Cohen 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 7:30 p.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

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MINUTES APPROVED ON 9/18/25

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