BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTHBROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT 27
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Regular Meeting of 11/06/25	Regular Meeting of November 06, 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.

President 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
Mrs. Martha Carlos, Board Member
Mr. Jack Waddle, Board Member

Staff: Dr. John Deiter, Superintendent
Dr. Kimberly Rio, Assistant Superintendent

Absent: Mr. Opi Akuffo, Board Member
Mr. Dan Walsh, Board Member
Dr. Katharine Olson, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Rob McElligott, Director of Human Resources

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

Communications

1. Board Reports - Bond Closing Update

Mr. Basinger read the following bond closing information into the record.

We are pleased to report that the District has completed the official closing for both the Series 2025A and the Series 2025B bonds.

The Series 2025A bond proceeds will fund the future health and safety improvements needed at Shabonee and Wood Oaks schools.

The Series 2025B bond proceeds will fund future capital improvements for new addition space at Hickory Point, site improvements at Wood Oaks, and overall improvements to safety and security, technology infrastructure, flooring, and classroom furniture districtwide.

We would like to thank the District 27 community for supporting the referendum last year and for the continued support as we embark on future capital improvements for District 27 schools.

2. Staff Reports

- Presentation of Tentative Tax Levy for 2025

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Dr. Kimberly Rio, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations reviewed the timeline and process of the annual tax levy for the Board of Education. Tonight is the first review, November 20 will be the recommendation to approve the tentative tax levy, December 4 will be the public hearing, and December 18 will be the recommendation to approve the final 2025 tax levy.

The Recommendation to the Board of Education is to: Levy the 2024 consumer price index (CPI) at 2.9 percent in accordance with the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL)
Levy an additional amount above the CPI to capture growth in Equalized Assessed Value (EAV)
Total levy = 10% increase over the prior year aggregate extension
The financial condition of the local tax base and the rate of inflation are two key indicators which are monitored as part of the tax levy development process. The PTELL law and the CPI were reviewed.
The financial condition of the local tax base was reviewed, the 2024 EAV increased from $1.075 billion in 2023 to $1.081 billion in 2024 and the preliminary new property is $1.5 million in 2024. This is a triennial reassessment year and new property and redevelopment needs to be accounted for. The EAV division by class amongst industrial, residential and commercial was reviewed. New development at two locations within Northbrook 27 boundaries, 3700 Dundee Road and 175 Pointe Drive was reviewed. Property tax appeals were discussed. Revenue sources were reviewed and the 2025-26 operating budget of $36.2 million dollars was reviewed. The financial projection from 2023 to 2029 was reviewed and also the capital improvement planning was explained. The Bond & interest tax levy will be filed in February 2026. The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) approved the waiver application for the completed health life safety work at Hickory Point school. The closing of issued bonds to replenish the general reserve fund is expected in January 2026 after which the financial projection will be updated and the 2025-26 budget will be amended in February 2026.

- First Read of the 2026-27 Proposed Calendar

Dr. Deiter stated the process for the annual calendar review is to bring an updated draft to the administrators and then to the association for review and input, after which those edits are made and a proposed calendar is recommended to the Board of Education for approval.

- TrueNorth Revised Articles of Agreement

Dr. Deiter updated the Board of Education on the current status of the reorganization of the TrueNorth cooperative. The reorganization committee met and has started to rewrite new bylaws for the reorganization, some of which are that they will maintain a governance board with two year terms. It is expected that 15 to 16 school districts will become members of the new cooperative. An executive committee consisting of member superintendents will be established who will work with the executive director of TrueNorth.

The new model will be smaller, with fewer instructional assistants on staff and the professional development unit will be eliminated. The executive committee will meet six times a year. Interviews will be held for the executive director and recommended by the board with final voting conducted by the executive committee, who will also conduct the evaluations of said director. The property ownership of TrueNorth with the current 18 member districts will still need to be determined. Membership fees have been eliminated, it will now be a tuition and service based fee schedule. Due to this reorganization, Dr. Deiter's recommendation is to rescind the NB27 withdrawal that was previously filed.

- FOIA Request, Yiran Zhang, SEIU Local 1

Dr. Deiter explained the recent FOIA request asking for information regarding food services contracts and the district's response.

No Personnel Transactions included for this Board Meeting

No Financial Reports included for this Board Meeting

No Consent Agenda included for this Board Meeting

Unfinished Business - None Scheduled

New Business - None Scheduled

Good and Welfare - The Little Bulldogs program has been receiving wonderful feedback.

Community Comments - Ms. Kaczmarek seconded the feedback for The Little Bulldogs program.

Superintendent Comments / Update - Dr. Deiter reported on the Perceptions survey which was recently sent out to parents, students and staff of the district. The data that has been received thus far has shown growth in all areas. The student data has not yet been received. Bill Foster will present the full survey report for the Board of Education at the January Board meeting. Due to the changes at TrueNorth, we will begin to post positions to cover bringing these programs in house. Regarding this year's delay in Cook county property taxes, which is the third delay in recent years, district superintendents are working on a joint letter to be sent to the Cook County Commissioner to request that a solution needs to be found. The delays in property tax bills and subsequent receipt of those dollars are costing school districts money in interest revenue. There is some discussion that the bills may go out on November 15th, but three delays in recent years requires action.

No. 20521 Mr. Waddle made a Motion to enter Closed Session, seconded by Mrs. Carlos, with a roll call vote as listed below.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Opi Akuffo, and Dan Walsh

Closed Session - Security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(8). 7:31 p.m.

No. 20522 Reconvene to Open Session. 8:05 p.m.
Dr. Oren-Amit made a motion to reconvene to Open Session, seconded by Mrs. Carlos, followed by a voice vote. All in favor, 5 ayes.

No. 20523 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 Ms. Cohen seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned.

The motion was unanimously approved, and President Copeland called the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

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PRESIDENT SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED ON 11/20/25