BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTHBROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT 27
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Wood Oaks Commons (Lower Level)
6:30 PM

Regular Meeting of 1/22/26	The Regular Meeting of January 22, 2026 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 Vice President Gali Oren-Amit called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Present: Dr. Gali Oren-Amit, Vice President
Ms. Marlyse Cohen
Mr. Jack Waddle
Mr. Dan Walsh

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: Mr. Matthew Basinger, President
Mr. Opi Akuffo
Mrs. Martha Carlos

Student Presentation - Shabonee Social Science Curriculum
Several Shabonee students visited to highlight the school's Social Studies curriculum. Students in grades 3-5 are engaging in meaningful, hands-on social studies learning that builds global awareness, critical thinking, and civic responsibility. Third graders have been exploring global connections by making personal links to the world; fourth graders have focused on natural resources and sustainability; and fifth graders have been analyzing cooperation and conflict, using category sorting, infographics, and picture books to justify relationships between ideas. Across all grades, students are strengthening inquiry, collaboration, and communication skills through engaging projects.

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

Board Reports - None Scheduled

Staff Reports
● Report on the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (Independent Audit) for Fiscal Year 2024-25, *(the report was tabled until the next regular meeting)*

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● Report on the Satisfaction Survey

Derek Gottlieb of School Perceptions reviewed the bi-annual survey which gathers feedback from district stakeholders on school climate, programs, and overall satisfaction. The survey is sent to parents, students and staff members and rated amongst member districts, an index analysis is completed to provide education leaders with a snapshot of the results.

The parent survey had 480 respondents and a 30 percent response rate.

The student survey had 751 respondents and a 98 percent participation rate.

The staff survey had 156 respondents and a 68 percent participation rate.

In all areas of all three surveys the ratings had either improved or remained the same. Superintendent Dr. John Deiter noted that the District is continuing to analyze the full survey results to identify areas for improvement and guide future strategic planning. A more comprehensive report will be shared on the District website this spring.

● Professional Development Day Update for the January 16 Sessions

Dr. Katharine Olson, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction summarized the recent professional development day. There were 47 unique sessions of professional learning for all certified staff and instructional assistants. The day was broken up into four 90-minute sessions. All staff engaged in a double session on inclusive practices to engage all learners that was facilitated by Paula Kluth. Dr. Kluth explained the benefits of movement in the classroom and modeled several different strategies. Other sessions included: Social Studies, and Math / Reading Action Plans. The middle school Instructional Assistants participated in a session on Artificial Intelligence to build their skills, knowledge, and the use of AI in their positions. Many departments and grade levels had some collaboration time, which we value greatly. Lastly, Dr. Olson thanked the PTA for providing cake pops for staff members during the professional development day.

Seven FOIA requests were received as listed below.

- FOIA Request, CT Mills, Public Info Access LLC
- FOIA Request, Max Binnington, Judiciocracy LLC
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- FOIA Request, Owen Wang, North Cook News
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- FOIA Request, Enrique Campos, Painters District Council #14
- FOIA Request, Travis Ter Haar, Painters District Council #14

Consent Agenda

Board Vice President Gali Oren-Amit called for Review of the Consent Agenda items.

Upon review Marlyse Cohen 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: Ms. Marlyse Cohen, Dr. Gali Oren-Amit, Jack Waddle, and Mr. Dan Walsh
NAY: None
ABSENT: Opi Akuffo, Matthew Basinger, Mrs. Martha Carlos

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No. 20565 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting on December 18, 2025

No. 20566 Approval of the Amended Minutes of the Board of Education Meeting on November 20, 2025

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

No. 20567 Acceptance of Intent to Retire, Shabonee, August, 2026

No. 20568 Approval of Hire

Name	Position	Location	Start Date	Salary
Jack Kociuba	Special Education	Shabonee	January 26, 2026	MA/Step 1 -$67,354 (prorated for FY26)

No. 20569 Approval of Hire

Name	Position	Location	Start Date	Salary
Lauren Randazzo	Speech Lang. Pathologist	Shabonee	Aug. 17, 2026	MA/Step 15 - $71,206.10yr (0.7 FTE)

Financial Reports

No. 20570 Statement of Claims #2 for December, 2025 in the amount of $224,000.00 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20571 Statement of Claims for January, 2026 in the amount of $1,040,545.20 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20572 Statement of BMO Claims for January, 2026 in the amount of $13,062.71 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20573 Statement of Position for December, 2025 in the amount of $9,398,705.92 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

Copies of the Statement of Investments for the period ending December, 2025 were distributed to Board members for their review. This report shows that as of this date, the district has $12,275,608.55 invested in funds that are earning interest at rates that range from 3.73 to 4.08 percent. This report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20574 Statement of Receipts for December, 2025 in the amount of $12,025,326.24 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20575 Status of Appropriations for December, 2025 in the amount of $3,122,523.42 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20576 Wood Oaks Activity Report, December, 2025 in the amount of $39,336.66 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No Revolving Fund Report

No. 20577 Payroll Dated December 19, 2025, in the amount of $1,002,215.17 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20578 Payroll Dated January 15, 2026, in the amount of $1,038,550.14 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

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No. 20579 Acceptance of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for 2024-25

No. 20580 Approval for Public Act. 97-0357 for Shared or Outsourced Services

No. 20581 Approval of Contract with Heartland Business Systems

No. 20582 Approval of School Maintenance Grant Application FY2026

Unfinished Business

No. 20583 Approval of Policy Updates as Recommended by Illinois Association of School Boards on PRESS Issue 120 and policies 4:50, 4:60, and 6:210.
Jack Waddle moved and Marlyse Cohen seconded the motion that the Board of Education Approve the Policy Updates as Recommended by Illinois Association of School Boards on PRESS Issue 120 and policies 4:50, 4:60, and 6:210 with a roll call vote as listed below.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Ms. Marlyse Cohen, Dr. Gali Oren-Amit, Jack Waddle, and Mr. Dan Walsh
NAY: None
ABSENT: Opi Akuffo, Matthew Basinger, Mrs. Martha Carlos

New Business

Board Vice President Dr. Oren-Amit read the bond sale information into the record.

No. 20584 Approval of Resolution for Bonds 2026A
Consideration of a Resolution providing for the issue and sale of approximately $5,265,000 of School fire prevention and safety bonds (series 2026A) and for the levy of taxes to pay the Bonds.

Jack Waddle moved and Daniel Walsh seconded the motion that the Board of Education Approve the Resolution providing for the issue and sale of approximately $5,265,000 of School fire prevention and safety bonds (series 2026A) and for the levy of taxes to pay the bonds with a roll call vote as listed below.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Ms. Marlyse Cohen, Dr. Gali Oren-Amit, Jack Waddle, and Mr. Dan Walsh
NAY: None
ABSENT: Opi Akuffo, Matthew Basinger, Mrs. Martha Carlos

No. 20585 Approval of Resolution for Bonds 2026B
Consideration of a resolution providing for the issue and sale of approximately $585,000 of working cash fund bonds (series 2026B) and for the levy of taxes to pay the bonds.

Jack Waddle moved and Marlyse Cohen seconded the motion that the Board of Education Approve the Resolution providing for the issue and sale of approximately $585,000 of working cash fund bonds (series 2026B) and for the levy of taxes to pay the bonds with a roll call vote as listed below.

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On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Ms. Marlyse Cohen, Dr. Gali Oren-Amit, Jack Waddle, and Mr. Dan Walsh
NAY: None
ABSENT: Opi Akuffo, Matthew Basinger, Mrs. Martha Carlos

Dr. Kimberly Rio, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations discussed the bond sale which occurred earlier today, both bond sales occurred today, 59 competitive bids were received for the 2026A bonds. Robert W. Baird was the winning bidder and those bonds have a 3.9644 percent interest rate.

The second bond sale of $565,000 had two bidders and the winning bid was from the Baker Group of New York and has an interest rate of 2.6854 percent interest. Attached are the resolutions and the award packet for the two bond series that will come to the board in February asking to reimburse the general fund for health life safety work completed at Hickory Point School.

Good and Welfare - National Board Members Month - a sincere thank you to the Board members for all of their work and support. D27 totes were handed out on this day of National recognition.

Community Comments - No community comments were made this evening.

Superintendent Comments / Update - Dr. Deiter reported that the planned closed session for tonight will be tabled until the next meeting, as a few board members are absent. The next Board member election will be the following year, as such this year's Superintendent evaluation will be conducted in May instead of March.

The much anticipated building equipment / furnishings meetings will be held over the next couple of weeks. There is still a lot of work to do across the school buildings over the next couple of years.

Closed Session The scheduled closed session is tabled for this evening.

No. 20586 Motion to Adjourn the Board of Education Meeting

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board at this time Daniel Walsh 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 Vice President Gali Oren-Amit called the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

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PRESIDENT SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED ON 2/19/26

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