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

Regular Meeting of 2/19/26	The Regular Meeting of February 19, 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 President Matt Basinger 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: Mr. Matthew Basinger, President
Dr. Gali Oren-Amit, Vice President (arrived at 6:31 p.m.)
Mr. Opi Akuffo
Mrs. Martha Carlos
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

Absent: Dr. Robert McElligott, Director of Human Resources

Student Presentation - Hickory Point Clubs

Hickory Point students of all grade levels visited the Board of Education meeting on February 19 to highlight the school's club offerings. Students shared their experiences in STEAM Club, Broadcast Club, Friendly Faces Club, Kind Kids Club, LEGO Club, and Newcomer's/Friendship Club. On average, 66 students participate in each club throughout the school year.

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 the Fiscal Year 2024-25

Susan Jones at Miller Cooper & Company reviewed the AFR for fiscal year 2025. The annual report includes financial statements, summaries, and statistics for that year and data over the past 10 years. Northbrook 27 received the highest possible rating in an independent audit. The report offers a detailed overview of the

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District's financial health and operations. For 16 consecutive years, the District has received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association and the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Association of School Business Officials International. The annual financial report is posted on the District's website.

- Report on Facilities Improvement Plan Update 2026

Dr. Kimberly Rio, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations, and Mr. Richard Hansen, Director of Facilities, presented to the Board an updated report of the construction timelines and the scope of the work to be completed for all three schools. Construction bids for Hickory Point school will open this week on February 25th and the winning bid will be recommended to the Board for approval at a March Board meeting. The current timeline for construction projects is:

Hickory Point

- *2026:* Roof and HVAC replacements, new classroom and multipurpose building addition*, furniture and flooring updates, technology upgrades
- *2027:* Continued building construction on the addition, safety and security enhancements, furniture and flooring updates, playground and pavement updates

Shabonee

- *2026:* Roof and HVAC replacements, electrical work, furniture and pavement updates, technology upgrades
- *2027:* Continued roof and HVAC replacements, furniture and pavement updates, new flooring, safety and security enhancements

Wood Oaks

- *2026:* Furniture and flooring updates
- *2027:* Continued furniture and flooring updates, electrical work, parking lot and bus drive reconfiguration, safety and security enhancements, and technology upgrades

Additional information will be shared with the Board as it becomes available.

- Report on Northbrook Park District Shared Services

Dr. Rio and Dr. Deiter reported on the possibility of partnering with the Northbrook Park District in the future regarding the multi-use space at Hickory Point school. Northbrook #28 offers this option at their Greenbriar school. Ms. Loftus at the park district has requested a proposal on the shared services. Our new space at Hickory Point will cost approximately two million dollars, we currently have an intergovernmental agreement with the park district for summer programming and the park district provides our landscaping / mowing services. We have maintained a beneficial partnership with the Northbrook Park District and wish to continue to do so in future years. Currently the district is exploring options for offering summer camp, etc. with a

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potential shared cost of the multi-use space at 50 percent of the cost, such as construction, utility services, repairs and replacements, and security. There would be a detailed facility usage of space with NB27 programming being given first priority, this plan is in-line with what is occurring with District #28. The Board of Education is in agreement with pursuing this shared services agreement.

- Summer Success Program Update

Dr. Katharine Olson, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction advised the Board of Education that due to the construction occurring at all three school buildings over the next two years, it will not be feasible to hold the summer success program in-house. As such, options have been explored on how this program could be offered in some capacity at outside locations. Currently, about 50 students utilize the program which is normally held at Shabonee school. This program requires eleven classrooms. Sylvan is one option that is being reviewed to determine if partnering with them will be a viable option. The funding is still being determined as this program is mainly funded by Title I funding of $46,000 with a lesser portion paid by the registered families. The next option is to survey parents to see if there is enough interest in traveling to Sylvan in Glenview in order to continue to work on closing the funding gap.

Ms. Tarah O'Connell, Director of Communications read the five FOIA requests as listed below.

Received a FOIA Request on Jan. 20 from the Illinois Retired Teachers Association

- List of certified staff retiring this year

Received a FOIA Request on Jan. 22 from Republic Services

- Most recent signed contract with Lakeshore Recycling Services and copies of their invoices from Oct-Dec 2025

Received a FOIA Request on Feb. 3 from Public Info Access

- Records/policies stating purchasing thresholds for admin and board approval

Received a FOIA Request on Feb. 3 from Sunlight Access

- Specific learning program vendor contracts from Jan 2021-Jan 2026

Received a FOIA Request on Feb. 8 from SmartProcure

- Purchasing records from Nov. 20, 2025 to present

Consent Agenda

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

Upon review Jack Waddle moved and Gali Oren-Amit 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:

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

No. 20587 Approval of the Bond Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting on January 22, 2026A

No. 20588 Approval of the Bond Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting on January 22, 2026B

No. 20589 Approval of the Addendum to the Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting on January 22, 2026

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

No. 20590 Approval of Hire

Name	Position	Location	Start Date	Salary
Candace Wilson	Instructional Assistant	Shabonee	February 2, 2026	$22.50/hr

No. 20591 Approval of Hire

Name	Position	Location	Start Date	Salary
Amy Kurth	Speech Language Pathologist	HP & WO	August 17, 2026	MA+30/Step 25-$136,346

No. 20592 Approval of Hire

Name	Position	Location	Start Date	Salary
Kurt Haas	Occupational Therapist	District-Wide	August 17, 2026	MA+30/Step 4 - $80,803

No. 20593 Approval of Hire

Name	Position	Location	Start Date	Salary
Kathleen Kelly	Instructional Assistant	Hickory Point	August 17, 2026	$26.90/hr

No. 20594 Approval of Hire

Name	Position	Location	Start Date	Salary
Landa Gillet	Instructional Assistant	Hickory Point	August 17, 2026	$22.59/hr

No. 20595 Approval of Hire

Name	Position	Location	Start Date	Salary
LingHong Yang	Instructional Assistant	Hickory Point	August 17, 2026	$29.42/hr

No. 20596 Acceptance of Resignation, Math Teacher, Wood Oaks, July 15, 2026

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Financial Reports

No. 20597 Statement of Claims for February, 2026 in the amount of $1,064,217.68 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20598 Statement of BMO Claims for February, 2026 in the amount of $24,804.83 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20599 Statement of Position for January, 2026 in the amount of $9,921,226.05 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

Copies of the Statement of Investments for the period ending January, 2026 were distributed to Board members for their review. This report shows that as of this date, the district has $15,990,048.07 invested in funds that are earning interest at rates that range from 3.61 to 3.59 percent. This report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20600 Statement of Receipts for January, 2026 in the amount of $3,710,048.51 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20601 Status of Appropriations for January, 2026 in the amount of $3,187,528.38 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20602 Wood Oaks Activity Report, January, 2026 in the amount of $40,273.37 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20603 Revolving Fund Report, February, 2026 in the amount of $920.00 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20604 Payroll Dated January 30, 2026, in the amount of $1,080,818.77 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20605 Payroll Dated February 13, 2026, in the amount of $1,012,076.02 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20606 Approval of the Determination for the Closed Session Minutes for the Period of July 2025 Through December 2025

No. 20607 Approval of Destruction of Closed Session Audio Tapes Prior to July 2024

No. 20608 Approval of Resolution to Transfer from Life Safety Fund to the O&M Fund

No. 20609 Approval of Resolution to Abate Working Cash Fund to O&M Fund

Dr. Kimberly Rio, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations explained that the resolution for the funds transfer is the final step in the bond sale to replenish the fund balance reserve from the expenditures of health life safety work completed at Hickory Point School.

Unfinished Business - None Scheduled

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New Business

No. 20610 Approval of Property Tax Delay Resolution

Jack Waddle moved and Gali Oren-Amit seconded the motion that the Board of Education Approve the Property Tax Delay Resolution- with a roll call vote as listed below.

Dr. Deiter and Dr. Rio explained that this is a formal Resolution being filed with the Cook County in order to address the impact on Cook County schools due to the continued delay in property tax collections. This delay has cost municipalities a collective 122 million dollars in lost interest due to numerous, repeated delays in property tax collections. Northbrook 27 has realized a 685,000 loss in accrued interest due to the eight month delay in receipt of these tax dollars. This situation reiterates the necessity of maintaining a fund balance reserve as some Districts were forced to borrow money in order to meet financial obligations while waiting for the delayed tax collections.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

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

Good and Welfare - No comments under Good and Welfare were made at this meeting.

Community Comments - No community comments were made this evening.

Superintendent Comments / Update - Dr. Deiter reported that Dr. McElligott attended a Job Fair today in order to recruit incoming staff for open positions in the district.

Closed Session 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. 20611 Motion to Move to Closed Session 8:15 p.m.
Martha Carlos made a motion to Move to Closed Session, and Opi Akuffo seconded the motion followed by a roll call vote as follows:

AYE: Opi Akuffo, Gali Oren-Amit, Matt Basinger, Martha Carlos, Marlyse Cohen, Jack Waddle and Dan Walsh
ABSENT: None
NAY: None

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No. 20612 Motion to Reconvene to Open Session 8:43 p.m.

Gali Oren-Amit made a Motion to return to Open Session, seconded by Martha Carlos.

All in Favor. Motion Passed

No. 20613 Motion to Adjourn the Board of Education Meeting

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board at this time Jack Waddle moved and Opi Akuffo 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 Matt Basinger called the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

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