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

Regular Meeting of 3/19/26	The Regular Meeting of March 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 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
Mr. Opi Akuffo
Mrs. Martha Carlos (arrived at 6:34 p.m.)
Ms. Marlyse Cohen (remote attendance)
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

Student Presentation - Shabonee Extended Resource Room
Several staff members from the Shabonee Extended Resource Classroom attended the Board of Education meeting on March 19 to highlight the classroom's unique learning environment and student achievements this school year. Students have been strengthening reading comprehension and fluency, along with writing, math, social, and language skills, through a multidisciplinary model supported by an extended resource teacher, speech-language pathologist, social workers, occupational therapist, and instructional assistants.

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

Board Reports - None Scheduled

Staff Reports

- Update on Regular Transportation Services

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Dr. Kimberly Rio, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations explained that the current transportation company that the District is contracted with, North Shore Transit has sold the company to First Student effective immediately. A parent letter was sent out to Northbrook families notifying them. Bus routes and pickups are expected to remain the same. We have one year remaining in the current contract and the District will then re-evaluate for the next contact to determine how the transition has gone.

- Update on Audit Services

Dr. Rio informed Board members that Miller Cooper & Co. will no longer be auditing school districts, as such another firm will be utilized for the required annual audit. The auditing process generally begins in March. One of the School District auditors, Ms. Betsy Allen is relocating to an auditing firm called Sikich. Dr. Rio is recommending that the District contracts for a one-year engagement with Sikich and then re-evaluate after that time.

- TrueNorth Governing Board Alternate

Dr. Deiter explained that we need to have an alternate to represent the Northbrook 27 interests on the TrueNorth Governing Board in the event that Mr. Waddle cannot attend. Dr. Gali Oren-Amit volunteered to be the alternate. The meetings are held at a minimum of twice a year.

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

1. Received a FOIA request on March 2 from the Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting for:
- Copies of the bid tabulations for Hickory Point site work

Fulfilled that request

2. Received a FOIA request on February 26 from Rebecca Bennett for:
- Superintendent(s) contracts from 2019-present; as well as
- Administrator and teacher salaries and benefits reports from 2019-present

Fulfilled that request

Consent Agenda

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

Upon review Jack Waddle moved and Opi Akuffo 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, Gali Oren-Amit, Martha Carlos, Jack Waddle, and Dan Walsh
NAY: None
ABSENT: Matthew Basinger, and (Marlyse Cohen attended remotely)

No. 20621 Approval of the Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting of February 19, 2026

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No. 20622 Approval of the Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of February 19, 2026

No. 20623 Approval of the Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting of March 5, 2026

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

No. 20624 Approval of Hire

Name	Position	Location	Start Date	Salary
Sarai Vargas Aviles	Spanish Teacher	Wood Oaks	August 17, 2026	MA+30/Step 8-$93,806/yr

No. 20625 Acceptance of Intent to Retire, Hickory Point Teacher, June 2030

No. 20626 Acceptance of Intent to Retire, Math/Science Coordinator, June 2030

Financial Reports

No. 20627 Statement of Claims for March, 2026 in the amount of $727,662.43 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20628 Statement of Claims #2 for March, 2026 in the amount of $4,694.98 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20629 Statement of BMO Claims for March, 2026 in the amount of $27,756.72 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20630 Statement of Position for February, 2026 in the amount of $7,048,619.67 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

Copies of the Statement of Investments for the period ending February, 2026 were distributed to Board members for their review. This report shows that as of this date, the district has $16,190,640.91 invested in funds that are earning interest at rates that range from 3.57 to 3.86 percent. This report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20631 Statement of Receipts for February, 2026 in the amount of $279,141.99 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20632 Status of Appropriations for February, 2026 in the amount of $3,151,748.37 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20633 Wood Oaks Activity Report, February, 2026 in the amount of $41,415.04 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20634 Revolving Fund Report, March, 2026 in the amount of $2,228.00 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20635 Payroll Dated February 27, 2026, in the amount of $1,030,067.44 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

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No. 20636 Payroll Dated March 13, 2026, in the amount of $1,017,094.28 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20637 Approval of Bids for Hickory Point Addition and Phase 1 Roofing Health Life Safety Improvements at Shabonee

Dr. Rio explained that the construction bids were conducted on February 25 at the Wood Oaks rotunda and there was a good turnout for it. The bids were favorable, the District had budgeted at $13.5, and the construction bid totals were at $12.7 realizing a savings of $761,000. Board members are asked to approve the base bid package plus alternate #1 which includes The gym flooring replacement at Hickory Point.

Unfinished Business - None Scheduled

New Business - None Scheduled

Good and Welfare - The Shabonee annual black light show was performed this week and it is always great to see the students' cooperation in putting out the performance. It was a great show as always, well done!
The Wood Oaks food drive was very successful, it was a record year for donations. Thank you to all of the students and families for their generosity!

Community Comments - No community comments were made this evening.

Superintendent Comments / Update - Dr. Deiter stated in the midst of planning for the construction projects, a draft of the construction will be unveiled to the staff this week and the draft will be brought to the Board of Education in April in anticipation of an approval in May.

The District's four-year compliance audit was completed back in February by the North Cook Intermediate Service Center and the results of their audit report showed full compliance.

Closed Session The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

No. 20638 Motion to Move to Closed Session 7:13 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, Martha Carlos, Jack Waddle, and Dan Walsh
NAY: None
ABSENT: Matthew Basinger, and (Marlyse Cohen attended remotely)

Motion Passed

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No. 20639 Motion to Reconvene to Open Session 7:18 p.m.

Jack Waddle made a Motion to return to Open Session, seconded by Martha Carlos.

All in Favor. Motion Passed

No. 20640 Motion to Adjourn the Board of Education Meeting

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board at this time Opi Akuffo moved and Daniel Walsh 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 7:18 p.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

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PRESIDENT SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED ON 4/23/26

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