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

Regular Meeting of 4/09/26	The Regular Meeting of April 09, 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
Mr. Opi Akuffo
Mrs. Martha Carlos
Ms. Marlyse Cohen
Mr. Jack Waddle
Mr. Daniel 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: None

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

Board Reports - None Scheduled

Staff Reports

- Review of Amended Budget for 2025-26

Dr. Kimberly Rio, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations, advised the Board as to what is required for the amended budget which is necessary to incorporate the bond sale for capital improvement expenditures. The timeline, legal notice, window for budget inspection and public hearing were explained. The original budget, approved in September, totaled $36.2 million. The bond proceeds from the April 2025 referendum brings the proposed total to $79.5 million. A public hearing is scheduled for May 21. A copy of the amended budget is available for review at the District Office, 1250 Sanders Road, through that date.

- Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) Certificate of Excellence Recognition for Fiscal Year 2025

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Dr. Deiter announced that District 27 has been awarded the Certificate of Excellence for financial reporting by the ASBO. Congratulations to Dr. Rio and her department for achieving this certificate for the 17th consecutive year! District 27 has received this award for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report each fiscal year from 2009 through 2025.

- Northbrook Public Library Intergovernmental Agreement e-books

Dr. Deiter explained that the former ebooks provider, Axis 360 is no longer providing an ebook program, the Northbrook library will now be contracting with Sora so an updated version of the Intergovernmental Agreement is on the Consent Agenda this evening for approval by the Board of Education.

- FOIA Request, CT Mills, Public Info Access LLC

Tarah O'Connell, Director of Communications explained the FOIA request and the District's response.

Consent Agenda
Board President Matt Basinger 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, Matthew Basinger, Martha Carlos, Marlyse Cohen, Gali Oren-Amit, Jack Waddle, and Daniel Walsh
NAY: None ABSENT: None
ABSENT: None

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

No. 20641 Approval of Hire

Name	Position	Location	Start Date	Salary
Lisa Jayes	1:1 Nurse	Shabonee	August 17, 2026	$60.00/hr

No. 20642 Acceptance of Intent to Retire, Wood Oaks Teacher, June 2030

No. 20643 Acceptance of Resignation, Shabonee Instructional Assistant, April 03, 2026

No. 20644 Acceptance of Resignation, Shabonee School Psychologist, June 2026

No. 20645 Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Northbrook Public Library for Library Services

No. 20646 Approval of Engagement with Audit Firm

Dr. Rio explained that as Miller Cooper will no longer be auditing school districts, one of their senior partners Betsy Allen has moved to Sikich Audit Firm and Dr. Rio has recommended that we contract with the new firm. There is a provision to re-evaluate the contract with Sikich after one year.

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Unfinished Business - None Scheduled

New Business - None Scheduled

Good and Welfare - The Wood Oaks Wind Ensemble were one of only six middle school bands to be selected to perform at the 2026 Superstate Festival at the University of Illinois on Friday, May 8th. Congratulations to the students and Wayne Gordon for achieving this opportunity to perform for the 16th time!

Community Comments - David Schiff addressed the Board on behalf of his concerns for his daughter (3rd grade) and asked the Board to conduct an independent review of the bullying and placement for his daughter in a different setting.

Superintendent Comments / Update - Dr. Deiter reported that the planning commission meeting for Wood Oaks will take place at the Northbrook Village Hall on April 21st at 7:30pm. The Board members are encouraged to attend this meeting on behalf of the District.

The TrueNorth, District 804 meetings were held this week, the agenda included the necessary layoffs and reduction in force due to the consortium's reduction in size. Dr. McElligott attended the TrueNorth meeting along with other Human Resource Directors in order to network with those impacted staff members. TrueNorth has made significant strides in the reconfiguration of their District since this time last year.

No. 20647 Closed Session - The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). 6:53 p.m.
Daniel Walsh made a motion to go into Closed Session, seconded by Marlyse, with a roll call vote as listed below.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

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

No. 20648 Reconvene to Open Session - Gali Oren-Amit made a motion to return to Open Session, seconded by Opi Akuffo, a voice vote was taken, all in favor, 7 ayes 7:07 p.m.
Motion Passed

No. 20649 Jack Waddle moved and Martha Carlos seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve Cari Beake's early retirement at the end of fiscal year 26, and the purchase of one year service credit. with a roll call vote as listed below.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Opi Akuffo, Matthew Basinger, Martha Carlos, Marlyse Cohen, Gali Oren-Amit, Jack Waddle, and Daniel Walsh

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NAY: None ABSENT: None Motion Passed

No. 20650 Motion to Adjourn the Board of Education Meeting

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board at this time Martha Carlos moved and Marlyse Cohen seconded the motion that the open meeting be adjourned. A voice vote was taken.

The motion was unanimously approved, and Board President Matt Basinger called the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

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MINUTES APPROVED ON 4/23/26

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