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

Regular Meeting of 4/23/26	The Regular Meeting of April 23, 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 Matthew 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. 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. Jack Waddle

Student Presentation - Wood Oaks - French & Spanish
Wood Oaks students taking French and Spanish showcased their spring song tournaments. Students create a bracket, listen to the music, and vote each day for their favorite songs and artists. The tournaments are called "Locura de Marzo" and "Manie Musicale." It's a way to connect not only with music and peers, but also with students all across the globe who are participating in these same tournaments.

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

Board Reports - None Scheduled

Staff Reports

● Report on the Technology Plan & Budget for 2026-27
Mr. Trevor Hope, Director of Technology, reviewed the technology highlights from this school year and reported the upcoming technology plan budget, as well as, the updates and projects that are outlined in the District's capital improvement plan at each school building.

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In 2026 ongoing cybersecurity improvements were made, the phishing campaign continued and the Centegix security systems were installed. For operational technology audio visual upgrades were installed. New firewalls were needed at all three schools which are faster, allow for AI integration and were installed in-house for a savings of $35,000. Each year new chromebooks are issued for grades K, 3 and 6. Smartboards were installed at both Hickory Point and Shabonee schools.

In the 2026/27 school year replacement charging carts will need to be purchased and Smart panels will be installed at Wood Oaks. New wiring will be installed at all three school buildings, (which is included in the capital improvements planning and budget).This will improve compatibility with new technology, be faster and provide for more WiFi accessibility. New backup internet circuits will be installed at all three schools. The STEAM lab technology consisting of: audio visual controls, projector, cameras, streambox will be replaced. New server cabinets will be installed in all networking closets. Licensing costs continue to increase as well as hardware costs, the Technology Budget for FY27 is $1,290,000.

● Review of Strategic Plan 2026-2031

Dr. Deiter and the central administrators reviewed the District's five-year Strategic Plan during its meeting. Key initiatives include: ensuring student proficiency and growth, building AI literacy among students and staff, focusing on inclusive practices and a flexible student services delivery model, and advancing capital improvement projects. The Strategic Plan is centered around the District's six "Key Success Factors" and the needs related to those areas:

- Outstanding Student Performance
- Rigorous and Coherent Programs/Services
- Highly Qualified Staff
- Social-Emotional Well-Being
- Safe Learning and Working Environment
- Healthy Financial Position

The District reviews and updates its five-year Strategic Plan annually to identify new opportunities and challenges, refine specific action plans, optimize resources, and increase taxpayer return on investment.

● Report on Summer 2026 Curriculum Projects and Budget
Dr. Katharine Olson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction reviewed the 30 projects that are planned for staff members this summer. Some of these include first and second grade social studies, social emotional learning is a large component this year and has 35 percent of the budget allotted to it; this reflects student's needs and staff priorities. As always, the staff and administrators are appreciative to have this time allocated over the summer in order to focus on this work. The noted projects are in-line with the District's strategic plan. The summer curriculum projects and learning will take place in tandem with the on-going space constraints due to construction for capital improvements. Dr. Olson will update Board members in August on the planned sessions.

● FOIA Request, Jairo Gomez, Chicagoland Laborers' District Council
● FOIA Request, Justin Wenig

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● FOIA Request, Bo Kim, Union Bids.com
● FOIA Request, Gerardo Mendez, Indiana, Illinois, & Iowa Foundation for Fair Contracting
● FOIA Request, Oshea Smith, Sunlight Access
Ms. Tarah O'Connell, Director of Communication reported on the FOIA requests and the District's response.

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

Upon review Martha Carlos 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, Gali Oren-Amit, Martha Carlos, Marlyse Cohen, and Dan Walsh
NAY: None
ABSENT: Jack Waddle

No. 20651 Approval of the Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting of March 19, 2026

No. 20652 Approval of the Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of March 19, 2026

No. 20653 Approval of the Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting of April 9, 2026

No. 20654 Approval of the Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of April 9, 2026

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

No. 20655 Approval of Hire

Name	Position	Location	Start Date	Salary
Daniel Kopp	Math Teacher	Wood Oaks	August 17, 2026	MA+30/Step 5 - $83,576/yr

No. 20656 Approval of Hire

Name	Position	Location	Start Date	Salary
Paul Suminski	Principal	Wood Oaks	July 1, 2026	Administrator Contract

No. 20657 Acceptance of Resignation, Fifth Grade Teacher, Shabonee, June 04, 2026

Financial Reports

No. 20658 Statement of Claims for April, 2026 in the amount of $1,657,730.94 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20659 Statement of BMO Claims for April, 2026 in the amount of $32,991.38 was

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approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20660 Statement of Position for March, 2026 in the amount of $10,910,884.44 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

Copies of the Statement of Investments for the period ending March, 2026 were distributed to Board members for their review. This report shows that as of this date, the district has $20,115,249.47 invested in funds that are earning interest at rates that range from 000 to 000 percent. This report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20661 Statement of Receipts for March, 2026 in the amount of $6,677,046.64 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20662 Status of Appropriations for March, 2026 in the amount of $2,814,781.87 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20663 Wood Oaks Activity Report, March, 2026 in the amount of $42,270.05 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20664 Revolving Fund Report, April 2026 in the amount of $378.00 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20665 Payroll Dated March 31, 2026, in the amount of $1,020,183.70 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20666 Payroll Dated April 15, 2026, in the amount of $1,032,607.64 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20667 Approval of Final 2025-26 School Calendar

No. 20668 Approval of Voluntary Student Accident Insurance for 2026-27

No. 20669 Approval of Summer 2026 Curriculum Projects and Budget

The entire allocation of Title II grant money ($12,789) will be used to offset the costs for the 2026 Curriculum Projects; bringing the maximum total expense to the District of $56,731.

No. 20670 Approval of Contract for Wood Oaks Demolition & Abatement Work

No. 20671 Approval of Contract with Lowery McDonnell for Hickory Point Furniture Pilot

No. 20672 Approval of Contract with Lowery McDonnell for Shabonee Furniture Pilot

No. 20673 Approval of Contract with Lowery McDonnell for Wood Oaks Furniture Pilot

No. 20674 Approval of Contract with Consolidated Flooring for Wood Oaks

No. 20675 Approval of Contract with Interface for Flooring at Hickory Point

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Board President Matt Basinger welcomed incoming Principal Paul Suminski and congratulated him on his new role. Mr. Suminski thanked the Board members and stated that he is very excited to begin his new role and that he has loved being a part of this school and the community!

Unfinished Business - None Scheduled

New Business - None Scheduled

Good and Welfare - The Wood Oaks play was amazing! The student's performances were wonderful and thank you to the staff members for their direction and support.
Jack Waddle emailed his comments that the PTA fundraiser was a great success for the Cubs tickets; $1,000 was raised and the children had an opportunity to run the bases!

Community Comments - No community comments were made this evening.

Superintendent Comments / Update - Dr. Deiter reiterated that the musical was great; many cast members had the opportunity to sing in this production. Staff members Jonathan Lee and Genevieve Klein oversaw the production.
Thank you to Board members for attending the Northbrook planning commission meeting on Tuesday evening. The next step will be with the Village of Northbrook. The most recent traffic study for Sanders Road at Wood Oaks was completed back in 2013; a fresh study will need to be conducted in order to provide the most up to date data. The earliest possible date for the Northbrook Village Hall meeting will be May 26, but a firm date for this meeting has yet to be determined. It will be a quick turnaround from obtaining the approval to moving on the construction.

Closed Session

- Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) and

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

No. 20676 Motion to Move to Closed Session 7:45 p.m.
Marlyse Cohen 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, Matthew Basinger, Gali Oren-Amit, Martha Carlos, Marlyse Cohen, and Dan Walsh
NAY: None
ABSENT: Jack Waddle

Motion Passed

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No. 20677 Motion to Reconvene to Open Session 8:44 p.m.

Gali Oren-Amit made a Motion to return to Open Session, seconded by Opi Akuffo.

All in Favor. Motion Passed

No. 20678 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 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 President Matthew Basinger called the meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

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PRESIDENT SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED ON 05/21/26

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