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

Regular Meeting of 5/07/26	The Regular Meeting of May 07, 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
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: Dr. Gali Oren-Amit, Vice President

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

Board Reports - None Scheduled

Staff Reports

- Report on the State Library Grant Program

Dr. Katharine Olson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction reported that this year that Northbrook 27 was awarded $1,135 in the spring as part of our library grant award, which is calculated on a per pupil basis of $0.885 per student. Those funds are used to acquire resources for the library consistent with the Illinois state standards which are aligned with Linking for Learning. We meet those guidelines by focusing on technology integration, media literacy, author support to foster a love of reading, library support curriculum; each building has a certified librarian on staff and our Library resources are up to date.

- FOIA Request, Paige Smith, Data Branch Research Team
- FOIA Request, Brandon Carney, Data Branch Research Team
- FOIA Request, Elliot Miller

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

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We received two FOIA requests from The Data Branch, one on April 20th and the other on April 23rd.

- The first request was for copies of contracts with Primex, American Time, and/or Sapling from 2021-present
- The second request was for copies of contracts with Blackboard, Finalsite, DMX, Funds for Learning, E-Rate Consulting, N-Able, Raptor Technologies, and/or CSM Consulting from Jan. 1, 2021-present
    - Fulfilled both requests

We also received a FOIA request from Mr. Elliot Miller on April 23 for a copy of our slide Presentation from our Northbrook Village hearing and a copy of our traffic study

- Fulfilled that request

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, Jack Waddle, and Daniel Walsh
NAY: None
ABSENT: Gali Oren-Amit

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

No. 20679 Approval of Hire

Name	Position	Location	Start Date	Salary
Cheryl Kinney	Assistant Principal	Wood Oaks	August 1, 2026	Admin. Contract

No. 20680 Approval of Hire

Name	Position	Location	Start Date	Salary
Lauren Baylian	Resource Teacher	Shabonee	August 17, 2026	MA+30, Step 10- $101,620/yr

No. 20681 Approval of Hire

Name	Position	Location	Start Date	Salary
Glenna Wilcox-Lee	Resource Teacher	Shabonee	August 17, 2026	BA/Step 15 - $75,203/yr

No. 20682 Approval of Hire

Name	Position	Location	Start Date	Salary
Stephanie DiNardi	School Psychologist	Shabonee	August 17, 2026	$99,229/yr

No. 20683 Approval of Hire

Name	Position	Location	Start Date	Salary
Diane Dimov	4th Grade/Multilingual Learner Teacher	Shabonee	August 17, 2026	MA/Step 3-$73,650/yr

No. 20684 Approval of Hire

Name	Position	Location	Start Date	Salary
Samantha Dospod	Instructional Asst. SLE Classroom	Wood Oaks	August 17, 2026	$27.71/hr

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No. 20685 Acceptance of Intent to Retire, Hickory Point, Instructional Assistant, June 04, 2026

No. 20686 Acceptance of Resignation, Hickory Point, Building Secretary, June 17, 2026

No. 20687 Approval of Technology Budget for 2026-27 at $1,290,000

No. 20688 Approval of Technology Buy Program for 2026-27

No. 20689 Approval of Administrative Contracts for 2026-27

No. 20690 Approval of Non-Certified Salaries for 2026-27

No. 20691 Approval of Contract with Groot Industries for FY27-28

Matt Basinger congratulated Cheryl Kinney who was in attendance for the Board meeting on her new position. Dr. Deiter introduced Ms. Kinney, she will be appointed as our new Assistant Principal at Wood Oaks. She has been a math teacher here at Wood Oaks for several years. Cheryl Kinney added that it will be bittersweet to leave the classroom after 15 years, but she is excited to join the administration team.

Unfinished Business - None Scheduled

New Business

No. 20692 Approval of Strategic Plan 2026-2031

Marlyse Cohen made a motion, seconded by Daniel Walsh to approve the Strategic Plan for 2026-2031 with a roll call vote as follows:

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

No. 20693 Approval of Time, Dates and Location of Board Meetings for 2026-2027 School Year

Mr. Waddle made a motion, seconded by Daniel Walsh to approve the Time, Dates and Location of Board Meetings for the 2026-2027 school year with a roll call vote as follows:

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

No. 20694 Approval of Amended Calendar 2026-2027

Martha Carlos made a motion, seconded by Opi Akuffo to approve the Amended Calendar for 2026-2027 with a roll call vote as follows:

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

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No. 20695 First Read of Policy Updates as Recommended by Illinois Association of School Boards on PRESS Issue 121

- Policy 2:200, Types of School Board Meetings
- Policy 2:220, School Board Meeting Procedure
- Policy 2:250, Access to District Public Records
- Policy 2:260, Uniform Grievance Procedure
- Policy 4:165, Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors
- Policy 5:30, Hiring Process and Criteria
- Policy 5:50, Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace; E-Cigarette, Tobacco, and Cannabis Prohibition
- Policy 5:250, Leaves of Absence
- Policy 5:330, Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves
- Policy 6:50, School Wellness
- Policy 6:65, Student Social and Emotional Development
- Policy 6:100, Using Animals in the Educational Program
- Policy 6:145, Migrant Students
- Policy 6:170, Title I Programs
- Policy 7:20, Harassment of Students Prohibited
- Policy 7:50, School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools
- Policy 7:100, Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students
- Policy 7:185, Teen Dating Violence Prohibited
- Policy 7:220, Bus Conduct
- Policy 7:230, Misconduct by Students with Disabilities
- Policy 7:260, Exemption from Physical Education
- Policy 7:280, Communicable and Chronic Infectious Diseases
- Policy 7:300, Extracurricular Athletics
- Policy 8:90, Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs
- Annual Review: Policy 7:190; Student Behavior

Upon review Jack Waddle moved and Opi Akuffo seconded the motion that the Board of Education reviewed the Policy Updates as Recommended by Illinois Association of School Boards on PRESS Issue 121 and completed the Annual Review of Policy 7:190; Student Behavior with a roll call vote as listed below.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows: 6 ayes

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

Good and Welfare - The staff appreciation / retirement party is scheduled for May 14 at 4:00 p.m.
The Wood Oaks band members are heading down to Champaign tomorrow! Board member Dan Walsh announced that one of his plays is going to be at the Midtown theatre in New York on July 11 & 12th.

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In two weeks Wood Oaks students will present their science fair projects beginning at 6:00 p.m. Dr. Deiter welcomed Cheryl Kinney to the administrative team.

Community Comments - Ms. Kaczmarek extended the staff's thank you to the NB27 administration for the umbrella, it was a great gift!

Superintendent Comments / Update - Dr. Deiter gave the Board members an invitation for the ground breaking at Hickory Point school that is scheduled for June 2nd at 12:30 p.m. Staff is continuing the work on site improvements, the upcoming Village Board meeting on May 26 is the anticipated date for reviewing the Wood Oaks parking lots plans, however, that date has not been confirmed yet. The updated traffic study has been completed.

No. 20696 Closed Session - The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). 6:47 p.m.
Martha Carlos made a motion to go into Closed Session, seconded by Opi Akuffo, 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, Jack Waddle, and Daniel Walsh
NAY: None
ABSENT: Gali Oren-Amit,

No. 20697 Reconvene to Open Session - Martha Carlos made a motion to return to Open Session, seconded by Opi Akuffo, a voice vote was taken, all in favor, 6 ayes 7:50 p.m.
Motion Passed

No. 20698 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 Opi Akuffo 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 7:52 p.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

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PRESIDENT SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED ON 05/21/26

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