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

6:30 P.M.

Public Hearing / Regular Meeting of 6/25/26	The Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of June 25, 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 Public Hearing to order at 6:34 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
Mrs. Martha Carlos
Ms. Marlyse Cohen
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: Mr. Opi Akuffo
Mr. Jack Waddle

Public Hearing - Transfer of $3,000,000 from the Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Education Fund

Matthew Basinger read into the record: The Northbrook School District 27 has scheduled a Public Hearing for the transfer of funds. The Board of Education will conduct a Public Hearing on June 25, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. at Wood Oaks Junior High School located at 1250 Sanders Road in Northbrook, Illinois for the purpose of the hearing is to solicit public input on the transfer of up to three million dollars from the Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Education Fund. The purpose of the proposed transfer is to provide additional funding for certain costs related to general operational expenses. Questions should be directed to Assistant Superintendent Dr. Kimberly Rio.

Dr. Kimberly Rio, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations advised Board members that the 2026 Bond series A and B was able to go forward because the waiver was received from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) for the Health Life Safety funds expended last year on the site improvements at Hickory Point school. As of fiscal year end June 30th the District can transfer those funds back to the general fund. The six million dollars is being split between the Operations and Maintenance Fund and the Education Fund, both of those funds are the general fund.

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No Public Comments were made during the Public Hearing.

Marlyse Cohen made a motion to end the Public Hearing, seconded by Daniel Walsh, all in favor, 5 ayes.

Roll Call for the Regular Board meeting recorded the same attendance as above for the Public Hearing, five Board members present.

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

Board Reports - Report on the Wood Oaks 2026 Graduation
The Wood Oaks Graduation ceremony went well this year. The flow of graduates for receiving their diplomas and the orientation to the audience was improved for viewing and photo opportunities. It was a wonderful event!

Staff Reports

- FOIA Request, Sheri Reid, SmartProcure
- FOIA Request, Maya Brooks, Data Branch Research Team
- FOIA Request, Finn Gallagher, Data Branch Research Team
- FOIA Request, Teagan Walsh, Data Branch Research Team
- FOIA Request, D30watchdog
- FOIA Request, Daniel Cramer, Upgraid Research
- FOIA Request, Judiciocracy

Dr. Deiter reported on the FOIA requests and the District's response. Legislators are actively working towards legislation to address some of the repetitive requestors and the large increase in FOIA requests that are being made.

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

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

No. 20721 Approval of the Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting of May 21, 2026

No. 20722 Approval of the Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of May 21, 2026

No. 20723 Approval of the Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting of June 18, 2026

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

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No. 20724 Approval of Hire

Name	Position	Location	Start Date	Salary
Eun "Jenny" Ryo	One-to-One Nurse,	Wood Oaks,	August 17, 2026	$52/hour

No. 20725 Approval of Hire

Name	Position	Location	Start Date	Salary
Polina Fisher	4th Grade Reading Teacher part-time,	Shabonee,	August 17, 2026	MA+15/Step 11-$47,107 yr

No. 20726 Approval of Hire

Name	Position	Location	Start Date	Salary
Kasi Bishop	5th Grade Reading Teacher,	Shabonee,	August 17, 2026	BA/Step 4-$65,825 yr

No. 20727 Approval of Hire

Name	Position	Location	Start Date	Salary
Elizabeth Clancy	Social Worker,	Hickory Point,	August 17, 2026	MA/Step 11-$92,206 yr

No. 20728 Approval of Hire

Name	Position	Location	Start Date	Salary
Caroline O'Shaughnessy	Kindergarten Teacher,	Hickory Point,	August 17, 2026	MA/Step 1-$69,622 yr

No. 20729 Acceptance of Resignation, Building Substitute, Hickory Point, June 04, 2026

No. 20730 Acceptance of Resignation, Cross District Behavior Specialist, June 04, 2026

No. 20731 Acceptance of Resignation, Instructional Assistant, Shabonee, June 04, 2026

No. 20732 Acceptance of Resignation, Instructional Assistant, Shabonee, June 04, 2026

Financial Reports

No. 20733 Statement of Claims for June, 2026 in the amount of $22,724.20 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20734 Statement of Claims #2 for June, 2026 in the amount of $1,628,649.05 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20735 Statement of BMO Claims for June, 2026 in the amount of $34,789.23 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20736 Statement of Position for May, 2026 in the amount of $14,113,898.51 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

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Copies of the Statement of Investments for the period ending May, 2026 were distributed to Board members for their review. This report shows that as of this date, the district has $57,464,714.50 invested in funds that are earning interest at rates that range from 3.55 to 3.98 percent. This report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20737 Statement of Receipts for May, 2026 in the amount of $261,095.76 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20738 Status of Appropriations for May, 2026 in the amount of $5,223,070.88 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20739 Wood Oaks Activity Report, May, 2026 in the amount of $46,640.79 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20740 Payroll Dated May 29, 2026, in the amount of $1,022,254.48 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20741 Payroll Dated June 04, 2026A, in the amount of $845,398.25 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20742 Payroll Dated June 04, 2026B, in the amount of $683,047.78 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20743 Payroll Dated June 15, 2026, in the amount of $237,632.75 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 20744 Approval of Resolution Designating Interest Earnings for 2026-27

No. 20745 Approval of Renewal of Workers' Compensation Insurance for 2026-27

No. 20746 Approval of Summer Professional Development Budget $20,856

No. 20747 Approval of Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Monies from the Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Education Fund

No. 20748 Approval of Resolution for Abatement of the Working Cash Fund

No. 20749 Approval of Resolution to Transfer Interest from the Working Cash Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund

No. 20750 Approval of the Consolidated District Plan, 2026-27

Dr. Rio explained to Board members why the abatement and transfer of interest resolutions are needed. The District has been moving forward on the planned capital improvements projects. Regarding the funds that exceed the capital improvements fund, the dollar amount that we end this Fiscal Year with the District can abate the Working Cash fund to cover the expenses which is customary for bond proceeds.

Unfinished Business - None Scheduled

New Business

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No. 20751 Approval of Amended Budget 2025-26

Martha Carlos moved and Gali Oren-Amit seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Amended Budget 2025-26 with a roll call vote as listed below.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

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

Motion Passed

Good and Welfare - Dr. Deiter shared the updated parking lot plan with Board members that will be going to the Northbrook Water Reclamation District; it will be at least a six month review process. Currently the original plan of expanding the bus lanes for pick-up and drop-off is on hold. In the interim, the updated plan going forward is being submitted to the Village Hall and includes expanding the existing parking lot space 150 feet to the west. After a couple of years, the District may revisit the bus loop option on the empty lots, or determine what will be done with that property. The updated plan will accomplish two of our goals, the first is that the expanded parking lot will allow for an additional 133 cars to queue on the Wood Oaks property and off of Sanders Road during drop-off and pick-up, the second goal will be that additional parking spots will improve parking for evening events. Cage Engineering will send the plans to the Northbrook Village Hall, and public works, NWRD if all goes well and the plan is approved by the end of February, the District can go out to bid for parking lot construction to be done in 2027.
All of the other planned projects at the school buildings are currently underway. To date, the rain hasn't seriously impacted any timelines. ComEd will be requiring us to put in a new line at the cost of $60,000 and Nicor also wants another meter to be installed with an added cost of over $14,000. There are cost contingency allowances included in the construction budgets to allow for these unplanned expenses. Crews are currently working on asbestos abatement at Wood Oaks, the new flooring has been installed and the floor trim will be installed soon. Hickory point has new vinyl flooring being installed in the gym too. Rick Hansen has reached out to staff members Mike Muff and Rob Kraft to get their input for striping in the gymnasium. At Shabonee, the ceiling is wide open and construction and technology upgrades are underway.

Community Comments - No community comments were made this evening.

Superintendent Comments / Update - Dr. Deiter's comments were included in Good and Welfare.

Closed Session

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

No. 20752 Motion to Move to Closed Session 6:56 p.m.

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Marlyse Cohen made a motion to Move to Closed Session, and Daniel Walsh seconded the motion followed by a roll call vote as follows:

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

Motion Passed

No. 20753 Motion to Reconvene to Open Session 7:19 p.m.

Daniel Walsh made a Motion to return to Open Session, seconded by Gali Oren-Amit.

All in Favor. Motion Passed

New Business

No. 20754 Approval of Superintendent Contract 2026-2029

Marlyse Cohen moved and Daniel Walsh seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent Contract for 2026-2029 with a roll call vote as listed below.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

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

Motion Passed

No. 20755 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, all in favor.

The motion was unanimously approved, and Board President Matthew Basinger called the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

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PRESIDENT SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED ON 07/30/26

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