

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 27  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Regular Meeting of 07/18/19      The regular meeting of July 18, 2019 of the Board of Education, School District 27 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Wood Oaks Library, 1250 Sanders Road, in said district.

Roll Call      On call of the roll, the following members were present:

Present:      Mrs. Helen Melnick, president  
                 Mrs. Laurie Garber-Amram  
                 Mr. Frank Andreou  
                 Mrs. Melissa Copeland  
                 Mr. Ed Feld  
                 Mr. Brian Paich

Staff:      Dr. David Kroeze, superintendent  
                 Dr. Kimberly Arakelian, assistant superintendent  
                 Dr. Theresa Fournier, assistant superintendent  
                 Dr. Katharine Olson, assistant superintendent

Absent:      Mr. Alex Frum

President Melnick called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Communications

Board

Mr. Andreou reported on the Board Working Session of July 18, 2019, which was a review of the Tentative 2019-20 Budget. He stated that the Administration has recommended a balanced Tentative Budget for 2019-20 at \$28.5 million, which represents a 2.4% increase (budget to budget) and a .18% decrease (actual to budget), including contingencies. There are contingencies included in the budget of \$500,000. If allocated contingencies are not spent and all other budget projections are realized, the District should anticipate ending the 2019-20 fiscal year with an operating surplus. The District ended the 2018-19 fiscal year with a cumulative fund balance reserve of \$20.4 million. This represents a 74% fund balance reserve level. The District remains in a stable financial position. The Public Hearing for the 2019-20 Tentative Budget is scheduled for September 5, 2019. The recommendation to approve the Final Budget for 2019-20 is scheduled for the September 19, 2019 Board meeting.

Mr. Andreou reported on the July 10, 2019 EDC Meeting. The Macy's in Northbrook Court was set to close on July 14, 2019 and demolition is scheduled to begin on August 1. There are 315 apartments currently planned; no affordable housing will be included since the topic was not brought up in the initial discussions of the project. The Village will pass a resolution requiring affordable housing for

future projects. Studies are being conducted on how best to utilize the parking spaces downtown to balance the needs of commuters and business the area. Plans are still being developed for the Grainger property. Eighty-four townhomes will be built on the Maurice Sporting Goods site and it is going for final approval in September. The tax burden is being shifted away from single family homes to large apartment complexes and business but will increase for everyone overall.

Mr. Feld reported on the June 12, 2019 NSSD meeting. The 2019-2020 NSSD Budget was approved in the amount of \$45 million, and is a balanced budget. It included no increases for NSA, NSAE, or transition tuitions. There will be increases in ARBOR, SALE ELS, and ECP. There are also increases in coaching, vision, non-member tuition. NSSD hired a new Business Manager, Julie Dillon.

#### Community Comments

None

#### Staff

Mr. Heurich reported on Wood Oaks Applied Tech/STEAM Renovation and Roof Replacement Work. We have been working well with our contractors, Nicholas and Associates and ARCON and Associates. The STEAM Lab project started on time and continues to run as scheduled. Mr. Heurich added that the Wood Oaks roofing replacement project continues to proceed on schedule.

Dr. Olson presented to the Board the STAR Executive Summary and Preliminary IAR Performance Results. She stated that overall performance on STAR Reading at grades 3-5 and STAR Math at grades 2-5 is strong. At a district level, our goal is to maintain high performance and attend to specific goal areas identified by multiple sources of data, including STAR data. She added that the Curriculum Office would continue to collaborate with the principals and curriculum coordinators to review in more detail the new Reading and Math Dashboards which provide a tremendous amount of specific data aligned with the Common Core State Standards. Dr. Olson also said that the teachers will continue to work with the STAR data to inform their instructional practices at the classroom level and individual state level. Dr. Olson provided the following recommendations for the future of STAR: She stated that the District will continue administering STAR Math at grades 2-8, and continue administering STAR Reading at grades 2-5. She added that she would investigate alternative reading assessments at grades 6-8. The Board was in consensus with her recommendations.

#### Consent Agenda

Mrs. Melnick called for Review of the Consent Agenda items.

#### Financial Report

Mr. Andreou presented the Financial Report for the month ending June 30, 2019. On the revenue side, we have exceeded the budget assumption for second installment 2017 property tax collections at 100.84%. The budget assumption was set at 99.60%. We have exceeded the budget assumption for first installment 2018 property tax collections at 97.75%. The budget assumption was set at 96%. We have exceeded the budget assumption for interest earnings. The budget assumption was set at

\$290,000. Actual receipts totaled over \$565,000. The total for property tax refunds for June month end was \$866,664. The budget for tax refunds was set at \$800,000. On the expenditure side of the budget, we exceed the budget in both the special education tuition line item and special education transportation budget. It is not unusual to have an increase in the number of students who need services throughout the school year that go beyond budget projections. This occurred in both areas of tuition and transportation services. We had nine additional students join us and placed them in ECP, NSAE and New Hope Academy programs. These increased expenses for both tuitions and additional services (OT/PT, etc.). Transportation experienced an increase in the number of students served as well as an increase in the actual transportation costs for Septran and 303 Cab during the school year. Construction has been in progress since early June for both the roof replacements and STEAM Lab at Wood Oaks. You will see the overall budget exceeded in the O&M Fund, which is directly related to the construction costs paid as of fiscal year end June 30, 2019. This expense was planned. We will see this pattern each year as we move forward with the roof replacement schedule. The regular transportation line item has exceeded budget. This is due to First Student correcting their billing cycle so that all invoices for the current year are paid prior to fiscal year end. This billing process has been an issue for several years, and we finally got it corrected. We ended the fiscal year with an overall operating budget surplus of \$236,968. Overall, with construction in progress costs, expenditures exceeded revenues by \$42,339. The financial position of the District is stable. We ended the fiscal year with a fund balance reserve percentage of 74%.

**No. 18597**      Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 20, 2019

Mr. Andreou moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 20, 2019.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland, Mr. Feld, and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Frum

**No. 18598**      Approval of Employment of Kindergarten Teacher for Hickory Point

Mr. Andreou moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the hire of a Kindergarten Teacher for Hickory Point.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Brittany Donovan	Kindergarten	Hickory Point	8/16/19	MA Step 5

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland, Mr. Feld, and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Frum

**No. 18599**

Statement of Claims for July, 2019 Approved

Mr. Andreou moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Statement of Claims for June 1, 2019, in the amount of \$5,624.00, be approved, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland, Mr. Feld, and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Frum

**No. 18600**

Statement of Claims for July 2, 2019 Approved

Mr. Andreou moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the Statement of Claims for July, 2019, in the amount of \$38,308.51, be approved, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland, Mr. Feld, and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Frum

**No. 18601**

Statement of Claims for July 15, 2019 Approved

Mr. Andreou moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the Statement of Claims for July 15, 2019, in the amount of \$761,329.48, be approved, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland, Mr. Feld, and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Frum

**No. 18602**      Statement of Claims for July 16, 2019 Approved

Mr. Andreou moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the Statement of Claims for July 16 2019, in the amount of \$42,025.09 be approved, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland, Mr. Feld, and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Frum

**No. 18603**      Statement of Position for June, 2019, Approved

Mr. Andreou moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the Statement of Position for June, 2019, in the amount of \$20,479,120.83, be approved, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland, Mr. Feld, and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Frum

Copies of the Statement of Investments for the period ending June, 2019 were distributed to Board members for their review. This report shows that as of this date, the district has \$16,284,900.49, invested in funds that are earning interest at rates that range from 0.01 to 2.65 percent. This report is to be made part of the official minutes.

**No. 18604**      Statement of Receipts for June 2019, Approved

Mr. Andreou moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the Statement of Receipts for May, 2019, in the amount of \$42,632.32, be approved, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland, Mr. Feld, and Mr. Frum

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Frum

**No. 18605**      Status of Appropriations for June, 2019, Approved

Mr. Andreou moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that Status of Appropriations for June, 2019, in the amount of \$4,894,820.94, be approved, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland, Mr. Feld, and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Frum

**No. 18606**      Revolving Fund for July, 2019, Approved

Mr. Andreou moved and Paich seconded the motion that the Revolving Fund for July, 2019, in the amount of \$1.043.08, be approved, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland, Mr. Feld, and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Frum

**No. 18607**      Payroll Dated June 28A, 2019, Ratified

Mr. Andreou moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the payroll dated June 28, 2019, in the amount of \$517,733.19, be ratified, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland, Mr. Feld, and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Frum

**No. 18608**      Payroll Dated June 28B, 2019, Ratified

Mr. Andreou moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the payroll dated June 28B, 2019, in the amount of \$512,026.13, be ratified, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland, Mr. Feld, and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Frum

**No. 18609**      Payroll Dated June 28C, 2019, Ratified

Mr. Andreou moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the payroll dated June 28C, 2019, in the amount of \$502,834.23, be ratified, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland, Mr. Feld, and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Frum

**No. 18610**      Payroll Dated June 28D, 2019, Ratified

Mr. Andreou moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the payroll dated June 28D, 2019, in the amount of \$715,151.19, be ratified, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland, Mr. Feld, and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Frum

**No. 18611**      Payroll Dated June 28R, 2019, Ratified

Mr. Andreou moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the payroll dated June 28R, 2019, in the amount of \$166,084.22, be ratified, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland, Mr. Feld, and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Frum

**No. 18612**      Payroll Dated June 28R1, 2019, Ratified

Mr. Andreou moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the payroll dated June 28R1, 2019, in the amount of \$3,104.15, be ratified, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland, Mr. Feld, and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Frum

**No. 18613**      Payroll Dated July 15, 2019, Ratified

Mr. Andreou moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the payroll dated July 15, 2019, in the amount of \$181,003.66, be ratified, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:



AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland, Mr. Feld, and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Frum

**No. 18614**      Approval of Salary Compensation Report Pertaining to Public Act 096-0434

Mr. Andreou moved and Mr. Paich seconded the Board of Education accept the salary compensation report as required by Public Act 096-0434 for fiscal year 2019-2020.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland, Mr. Feld, and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Frum

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

**No. 18615**      Approval of the Tentative 2019-2020 Budget

Mr. Andreou moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the tentative budget for fiscal year 2019-2020.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland, Mr. Feld, and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Frum

Closed Session

**No. 18616**      Board Adjourns to Closed Session

At 8:25 p.m., Mr. Andreou moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education adjourns to Closed Session for the purpose of

discussing performance of personnel. Action will not be taken following Closed Session.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland, Mr. Feld, and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Frum

**No. 18617**      Board Returns from Closed Session

At 8:30 p.m., Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Andreou seconded the motion that the Board of Education returns from Closed Session.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mr. Andreou, Mrs. Copeland, Mr. Feld, , and Mr. Paich


NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Frum

**Adjournment** There being no further business to come before the Board at this time Mrs. Garber-Amram moved and Mr. Andreou seconded the motion that the meeting is adjourned.

The motion was unanimously approved, and President Melnick called the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

  
PRESIDENT

  
SECRETARY