

27 BOARD BRIEFS

Northbrook School District 27 Board of Education Meeting
May and June, 2018

Excellence in Financial Reporting

District 27 has once again received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

The award is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. This is the ninth year the District has received the honor.

An award of Financial Reporting Achievement is given to the person responsible for preparing the award winning report. That recognition was awarded to Kimberly Arakelian, District 27's Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, and Chief School Business Official.

The GFOA is a nonprofit professional association that serves approximately 17,500 government financial professionals with offices in Chicago and Washington, DC. This is a national recognition.

The Board of Education recognized Mrs. Arakelian during the June 21st meeting.

Students Visit with the Board of Education

Members of the Board of Education had the opportunity to meet and interact with Wood Oaks students at the May 17th meeting.

Science Fair students presented their projects prior to the start of the meeting, sharing their reports with Board members and administrators. The students were later recognized by the Board of Education.

Five Wood Oaks student leaders also spoke to the Board, providing them with an update on the group's busy year. As its gift, the eighth grade graduating class will make donations to Feed by Starving Children and World Outside my Shoes.



Board Member Laurie Garber-Amram speaks with Jenna Amusin about her Science Fair project.

Science Curriculum Revision Update

The Board also received an update of the Science Curriculum Revisions by Dr. Katharine Olson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment.

Dr. Olson provided the Board with an outline of the elementary science units and plans for the middle school units.

She also shared highlights from the curriculum work completed during the course of this school year. The accomplishments included implementation of the kindergarten Push and Pulls unit, and the third grade Balancing Forces Unit. Two first grade teachers implemented a Light and Sound unit in preparation for full implementation across all classrooms next year. Significant work on the curriculum revisions will be completed this summer to prepare for new units to be implemented in fourth, fifth and seventh grades.

Personnel Changes

The Board approved the following personnel transactions:

- Hired Cynthia Beranek as the new Technology Specialist at Hickory Point School,
- Hired Jamie Rappoport as a new teacher in a third-grade partnership at Shabonee,
- Accepted resignations from Wood Oaks staff members Amanda Ciss and Lauri Kaplan,
- Approved a maternity leave of absence for Wood Oaks teacher Julie Neri,
- Accepted a retiree notice from Chris Grinis, Administrative Assistant for Business Services, on September 3, 2018, and
- Accepted retiree notices from Hickory Point teachers Mara Lovisetto (in June 2021,) and Julie Kelmis (in June 2022;) and Wood Oaks teacher Helene Spak (in June 2021.)