

27 BOARD BRIEFS

Northbrook School District 27 Board of Education Meeting
June & July, 2017

Tentative Budget Approved

The Board of Education approved the tentative 2017-2018 budget at the July 20th meeting.

The \$27.2 million budget represents a 5.17% increase in operating expenses compared to last year's budget. Contingencies account for 2.05% of the estimated expenses. Once again, Mrs. Kimberly Arakelian, the Assistant Superintendent for Finance, Operations and Chief School Business Officer, reported to the Board a balanced budget.

"We are in a stable financial position," Mrs. Arakelian said.

Mrs. Arakelian also reported that the District must continue to implement cost-containment measures, as well as monitor Federal- and State legislative discussions and potential action by the Illinois General Assembly. Some of these discussions include a property tax freeze, school funding reform, pension obligations, and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. Recognizing this uncertain landscape, the District remains committed to taking steps to ensure financial solvency.

A copy of the tentative budget is available for public inspection at the District 27 offices at 1250 Sanders Road. A public hearing is scheduled for September 7th followed by adoption of the budget on September 28th.

Additional Board Action

Personnel Transactions

The Board hired the following new employees for the 2017-2018 school year: Julie Siedband, fifth grade Language Arts teacher at Shabonee; and Robert Binder, part-time PE teacher at Shabonee and Hickory Point.

Board members also accepted retirement notifications from Nelson Mendez (2018,) Esther Kwan (2018,) Gloria Cowper-Jen (2017,) Lila Richter (2017,) and Carol Schuster (2017.)

New Website

The Board approved a five-year contract with Finalsite for the development of a new website for the District.

The new site will be more user- and mobile-phone friendly, and provide up-to-the-minute news and social media feeds. Additionally, the new site will be designed in compliance with accessibility standards established as part of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The website will be launched in the fall of 2018.