

27 BOARD BRIEFS

Northbrook School District 27 Board of Education Meeting
February and March, 2018

Board Hires New Principal for Hickory Point School

The Northbrook District 27 Board of Education appointed Mrs. Maureen A. Deely as the new principal for Hickory Point School. The action took place at the Board's March 15th meeting.

Mrs. Deely currently serves as Principal of Wayne Thomas Elementary School in Highland Park, a position she has held for 11 years. Mrs. Deely brings to Hickory Point years of experience as an educator in the North Shore. Prior to her tenure as principal, Mrs. Deely was an assistant principal, special education teacher, and general education teacher.

"I am thrilled to be here," Mrs. Deely told the Board. "The moment I walked into Hickory Point, I honestly said, this feels like home."

Mrs. Deely's hiring came after an intensive interview process that included a day-long visit to Hickory Point where she fielded questions by teams of teachers and staff, administrators, and parents.

Mrs. Deely begins her work in the District on July 1st.



Satisfaction Survey Results

The Board of Education received the results of the Satisfaction Surveys on March 1st, which showed high results for District 27 schools and programs by staff, students, parents and community members.

Surveys were given in late January and early February to staff, parents, members of the community, and to students in grades 3-8. The purpose of the biennial surveys is to gauge the perceptions of the community in all aspects of the District. Results are used to help administrators assess strengths, opportunities for improvement, and to plan for the future.

The results were presented by Mr. Bill Foster, the president of *School Perceptions*, a third-party company that specializes in school surveys. Mr. Foster told the Board the District's results were overwhelmingly positive. The results are particularly striking when compared to similar comparison districts. In nearly every category, District 27's level of satisfaction is much higher than the other districts. Mr. Foster said: "These are probably the best scores I've seen, bar none."

A Sampling of Results from the 2018 Satisfaction Surveys
94% of parents say they are Very Satisfied/Satisfied with the District
97% of parents say the District is run effectively
92% of parents give the District a grade of "A" or "B"
100% of non-parents (community members) Strongly Agree/Agree that children received a high-quality education in District 27
100% of staff Strongly Agree/Agree that the District is a good place to work

Emergency Preparedness Plan Update

The Board of Education received an update February 15th on the status of the District's Emergency Preparedness Plan (EPP.)

The plan is being implemented in all of the Northfield Township governmental agencies and schools, creating a comprehensive township-wide emergency response protocol. Participating agencies include all neighboring elementary school districts, Glenbrook District 225, Glenview and Northbrook park districts, the Northbrook Library, and area religious organizations. The program also has the support of the Northbrook police and fire departments.

The District's EPP is a comprehensive plan that includes emergency response protocols for all hazards, including active killer training for staff and students.

Representatives from many of these organizations were recently trained in the EPP protocols during intensive two-day exercises.

In Other Action

New Website

The Board received a sneak peek at the new District website on February 15th. The new site will feature all new designs, including large photos on the front pages of each school, responsive school calendars, and new staff directories.

The new site will be compliant with the American Disabilities Act, which requires sites to be accessible to everyone, including those who are sight impaired and have to rely on audible screen readers.

The site will be live in July of this year.

Personnel Changes

The Board approved the following personnel transactions:

- Family leave for Hickory Point teacher Cathy Giometti for the 2018-2019 school year
- Resignation of Wood Oaks social worker Melissa Roth
- Honorable dismissal of Wood Oaks teacher Amy Hebel