

BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTHBROOK SCHOOL DISTRICT 27
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Regular Meeting of 4/21/22	The Regular Meeting of April 21, 2022 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.
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Regular Meeting at 6:30 pm
Wood Oaks Commons (Lower level)
Zoom Meeting/Remote Attendance

Board President Alex Frum called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Present: Mr. Alex Frum, President
 Mrs. Melissa Copeland, Vice President
 Mr. Matthew Basinger (remote attendance)
 Mrs. Martha Carlos
 Dr. Gali Oren-Amit (remote attendance)

Staff: Dr. John Deiter, Superintendent
 Dr. Theresa Fournier, Assistant Superintendent
 Dr. Katharine Olson, Assistant Superintendent
 Dr. Kimberly Rio, Assistant Superintendent
 Mr. Douglas Heurich, Director of Facilities

Absent: Mr. Brian Paich
 Mr. Daniel Terrien

Community Comments for Items on the Agenda - No comments

1. Board

- Report on the True North Leadership Meeting on March 9, 2022 - Melissa Copeland

Mrs. Copeland summarized the last meeting. A variety of updates were covered. Preliminary budget discussions for fiscal year 23 are underway. Going from a 33 million dollar budget to a 41 million dollar budget, it is expected to undergo further refinement, there will be more to come on the budget. A new CFO has been appointed, Ms. Hughes. The next meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2022. Dr. Rio added that the town hall meeting started the review regarding the budget increase, but that there is lots of additional discussion to have. The individual districts will be different depending on the services requested.

2. Staff

- Report on the State Library Grant - Dr. Katharine Olson

Dr. Olson reported that for FY23 we have been awarded \$1,144 from a state grant to support our library program. NB27 is one of the schools that have a library curriculum. We use the Illinois standards aligned instruction for library and follow the linking for learning Illinois school media program guidelines and we meet all guidelines emphasizing integration of technology, 21 century skills, media literacy, promotion of reading and core curriculum.

- Update on Grades 2-5 Reading Curriculum Revision - Dr. Olson shared their research and from the past eight months. Dr. Olson explained the research design and improvement model, it guides the work for a curriculum revision. This is usually a multi-year process. The current subscriptions were all timed out seamlessly and the pandemic has changed that timing somewhat. Currently the department is working on the 5th phase/refinement. The phases are not linear, phases 2, 3 and 4 will be worked on concurrently in the 22/23 school year. Professional development will be ongoing, and in grades 3 - 5 the new program will be implemented across the year. Grades 2 will have a full implementation during the 23/24 school year. Dr. Olson reviewed the program selection process. Ms. Bolte explained the district's research and their selection criteria in the decision to utilize the "Into Reading" program from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.
- Report on Summer Curriculum Projects - Dr. Olson explained that the projects are extensive, grades 2-5 comprise 50% of the budget; \$9,000 in Title 1 funds will help offset some of the cost. Review of the LRIA test data will be conducted for planning for next year. Grade 4 will be moving into a new resource for fraction. Continued refinement of the math curriculum will continue. Mathia will continue for 6 and 7 graders, middle school science revision and an applied tech class. Information was also shared on social emotional well being and researching a universal health screener.

Consent Agenda

Board President Alex Frum called for Review of the Consent Agenda items.

Upon review Mrs. Copeland moved and Mrs. Carlos 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, Martha Carlos, Melissa Copeland, Alex Frum, and Gali Oren-Amit

NAY: None

ABSENT: Brian Paich and Daniel Terrien

Alex Frum reviewed the March 2022 Month-End Financial Statement:

The District remains in a stable financial position, as of month-end March the cumulative fund balance was at 95%. As a reminder, the district utilizes fund balance reserves for the months of September through January and April through June to cover regular operating expenses. On the revenue side of the budget, the majority of the receipts recorded are for property tax collections, we continue to receive distributions for the first installment of 2021 property taxes. We will update the Board on the property tax collection rates, once fully received. On the expenditure side of the budget, we continue to monitor the budget to actual cost and the year end balances, the fiscal year end report will be shared with the Board with June financial statements. We have accounted for property tax refunds in March. As of month end, property tax refunds totaled \$399,944. On the Statement of Investments, the average rate of return for month end March was .11 base points.

Dr. Deiter mentioned that contained in the Consent Agenda items are the appointments of Ms. Heather Miehl as the incoming Director of Special Education and Ms. Lauren Weingarten as the Assistant Principal for Hickory Point and Shabonee Elementary Schools.

- No. 19469** Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 17, 2022
- No. 19470** Approval of the Minutes of the Closed Session of March 17, 2022
- No. 19471** Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of March 31, 2022
- No. 19472** Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 7, 2022
- No. 19473** Approval of Hire of the Director of Special Education
- No. 19474** Approval of Hire of the Elementary Assistant Principal
- No. 19475** Approval of Hire of Teacher, Hickory Point, 2nd Grade, 2022-2023
- No. 19476** Statement of Claims for April, 2022 in the amount of \$958,325.61 was approved and the report is part of the official minutes.
- No. 19477** Statement of Position for March, 2022, in the amount of \$28,359,508.77 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

Copies of the Statement of Investments for the period ending March, 2022 were distributed to Board members for their review. This report shows that as of this date, the district has 28,089,894.81 invested in funds that are earning interest at rates that range from 0.01 to 1.00 percent. This report was made part of the official minutes.

- No. 19478** Statement of Receipts for March 2022, in the amount of \$11,239,464.01 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.
- No. 19479** Status of Appropriations for March 2022, in the amount of \$2,490,471.80 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.
- No. 19480** Wood Oaks Activity Report, March 2022, in the amount of \$15,208.32 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.
- No. 19481** Revolving Fund, April 2022, in the amount of \$1,778.67 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.
- No. 19482** Payroll Dated March 18, 2022, in the amount of \$841,297.05, be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.
- No. 19483** Payroll Dated April 14, 2022, in the amount of \$845,182.83 be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.

- No. 19484** Approval of the FY23 Technology Plan and Budget
\$1,015,000.
- No. 19485** Approval of the Summer 2022 Curriculum Projects and Budget
\$60,800.
- No. 19486** Approval of the Ten Year Health Life Safety Study 2022
Completed by Nicholas & Associates and ARCON Architects.
- No. 19487** Approval of Voluntary Student Accident Insurance for FY23
- No. 19488** Approval of the Contract Extension with Cloverleaf Farms for 2022-23

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None Scheduled

Good and Welfare Congratulations to Mrs. Farris on her upcoming baby and welcome back to Tarah!
Please note that our incoming Administrators will be attending the May 5th Board meeting.

Community Comments

No comments

Superintendent Comments / Update Dr. Deiter announced that the Wood Oaks science students will be displaying their science presentations starting at 6pm. Their teacher, Mr. Lucht will also be in attendance. Everyone is invited to the Commons in order to see the award winning science displays.

No. 19489 Motion to Enter Closed Session 7:25 p.m. Mrs. Carlos made a motion to go into Closed Session, seconded by Mrs. Copeland. Roll call vote, 5 ayes, 2 absent.

- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors, or specific volunteers of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor, or a volunteer of the District or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the

public and posted and held in accordance with this Act. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), amended by P.A. 101-459.

- Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

No. 19490 Motion to Adjourn the Closed Session, Mrs. Carlos made a motion to reconvene to Open Session at 8:47 pm, seconded by Mrs. Copeland all in favor.

No. 19491 Motion to Adjourn the Open Board Meeting

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board at this time Mrs. Carlos moved and Mrs. Copeland seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned. A voice vote was taken, all in favor.

The motion was unanimously approved, and Board President Alex Frum called the meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED AT THE MAY 19, 2022 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING