

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 27  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Regular Meeting of 04/29/21	The regular meeting of April 29, 2021 of the Board of Education, School District 27 was called to order at 6:30 p.m., virtually.
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Roll Call      On call of the roll, the following members were present:

Present:      Mrs. Helen Melnick, president  
                 Mr. Alex Frum, vice president  
                 Mrs. Laurie Garber-Amram  
                 Mrs. Martha Carlos  
                 Mrs. Melissa Copeland  
                 Mr. Ed Feld  
                 Mr. Brian Paich

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

Absent:        None

Call to Order and Roll Call

President Melnick called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Closed Session

**No. 19166**      Board Adjourns to Closed Session

At 6:30 p.m. Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Copeland seconded the motion that the Board of Education adjourns to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing employment, compensation, performance, dismissal of specific employees of the public body, and security procedures and the use of personnel to respond to an actual or threatened or reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students and staff. Action will be taken following the Closed Session.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

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### No. 19167      Board Returns from Closed Session

At 7:10 p.m., Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram 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, Mrs. Carlos, Mrs. Copeland, Mr. Feld,  
Mr. Frum and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

### Communications

#### Board

Mrs. Carlos reported on the Economic Development Committee (EDC) Meeting of April 14, 2021. She stated that there was no substantive information relevant to Northbrook School District 27.

#### Community

None

#### Staff

##### Report on the State Library Grant

Dr. Olson reported on the State Library Grant. She stated as part of the Grant requirement we must share information on the grant and our library program at a Board meeting. Our district has been awarded a School District Library Grant in the amount of \$954.75. We use the Illinois Standards Aligned Instruction for Libraries and follow the *Linking for Learning: Illinois School Library Media Program Guidelines* (from 2010).

##### Initial Plan for Full In-Person Instruction in FY22 with Exceptions for Qualified Medically Compromised Students

Dr. Kroeze reported on the Initial Plan for full In-Person instruction for the 2021-2022 school year with exceptions for Qualified Medically Compromised Students. We believe we can have all of the students back in school in the fall. We believe we can have the kindergarteners who are currently in the Kindergarten Center back at Hickory Point.

### Consent Agenda

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

### Financial Report

Mr. Paich presented the Financial Report. For the month ending March 2021, the District remains in a stable financial position. The cumulative fund balance is 94%. The revenue side of the budget the majority of receipts recorded are for property tax collections. On the expenditure side of the budget, we continue to monitor COVID expenses and estimated year-end balances. For the statement of investments, the average rate for month end March was .035%

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**No. 19168**      Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of February 1, 2021  
Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Frum seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 1, 2021.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

**No. 19169**      Approval of Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of February 1, 2021  
Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Frum seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of February 1, 2021.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

**No. 19170**      Approval of Minutes of the Special Board of Education Meeting of March 3, 2021  
Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Frum seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of March 3, 2021.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

**No. 19171**      Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of March 4, 2021  
Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Frum seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 4, 2021.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

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

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NAY: None

ABSENT: None

**No. 19172**      Approval of Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of March 4, 2021

Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Frum seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of March 4, 2021.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

**No. 19173**      Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of March 18, 2021

Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Frum seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 18, 2021.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

**No. 19174**      Approval of Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of March 18, 2021

Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Frum seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of March 18, 2021.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

**No. 19175**      Approval of Hire of Part-Time Speech Language Pathologist for Preschool/Hickory Point

Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Frum seconded the motion to approve the employment of the following for the 2021-22 school year:

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Dara Jacobs	Speech Language Pathologist	Early Childhood/ Hickory Point	08/16/21	MA Step 11@ .63FTE

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

### **No. 19176**

#### Approval of Hire of Spanish Teacher for Wood Oaks

Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Frum seconded the motion that the Board approve the employment of the following for the 2021-22 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Rachel Lerman	Spanish Teacher	Wood Oaks	08-16-21	BA Step 2

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

### **No. 19177**

#### Approval of Social Worker for Hickory Point

Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Frum seconded the motion that the Board approve the employment of the following for the 2021-22 school year:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Frank Pisano	Social Worker	Hickory Point	08-16-21	MA+30 Step 2

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

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### **No. 19178**      Acceptance of Intent to Retire Letter

Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Frum seconded the motion that the Board accept the Intent to Retire letter from Susan Spiegel effective at the end of the 2020-21 school year.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

### **No. 19179**      Acceptance of Letter of Resignation from Wood Oaks Language Arts Teacher

Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Frum seconded the motion that the Board accept the Resignation Letter from Jamie Holmer, Language Arts Teacher at Wood Oaks.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

### **No. 19180**      Statement of Claims #2 for March, 2021 Approved

Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Frum seconded the motion that the Statement of Claims #2 for March, 2021, in the amount of \$21,760.57, be approved, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Martha Carlos, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

### **No. 19181**      Statement of Claims #3 for March, 2021 Approved

Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Frum seconded the motion that the Statement of Claims #3 for March, 2021, in the amount of \$17,820.00, be approved, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

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AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Martha Carlos, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

**No. 19182**      Statement of Claims #1 for April, 2021 Approved

Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Frum seconded the motion that the Statement of Claims #1 for April, 2021, in the amount of \$1,120,898.39, be approved, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Martha Carlos, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

**No. 19183**      Statement of Claims #2 for April, 2021 Approved

Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Frum seconded the motion that the Statement of Claims #2 for April, 2021, in the amount of \$5,169.58, be approved, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Martha Carlos, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

**No. 19184**      Statement of Position for March, 2021, Approved

Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Frum seconded the motion that the Statement of Position for March, 2021, in the amount of \$27,714,566.00, be approved, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

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AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Martha Carlos, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Copies of the Statement of Investments for the period ending March, 2021 were distributed to Board members for their review. This report shows that as of this date, the district has \$27,526,747.00, invested in funds that are earning interest at rates that range from 0.01 to 1.00 percent. This report is to be made part of the official minutes.

### **No. 19185** Statement of Receipts for March, 2021, Approved

Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Frum seconded the motion that the Statement of Receipts for March, 2021, in the amount of \$9,436,898.51, be approved, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Martha Carlos, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

### **No. 19186** Status of Appropriations for March, 2021, Approved

Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Frum seconded the motion that Status of Appropriations for March, 2021, in the amount of \$2,353,516.72, be approved, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Martha Carlos, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None



**No. 19187**      Wood Oaks Activity Account, March, 2021, Approved

Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Frum seconded the motion that the Wood Oaks Activity Account for March, 2021, in the amount of \$12,900.17, be approved, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Martha Carlos, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

**No. 19188**      Revolving Fund for April, 2021, Approved

Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Frum seconded the motion that the Revolving Fund for April 2021, in the amount of \$3,302.57, be approved, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Martha Carlos, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

**No. 19189**      Payroll Dated March 19, 2021, Ratified

Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Frum seconded the motion that the payroll dated March 19, 2021, in the amount of \$840,809.76, be ratified, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Martha Carlos, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

**No. 19190**      Payroll Dated April 15, 2021, Ratified

Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Frum seconded the motion that the payroll dated April 15, 2021, in the amount of \$846,888.42, be ratified, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Martha Carlos, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

**No. 19191**      Payroll Dated April 30, 2021, Ratified

Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Frum seconded the motion that the payroll dated April 30, 2021, in the amount of \$840,366.32, be ratified, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Martha Carlos, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

**No. 19192**      Approval of District 27 Strategic Plan for the 2021-2026 School Years

Upon recommendation by the superintendent, Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Frum seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the District 27 Strategic Plan for the 2021-2026 school years.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Martha Carlos, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

**No. 19193**     Approval of the Final 2020-2021 School Calendar

Upon recommendation by the superintendent, Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Frum seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Final 2020-2021 School Calendar

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Martha Carlos, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

**No. 19194**     Approval of the FY22 Technology Plan and Budget

Upon recommendation by the superintendent, Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Frum seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the FY22 Technology Plan and Budget at \$991,000.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Martha Carlos, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

**No. 19195**     Approval of Student Fees for 2021-22

Upon recommendation by the superintendent, Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Frum seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the District 27 Student Fees for the 2021-22 School Year.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Martha Carlos, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

**No. 19196**     Approval of Contract Extension with Lakeshore Recycling

Upon recommendation by the superintendent, Mr. Paich moved and Frum seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve a three-year contract extension with Lakeshore Recycling Systems for the 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24 school years.

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On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Martha Carlos, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

**No. 19197**      Approval of Voluntary Student Accident Insurance for FY22

Upon recommendation by the superintendent, Mr. Paich moved and Frum seconded the motion that the Board of Education make available to all families of Northbrook School District 27 the opportunity to purchase student accident insurance as provided by Zevitz-Redfield & Associates, Inc. underwritten by Gerber Life Insurance Company, for the 2021-22 school year.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Martha Carlos, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

**No. 19198**      Approval of Non-Certified Salary Contracts for FY22

Upon recommendation by the superintendent, Mr. Paich moved and Frum seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the 2.7% increase in non-certified salaries for the 2021-22 school year.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Martha Carlos, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

NAY: None

**No. 19199**      Approval of Administrative Contracts for FY22

Upon recommendation by the superintendent, Mr. Paich moved and Frum seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the administrator compensation package of 2.7% for 2019-20, plus an adjustment of \$200 to the Option Money.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Helen Melnick, Laurie Garber-Amram, Martha Carlos, Melissa Copeland, Ed Feld, Alex Frum and Brian Paich

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NAY: None

### Unfinished Business

None

### New Business

#### 1. Announcement of the Canvass of Votes

Dr. Kroeze reported that there were four candidates running for four-year term Board seats. There were a total of 5,961 votes. The vote distribution the Board members was as follows:

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Melissa Robin Copeland	1,519	25.48%
Matthew R. Basinger	1,503	25.21%
Gali Oren-Amit	1,472	24.69%
Daniel J. Terrien	1,467	24.61%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,961</b>	<b>100%</b>

The vote distribution the Board member with 2-year terms was as follows:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Votes</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Martha Dittmar Carlos	1,565	100%

This election results in Gali Oren-Amit, Matthew Basinger, Martha Carlos, Melissa Copeland, and Daniel Terrien being elected.

### Oath of Office

Mrs. Melnick read the Oath of Office to the four new Board Members.

Mrs. Melnick: "All in favor of the motion to adjourn *sine die* signify same by saying "aye".

The motion was unanimously approved, and Mrs. Melnick called the meeting adjourned sine die at 8:35 p.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY

**MINUTES APPROVED ON 5/20/21**

Revised Minutes