

BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 27
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Regular Meeting of 7/22/21	The regular meeting of July 22, 2021 of the Board of Education, School District 27 was called to order at 6:30 p.m., in the Wood Oaks Library, 1250 Sanders Road, in said district.
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President Frum called the Regular 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
Mr. Brian Paich
Dr. Gali Oren-Amit
Mr. Matthew Basinger
Mrs. Melissa Carlos
Mr. Brian Paich
Mr. Daniel Terrien (arrived at 7:28pm)

Staff: Dr. John Deiter, superintendent
Dr. Kimberly Rio, assistant superintendent
Dr. Theresa Fournier, assistant superintendent
Dr. Katharine Olson, assistant superintendent

Absent: Mrs. Melissa Copeland, vice president

Nomination of Secretary of the Board

Following the retirement of superintendent Dr. David Kroeze, a nomination for Secretary of the Board was called for. Mr. Paich nominated superintendent Dr. John Deiter, seconded by Mr. Bassinger. Roll call vote.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Alex Frum, Gali Oren-Amit, Matthew Basinger, Martha Carlos and Brian Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: Melissa Copeland and Daniel Terrien

Communications

Board

Mr. Frum tabled the Economic Development Committee report until later in the evening.

Community Comments

No community comments were made.

Staff

Review the Tentative 2021-22 Budget - Dr. Rio reviewed the year-end numbers, discussed the financial calendar, school code requirements and what is included on the upcoming fiscal year calendar. The tentative and final budget were reviewed and will also be shared during the presentation of the tax levy. The key revenue functions and the fund balance projection were explained. The Board Finance Committee will meet to review the financial landscape information that was shared with the Board. Once staffing is finalized and legislative statutes are reviewed those will be discussed in committee. Property tax collection rates, interest earning rates and the financial status of property tax assumption versus actual received were reviewed. Payments received from Evidence-based funding was explained, as well as Federal revenues from IDEA grants. The revenue budget was exceeded. As it relates to expenses, there were unanticipated costs to hire additional staff to help support teachers due to Covid-19. The IMRF rate went down for support staff & the unemployment rate went down as well. In addition, the park district building was leased for kindergarten students and staff. Spend-down on reserves was more favorable than anticipated considering Covid-19 expenses.

Regarding the fund balance projection for years 2020-2024: The district should stay on target for the building renovation schedule, that committee will report back to the board with the necessary projects. Additional CARES Act funds will be available for 2021-22. Key components to develop the budget on the financial calendar timeline were explained.

Once the Board approves the tentative budget, it will be on display for public inspection with a Final Budget Public Hearing on September 9th and the recommendation of Board approval for the final budget adoption will be on September 23rd followed by posting to the district website. There is a recommended balanced budget of \$29.9 million, last year the budget was \$29.3 million for 2020-2021.

New property accounts for less than 1% in our district. At 3700 Dundee Road, Our Lady of the Brook is expected to be listed for sale, the property is approximately 11.4 acres which could allow for 40 to 50 homes to be built on the site; that property will continue to be monitored in relation to its effect on enrollment and any property tax increase. An impact study will be conducted by the township to determine the effect of any planned development. Tax levy amounts, federal revenues and Title 1 funding were reviewed. Last year 630 students registered to utilize the transportation service, it was the first year that the district contracted with North Shore Transit.

Preview of Northbrook 27 Mobile App - Ms. O'Connell explained that the mobile app is now live and presented a preview of it for the Board of Education. It is a free application for parents to find Northbrook #27 information for their students and family. There is a useful filter setting for locating information that is pertinent to a specific school or event. Parents have the option to turn on notifications. Principals will include information regarding the mobile app in their monthly letters.

Report on Preliminary IAR Performance Results - Dr. Olson shared preliminary results for IAR for grade levels. At this time the data is incomplete, the current IAR results are being shared at this time preceding sharing it with staff during the opening Institute days; once the additional data is received it will be provided to the Board of Education. Approximately 90% of students completed the IAR testing, our normal average of participation was between 96 & 99% and 2020 levels of test participation were above average. The preliminary data is currently only in dynamic format and this limits the ability to review it. The full set of data is awaited in order to manipulate it and conduct item analysis. The state-wide testing data is going to be delayed and will be available in April 2022. Reading scores were lower than anticipated and planning is underway to address the decline while awaiting the specific testing data. Shared testing data is also awaited from neighboring districts. Once the itemized IAR test data is received it will be cross referenced with STAR test scores for instructional planning purposes.

Report on Incoming Kindergarten Parent Education Series - Ms. Buchanan and Ms. Tauben presented the parent education series which was developed as a proactive measure to prepare families at the start of the summer to assist their children with kindergarten readiness. Due to the pandemic, about 20% of incoming kindergarteners have not attended a preschool program. This 3 part program was emailed to families over the summer in order to help parents and students become familiar with school. The videos and slideshow will be shared again in August in order to give parents another opportunity to view the program.

Report on Plans for Parent Attendance at Curriculum Nights and Parent-Teacher Conferences - Dr. Deiter informed the Board that a virtual attendance has been determined for Wood Oaks parent teacher conferences (PTC) for the fall. For K-5 PTC parents will be given the option of virtual or in-person meetings. The fall curriculum nights will be discussed during a closed session later this evening, and we are awaiting additional information from the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH) on adult capacity guidelines. Weekly meetings with the CCDPH have reconvened and additional guidance is expected to be received in the near future so we will table this for the time being.

Board

Mr. Tarrien reported on the Economic Development Committee meeting held on July 14th. The main purpose of the upcoming EDC meetings will be to determine what the EDC goals will be for the upcoming year and how to best serve the community. Each district as well as the library was represented. State and mask guidelines were reviewed. Each district provided their updated representatives.

Consent Agenda

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

Financial Report, June 2020-21

Mr. Frum presented the Financial Report. The District remains in a stable financial position, we had a positive end to our fiscal year. At the year-end of June 2020-21 we had a fund balance reserve of \$19.4 million which equates to a 65% fund balance reserve. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic we anticipated spending down the reserve by \$731,000 for operating expenses which do not include the cost of the roof and hvac work at Wood Oaks. We were able to utilize contingencies built into the expenditure side of the budget and favorable year-end receipt collection on the revenue side to help cover the additional financial output needed to operate the 2020-2021 school year. We ended the school year in a solid financial position only spending down reserves by \$445,000; this includes the first payout for the 2021 roof and hvac work.

Upon review Mr. Paich moved and Dr. Oren-Amit 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: Alex Frum, Gali Oren-Amit, Matthew Basinger, Martha Carlos, Brian Paich and Daniel Terrien

NAY: None

ABSENT: Melissa Copeland

- No. 19249** Minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2021
- No. 19250** Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of June 24, 2021
- No. 19251** Revised Minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2021
- No. 19252** Revised Minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes of April 15, 2021
- No. 19253** Revised Minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes of April 29, 2021

No. 19254 Revised Minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2021

No. 19255 Acceptance of Resignation of Hickory Point Special Education Teacher

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>
Christine Kim	Special Education	Hickory Point

No. 19256 Approval of Employment of Shabonee Math Teacher

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Shweta Kalore	5th Gr math/sci/ss	Shabonee	8/16/2021	MAStep 1

No. 19257 Statement of Claims #2 for June 29, 2021 in the amount of \$1,262,251.71 was approved and the report is part of the official minutes.

No. 19258 Statement of Claims #3 for June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$173,829.56 was approved and the report is part of the official minutes.

No. 19259 Statement of Claims #4 for June, 2021 in the amount of \$1,569.73 was approved and the report is part of the official minutes.

No. 19260 Statement of Claims #1 for July, 2021 in the amount of \$60,443.66 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 19261 Statement of Claims #2 for July 15, 2021 in the amount of \$1,602,924.58 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 19262 Statement of Claims #3 for July 19, 2021 in the amount of \$15,620.00 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 19263 Statement of Position for June, 2021, in the amount of \$19,423,956.50 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

Copies of the Statement of Investments for the period ending June, 2021 were distributed to Board members for their review. This report shows that as of this date, the district has \$19,329,374.10 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. 19264 Statement of Receipts for June, 2021, in the amount of \$114,111.99 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 19265 Status of Appropriations for June, 2021, in the amount of \$6,297,009.24 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 19266 Wood Oaks Activity Account, June, 2021, in the amount of \$18,885.07 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 19267 Revolving Fund #2 for June, 2021, in the amount of \$301.00 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

No. 19268 Revolving Fund #3 for June, 2021, in the amount of \$227.82 was approved and the report was made part of the official minutes.

- No. 19269** Payroll Dated June 30A, 2021, in the amount of \$586,874.83, be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.
- No. 19270** Payroll Dated June 30B, 2021, in the amount of \$591,452.07, be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.
- No. 19271** Payroll Dated June 30C, 2021, in the amount of \$548,266.01, be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.
- No. 19272** Payroll Dated June 30D, 2021, in the amount of \$547,018.73, be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.
- No. 19273** Payroll Dated June 30E, 2021, in the amount of \$243,764.61, be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.
- No. 19274** Payroll Dated June 30R, 2021, in the amount of \$149,992.21, be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.
- No. 19275** Payroll Dated July 15, 2021, in the amount of \$203,784.28, be ratified and that the report was made part of the official minutes.
- No. 19276** Approval of the Salary Compensation Report Pertaining to Public Act 096-0434
- No. 19277** Approval of the Renewal of Worker's Compensation Insurance
- No. 19278** Approval of the Consolidated District Plan with Plans for Title I, II, and IV

Unfinished Business

None

New Business - Tentative 2021-22 Budget

Mr. Paich made a motion which was seconded by Mr. Terrien to approve the Tentative 2021-22 Budget as presented.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Alex Frum, Gali Oren-Amit, Matthew Basinger, Martha Carlos, Brian Paich and Daniel Terrien

NAY: None

ABSENT: Melissa Copeland

MOTION PASSES

Good and Welfare

Mr. Frum and the Board of Education welcomed Dr. John Deiter to Northbrook #27 and are very pleased to have him in person for his first Board of Education meeting as superintendent.

Mr. Frum met with all of the superintendents of the neighboring districts except for highschool district #225. Most of the discussion was surrounding the anticipated, updated guidelines from the CCDPH and the CDC.

Closed Session

No. 19279 Board Adjourns to Closed Session

At 8:16 p.m. Mr. Paige moved and Dr. Oren-Amit seconded the motion that the Board of Education move into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property. 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) (8). Action will not be taken.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Alex Frum, Gali Oren-Amit, Matthew Basinger, Martha Carlos, Brian Paich and Daniel Terrien

NAY: None

ABSENT: Melissa Copeland

No. 19280 Board Returns from Closed Session

At 8:57 p.m Mr. Bassinger moved and Ms. Carlos seconded the motion that the Board of Education return from Closed Session.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Alex Frum, Gali Oren-Amit, Matthew Basinger, Martha Carlos, Brian Paich and Daniel Terrien

NAY: None

ABSENT: Melissa Copeland

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the Board at this time Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Terrien seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned.

The motion was unanimously approved, and President Frum called the meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED AT THE AUGUST 19, 2021 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING