

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 27  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Regular Meeting of 09/17/20      The regular meeting of September 17, 2020 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.

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

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

Absent:                None

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

Communications  
Board

Dr. Fournier reported on the New Teacher Reception with the Board earlier in the evening. The 11 new teachers met for a New Teacher Academy at 4:00 p.m. prior to the Board Reception. Dr. Kroeze shared with the new teachers about on-boarding, the history, culture, and philosophy of the District. The new teachers were then introduced to the Board of Education at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Feld reported on the NSSD Leadership Council Meeting of August 26, 2020. The NSSD Reopening Plan has been published, and is continually evolving. Blended remote learning began on September 8, 2020. Full inclusion learning will begin on October 5, 2020. An architectural firm has been hired to conduct a space utilization study. An internal controls audit has been conducted. A balanced budget is expected at the end of the year. NSSD is looking at operations and staffing, and they need to know by February 1, 2021 the programming and staffing needs from all of the member districts.

Community Comments

None

Staff

Dr. Kroeze reported that the Township Superintendents have been meeting and have agreed that the districts should move forward to implement the Shared Service Agreement in 2021-22. It is our goal to develop the

plan in the 2020-2021 school year. Mrs. Revello has been working with the Special Education Directors from the Township, and three pieces of information will be needed:

- Identify the space that is available in the buildings
- Determine the number of children, and their programming and their grade level needs for next year
- Determine staffing, operational factors details, and costs for next year.

Dr. Kroeze added that all of the superintendents are in agreement that the Shared Service Agreement would be in effect for the 2020-2021 school year. NSSD needs to know by February 1, 2021 what staffing and programs will be required, so the urgency of the timeline is very clear.

#### Consent Agenda

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

#### Financial Report

Mr. Paich presented the Financial Report for month ending August 2020. The District remains stable financial position, with a cumulative fund balance of \$28.1M, which represents a 96% reserve fund balance. On the revenue side of the budget, the majority of the receipts recorded are for property tax collections. On the expense side of the budget, there are no unfavorable to budget to actual line items to report. Property tax refunds total a little over \$101,000. On the statement of investments, the average rate of return on investments for August was .23%.

#### **No. 18945**      Approval of Minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meeting August 6, 2020

Mrs. Garber-Amram moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 6, 2020.

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. 18946**      Approval of Closed Session Minutes of the Board Meeting of August 6, 2020

Mrs. Garber-Amram moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Closed Session Minutes of the Board Meeting of August 6, 2020.

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. 18947**      Approval of Minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meeting of August 20, 2020  
Mrs. Gaber-Amram moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 20, 2020.

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. 18948**      Approval of the Closed Session Minutes of the Board Meeting of August 20, 2020  
Mrs. Garber-Amram moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 20, 2020.

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. 18949**      Approval of Instructional Assistant for Hickory Point  
Mrs. Garber-Amram moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the hire of an Instructional Assistant for Hickory Point.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Bari De Graff-Korner	Instructional Assistant	Hickory Point	9/08/20	\$16.81 p/h

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. 18950**      Approval of Hires for Substitutes  
Mrs. Garber-Amram moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the following substitute hires.

Sarah Veprinsky, Substitute Nurse

Jennifer Forrest, Substitute Teacher  
Wendie Cheyney, Substitute Teacher

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. 18951**

**Acceptance of Retirement Letter**

Mrs. Garber-Amram moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the Board of Education accept the intent to retire letter from Christine Fohs, School Psychologist, Wood Oaks, at the end of the 2023-2024 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. 18952**

**Statement of Claims for September, 2020 Approved**

Mrs. Garber-Amram moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the Statement of Claims for September 2020, in the amount of \$507,302.88, be approved, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

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. 18953**

**Statement of Claims for September, 2020 Approved**

Mrs. Garber-Amram moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the Statement of Claims for September 2020, in the amount of \$25,000.00, be approved, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

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. 18954**      Statement of Claims for September, 2020 Approved

Mrs. Garber-Amram moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the Statement of Claims for September 2020, in the amount of \$29,586.81, be approved, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

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. 18955**      Statement of Position for August, 2020, Approved

Mrs. Garber-Amram moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the Statement of Position for August, 2020, in the amount of \$28,190,085.89, be approved, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

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

Copies of the Statement of Investments for the period ending August, 2020 were distributed to Board members for their review. This report shows that as of this date, the district has \$27,766,781.60, 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. 18956**      Statement of Receipts for August 2020, Approved

Mrs. Garber-Amram moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the Statement of Receipts for July, 2020, in the amount of \$6,239,892.94, be approved, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

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. 18957**

Status of Appropriations for August, 2020, Approved

Mrs. Garber-Amram moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that Status of Appropriations for August, 2020, in the amount of \$1,271,703, be approved, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

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. 18958**

Wood Oaks Activity Account for August 2020, Approved

Mrs. Garber-Amram moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the Wood Oaks Activity Account for August, 2020 be approved, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

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. 18959**

Revolving Fund for August 2020, Approved

Mrs. Garber-Amram moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the Revolving Fund for August, 2020 be approved, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

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. 18960**

**Payroll Dated August 28, 2020, Ratified**

Mrs. Garber-Amram moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the payroll dated August 28, 2020, in the amount of \$205,841.57, be ratified, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

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. 18961**

**Payroll Dated September 4, 2020, Ratified**

Mrs. Garber-Amram moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the payroll dated September 4, 2020, in the amount of \$832,484.28, be ratified, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

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. 18962**

**Payroll Dated September 4, 2020 (COVID-19), Ratified**

Mrs. Garber-Amram moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the payroll dated September 4, 2020, in the amount of \$11,619.25, be ratified, and that this report be made part of the official minutes.

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

Unfinished Business

**No. 18963**

Adoption of the FY21 Budget

As recommended by the superintendent, Mrs. Garber-Amram moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the Board of Education adopt a final budget for fiscal year 2020-21 at a total budget of \$29.3 million. This represents a balanced budget for all operating funds.

**No. 18964**

Adoption of the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Northbrook Park District

As recommended by the superintendent, Mrs. Garber-Amram moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Northbrook Park District.

New Business

None

Good and Welfare

Mrs. Melnick stated that she enjoyed meeting all of the new teachers earlier in the evening at the New Teacher Reception.

Closed Session

**No. 18965**

Board Adjourns to Closed Session

At 7:00 p.m., Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education adjourns to 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 reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property. Also to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation of specific employees of the public body, and the lease of real property for the use by the public body. Action will not be taken following 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



**No. 18966**

**Board Returns from Closed Session**

At 8:00 p.m., Mrs. Garber-Amram moved and Mrs. Carlos 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

**Adjournment** There being no further business to come before the Board at this time Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the meeting is adjourned.

The motion was unanimously approved, and President Melnick called the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

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PRESIDENT

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SECRETARY

**MINUTES APPROVED ON 10/22/20**