



Homer Community Consolidated School District 33C

Board of Education

Board Meeting Summary - July 23, 2024

*Elizabeth Hitzeman, President - Kevin DeSchaaf, Vice President - Christopher Trzeciak, Secretary
Aaron Wolf, Member, Melissa Chandarana, Member - Karen DeFilippis, Member - Deb Martin, Member*

Recognition of Visitors/Communication to the Board

There were no public comments.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of the 6/18/24 Public Hearing for Transfer Resolution minutes, the 6/18/24 Regular Board meeting minutes, the 6/18/24 Regular Meeting Closed Session Minutes, the 6/25/24 Amended Budget Hearing minutes, and the 6/25/24 Special Board meeting minutes (Goal 4)
- Treasurer's Report July 2024
Mr. Kirkus financial report is attached. (Goal 5)
- Approved Invoices Payable July 2024. (Goal 5)

Personnel Recommendations

Resignations:

Certified

- 1) Egan Berta - Health/PE Teacher at Homer Jr. High School - eff. 6/25/24
- 2) Stephanie Zych - Special Education Teacher at Homer Jr. High School - eff. 5/22/24
- 3) Kelli Merlo - Speech/Language Pathologist at Goodings Grove School - eff. 7/9/24

Non-Certified

- 1) Patrice Kimzey - Paraprofessional at Young School - eff. 6/27/24
- 2) Sarah Peterson - Nurse Aide at Goodings Grove/Young/Schilling Schools - eff. 5/22/24
- 3) Jessica Doyle - Lunchroom Monitor at Schilling School - eff. 5/22/24
- 4) Curtis Ringwald - Bus Driver at Transportation - eff. 7/11/24
- 5) Bev Hine - Secretary at Goodings Grove School - eff. 9/27/24
- 6) Erin Serafin - Lunchroom Monitor at Young School - eff. 5/20/24

Extra-Curricular

- 1) Sean Pekol - 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach - eff. 7/11/24

Employment Recommendations:

Certified

- 1) Sarah Lencki - Speech/Language Pathologist at Butler School - eff. 8/22/24
- 2) Arianna Rodriguez - Social Worker at Young School - eff. 8/22/24
- 3) Kimberly DeJager - First Grade Teacher at Young School - eff. 8/22/24
- 4) Cara Tomasek - First Grade Teacher at Young School - salary correction, eff. the 2024-2025 school year
- 5) Jason Phelps - P.E. Teacher at Homer Jr. High School - eff. 8/22/24

Non-Certified

- 1) Cassandra Montero - Paraprofessional at Homer Jr. High School - eff 8/22/24
- 2) Johnelle Vargo - Bus Driver at Transportation - eff. 8/21/24, dependent on successfully completing her criminal background check, the FMCSA background check and obtaining her permit for driving a school bus. The anticipated start date above is an estimate.

Informational Reports

Director Report

- **Buildings and Grounds**

Mr. Russ' presentation is attached.

Assistant Superintendents' Reports

- **Curriculum and Instruction**

Ms. Figurell's report is attached.

- **Human Resources**

Dr. Portwood's presentation is attached.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Schoppe's report is attached.

Old Business:

District's food service program report is attached.

- Approved the updated FY25 fee schedule
- Approved the updated 2024-2025 school calendar

- Approved the updated 2024-2025 Employee Handbook

New Business:

- Approved the proposed salary adjustment for Principal Katie Bialek for the 24-25 school year, with a base salary of \$99,698.
- Approved the proposed purchasing approvals of contract 2 Speech and Language Pathologists and 2 Registered Behavior Technicians in the total amount of \$346,600
 - 1 - 0.8 FTE Contracted Speech and Language Pathologist contracted through Speech Plus in the amount of \$79,560 for the FY25 school year
 - 2 - 1.0 FTE Contracted Registered Behavior Technicians contracted through BlazerWorks in the amount of \$78,120 each for the FY25 school year
 - 1 - 1.0 FTE Contracted Speech and Language Pathologist contracted through BlazerWorks in the amount of \$110,800 for the FY25 school year
- Approved a .8 summer worker for the Special Services Department
- Approved the fiscal year 2024 budget transfers

Action after Closed Session

- Approved the recommendation to maintain Closed Session minutes as closed to the public
- Approved the recommendation to destroy all verbatim minutes older than eighteen months

The next Board of Education Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 13, at 7:00 p.m.