



Homer Community Consolidated School District 33C

Board of Education

Board Meeting Summary - November 19, 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

The Board of Education thanked our veterans for their service and the schools, principals, teachers and students for their treats in recognition of Board Appreciation Week.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of the 10/22/24 regular Board meeting minutes and the 9/24/24 regular Meeting closed session minutes (Goal 4)
- Treasurer's report October 2024 (Goal 5)
- Approved invoices payable November 2024.

Personnel Recommendations

1) Resignation

b) Non-Certified

- 1) Frank Rutkowski - Bus Driver at Transportation - eff. 11/7/24
- 2) Julie Waytech - Bus Driver at Transportation - eff. 10/30/24

c) Extra-Curricular

- 1) Julia Marusz - Cross Country Coach at Homer Jr. High School - eff October 23, 2024

2) Request(s) for Leave of Absence (Beginning and end dates open to modification)

a) Certified

- 1) Jason Skube - Assistant Principal at Hadley Middle School - extending FMLA eff. 10/15/24 - 1/20/25
- 2) Bridget Withrow - Assistant Director of Special Services at District Office - eff. Intermittently from 11/1/24 - 6/30/25

3) Employment Recommendation(s)

a) Non-Certified

- 1) Erin Carberry - Bus Driver at Transportation - eff. 12/17/24, dependent on successfully completing her criminal background check, the FMCSA background check and obtaining her CDL for driving a

- school bus.
- 2) Anthony Nalepa - Custodian at Young School - wage adjustment - eff. 11/20/24
 - 3) Christina Theriault - Lunchroom Monitor at Hadley Middle School - eff. 11/20/24
 - 4) Bailey Earling - Full-time permanent floater custodian at all buildings - eff. 11/20/24
 - 5) Mary Brescia - Lunchroom Monitor at Young School - eff. 12/18/24
 - 6) Kathy Acton - Paraprofessional at Young School - eff. 12/2/24
 - 7) Asraa Aly - Paraprofessional at Young School - eff. 1/6/25
 - 8) Stephanie Doro - Lunchroom Monitor at Hadley Middle School - eff. 11/20/24
 - 9) Colleen Santo - HR Assistant at District Office - wage adjustment - eff. immediately
- b) Extra-Curricular
- 1) 2024-2025 Clubs and Sponsors (updated list attached)
 - 2) 2024-2025 ASAP Sponsors (updated list attached)
 - 3) John Paun - Volunteer Wrestling Coach at Homer Jr. High School - eff. Immediately (updated list attached)
 - 4) Ryan Oster - Wrestling Coach at Homer Jr. High School - eff. immediately (updated list attached)

Informational Reports

Homer Council Report

Ms. Bruin and Ms. Piper thanked the Board for all they do for our students and staff. As the year has continued, concerns have come up. Right now, the upper grades are concerned about how they will be impacted by the upcoming change in schedule. They also encouraged anyone in the community that was interested in being a lunch monitor to apply.

Homer Support Staff Council Report

Mr. Masen thanked the Board for their time and effort for the students. He also congratulated Butler on their exemplary status. The food drive is still ongoing, so please continue to donate. The Council has a new Board, and they are working diligently to prepare for negotiations.

Principal's Report

Ms. Bialek thanked the Board for their contributions and support.

- All-Star team theme this year.
- Started the year with relationship building with staff and students.
- Changed the lunch schedule to allow lunch monitors to get to know their students and decrease the noise level.
- PTO has sponsored POP fundraiser, fall book fair, Trunk or Treat, Turkey Trot, pie fundraiser and the upcoming Grinch breakfast
- Staff is elevating and celebrating each other.
- Youngster bucks program: earn bucks for displaying expected behavior, and pick a prize from the prize cart.
- Students of the month are celebrated.
- Students collected birthday assortment items to donate to a local food pantry.
- Partnering with Lockport police for hat and glove collection: Lockport Love.
- Teachers use district resources and meet weekly to plan for instruction.
- MTSS teams are meeting for the second round to enter/exit intervention.
- Teachers are meeting to unpack priority standards and excited to begin the units of study in January.

Directors' Reports

Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Russ' presentation is attached.

Special Services

Mrs. Karalus' presentation is attached.

Assistant Superintendent Reports

Curriculum

Ms. Figurell's report is attached.

Human Resources

Dr. Portwood's report is attached.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Schoppe's report is attached.

Approved New Business:

- Approved the updated E-Learning Plan for 2024-2027.
- Approved the Resolution To Levy 2024 Property Taxes
- Approved the Resolution Instructing the County Clerk How To Apportion 2024 Tax Levy Extension Reductions
- Approved a 1.0 FTE paraprofessional in our SI classroom at Young School.
- Contract districtwide preventative roof maintenance services; replace doors, handles, and install closers at Hadley and Goodings Grove; replace the existing HVAC control hardware and software at Young; purchase audio and video projection equipment for the new addition; and purchase security cameras for the new addition in the total amount of \$455,037.78:
 - Annual contract for districtwide preventative roof maintenance with Weatherproofing Technologies Inc., in the amount of \$24,840.00.
 - Replacement of doors, handles and installation of closers in the remaining classroom locations at Hadley Middle School and Goodings Grove School from American Building Services in the amount of \$89,599.65.
 - Replacement of hardware, programming, software licensing, and 3 years of software maintenance for the HVAC control system at Young from Building Automation Systems in the amount of \$35,100.00.
 - Audio and projection equipment for the cafeteria and gym in the new HJH/Hadley addition from Full Compass Systems in the amount of \$235,530.96.
 - Security Cameras and related equipment for the new HJH/Hadley addition from All Campus Security in the amount of \$69,967.17.
- Approved the Interim Assistant Principal Employment Agreement for Mr. Troy Mitchell.
- Approved Board policy 1:20 update.
- Approved the notice of retirement for Karen Stakenas, interventionist at Young school, subject to compliance with the applicable requirements of TRS and the District's collective bargaining agreement - effective at the end of the 2028-2029 school year.
- Discussion of the IASB Resolution vote.

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 17, at 7:00 p.m.