

# BOARD BRIEFS

INFORMATION FROM THE JUNE 16, 2026 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

## NEW EARLY LEARNING CENTER FACILITY DESIGN DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

At the June Board of Education meeting, Legat Architects presented the Board of Education with an updated look at the District's new Early Learning Center as the project advances through the Design Development phase.

Legat is refining the building layout, site plan, exterior elevations, and material selections, transforming the previously approved concepts into detailed architectural and engineering plans. The current exterior design incorporates brick, precast concrete, metal panels, storefront glass, and covered entrances to create a welcoming, durable, and contemporary learning environment. The approximately 70,321 square foot, single-story facility is planned to include early childhood, kindergarten, special education classrooms, a library, a multipurpose room, as well as a full-size gymnasium.

Following a review of several mechanical system options, the administration authorized the design team to proceed with the two-pipe direct expansion system recommended by AMSCO, the project's Engineer of Record. The system will use hydronic heating distribution and rooftop direct expansion cooling, allowing heating and cooling to be provided during seasonal transition periods without requiring a traditional system

changeover. The selection was based on system performance, occupant comfort, operational considerations, and overall value. Because this system was already included as the base mechanical option, the decision is not expected to affect the project budget

The project will next move through the Village of Antioch's required entitlement and approval process. The first public hearing for the Special Use request is scheduled for July 1, 2026 before the Village Planning and Zoning Commission. Additional Village reviews will ensue before construction may begin.

The project remains generally aligned with the goal of opening for the 2028-2029 school year. Upcoming milestones include the Board's Design Development review and consideration of authorization to proceed into a review of construction documents, a 50% construction documents review in September, approval of prequalified general contractors in October, authorization to issue bid documents in November, and anticipated general contractor award and contract approval in January or February 2027. Construction is currently targeted to begin in spring 2027.

## OTHER NEWS

### ASP CONTRACT

The D34 Board of Education approved and adopted a new two-year contract with Antioch Support Professionals for 2026-2027 through the 2027-2028 school year, as presented.

### ESP SALARIES

The Board approved the increased compensation and starting rates for Educational Support Personnel in an effort to attract, retain, and compensate high-quality employees.

### ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACTS

The D34 Board of Education approved one-year contracts for district administrators for the 2026-2027 school year, effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE**

Superintendent Borowiak provided an update on the D34 Strategic Plan. He reported that the students achieved a Spring NWEA Reading growth rate of 62.94%, the highest reading growth score in District history. Additionally, he highlighted key accomplishments and outlined future priorities and action steps to support continued progress.

### **ADDITIONAL HILLCREST PARAPROFESSIONAL**

The addition of a 1.0 FTE paraprofessional position at Hillcrest for the 26/27 school year was approved by the Board.

### **ASSISTANT MECHANIC**

The addition of a 1.0 FTE assistant mechanic position was approved by the Board.

### **EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANT CONTRACT**

Approval was granted for the educational consulting contract with Robert Rammer Consulting for independent investigations.

### **SRO AGREEMENT**

The Board approved the revision of the intergovernmental agreement between the District and Village of Antioch for School Resource Officer services in alignment with recent changes to Public Act 104-0430, which defines the role of an SRO as a relationship builder, educator, safety resource, and law enforcement officer.

### **SUCCESSMAKER REGRESSION DESIGN STUDY**

Board approval was granted for participation in the 2026-2027 SuccessMaker reading regression design study.

### **LETRS TRAINING MOA**

The Board approved the memorandum of understanding between the district and AEEA for LETRS professional development for the 2026-2027 school year.

### **AEEA EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT MOA**

The memorandum of agreement between the district and the AEEA to extend the retirement incentive notification deadline to September 1, 2026 for the 2026/27 school year was approved by the Board.

### **FY26 AMENDED BUDGET**

The Board approved the 2025-26 proposed amended budget.

### **FY27 FUEL BID**

The board approved the following fuel bids for FY27:

- Avalon Petroleum Company, Inc. for ultra low sulfur #2 diesel fuel at \$0.095 per gallon without the addition of winter mix
- Avalon Petroleum Company, Inc. for 87 octane RFG unleaded fuel at \$0.0210 per gallon

### **SIEMENS RENEWAL AGREEMENT**

The Board of Education approved the Siemens renewal agreement in the amount of \$39,160 for 2026-2027 for building automation and monitoring systems.

### **DONATIONS**

The district is in receipt of the following donations:

- Abbott donated \$20 to the AUGS activity account
- USA Football donated Under Armor athletic gear to the AUGS flag football team at an approximate value of \$1,958.80
- Kari Palbicke donated \$80 worth of clothing to Oakland Elementary School students

### **POLICY FIRST READINGS**

The Board reviewed and conducted a first reading of the following policies which have been updated in response to new legislation and IASB's 5-year policy review schedule: 2:140-E, 2:200, 2:220, 2:2265, 2:250, 2:250-E2, 4:165, 4:40, 5:30, 5:50, 5:250, 5:330, 6:100-E1, 6:145, 6:235-E3, 6:50, 6:65, 6:170, 6:180, 7:190-E2, 7:300-E2, 7:50, 7:185, 7:300, 8:90

## MEETING INFORMATION

### **JULY BOARD MEETING**

The next Regular Board of Education Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM on July 28, 2026 at the D34 Administrative Service Center.

### **BOARD MEETING RESOURCES**

The Board of Education meeting schedule, meeting agendas, minutes, and board meeting livestream are all accessible on the Antioch CCSD 34 website.