



Homer Community Consolidated School District 33C

Board of Education

Board Meeting Summary - August 25, 2026

*Christopher Trzeciak, President - Melissa Chandarana, Vice President - Aaron Wolf, Secretary
Elizabeth Hitzeman, Member - Deb Martin, Member, - Josh Oster, Member - Lilly Miceli, Member*

Consent Agenda

- Approval of the consent agenda as presented
- Approval of the July 28 Regular Board meeting minutes, August 11 Special Board meeting minutes and the July 28 Regular Meeting Closed Session Minutes (Goal 4)
- Treasurer's Report July 2026 (Goal 5)
- Invoices Payable July 2026/August 2026 (Goal 5)

Resignations

Non-Certified

- 1) Johnelle Vargo - Bus Driver at Transportation - eff. 8/5/26
- 2) Drabik Halina - Lunchroom/Recess Monitor at Goodings Grove School -eff. 6/1/26
- 3) Jessica Timmerman - Paraprofessional at Schilling School - eff. 8/5/26
- 4) Christina Theriault - Lunchroom Monitor at Hadley Middle School - eff. 8/19/26

Employment Recommendation(s)

Non-Certified

- 1) Tania Valle - Custodian at Young School - eff. 8/26/26
- 2) Jasline Valle - Lunchroom Monitor at Young School - eff. 8/26/26
- 3) Mya Foley - Lunchroom Monitor at Young School - eff. 8/19/26
- 4) Christine Little - Lunchroom Monitor at Schilling School - eff. 8/26/26
- 5) Jordan Smith - 3rd Grade Teacher at Butler School - eff. 8/17/26 (correction to change Highest Degree from Master to Bachelors)
- 6) Casey Soteras - Lunchroom Monitor at Goodings Grove School - eff. 8/26/26
- 7) Irene Raney - Lunchroom Monitor at Goodings Grove School - eff. 8/26/26
- 8) Amanda Brockett - Paraprofessional (SI) at Schilling School - eff. 8/26/26

Extracurricular

- 1) 2026/2027 DLT/SLT Members List (attached)
- 2) 2026-2027 Mentor/Mentee List (attached)
- 3) 2026-2027 Clubs and Sponsors List (attached)

Informational Reports

Homer Council & Homer Support Staff Council Report

Co-Presidents Wendy Bruin and Stephanie Piper introduced Vice President Tasha Ohotzke, Secretary Andrea Durbin, and Treasurers Kelly Zurek and Betty Muranski, who presented the Homer Council report. Celebrations included a successful welcome back, a fantastic Institute Day, and appreciation for Mr. Trceziak's vision for teachers. AI serves as an area for growth, with staff supporting clear guidelines and seeking input on future policy to ensure effective use. Additionally, the council noted teacher concern over the sudden removal of Canva and offered to share resources illustrating how educators currently utilize AI.

Homer Support Staff Council

Co-Presidents Kelly Zink and Henry Pycioch, alongside Treasurer Erin Sichak and Vice-President Ben Cobbett, extended a special thanks to 12-month employees for their hard work. The team noted that the schools, recent updates, and buses look fantastic. Staff appreciated the dedicated time on Institute Day to reconnect with colleagues and expressed enthusiasm for upcoming events, including food and blood drives as well as Santa at the schoolhouse.

Directors' Reports

Buildings and Grounds

Mr. Russ' presentation is attached.

Special Services

Ms. Karalus' presentation is attached.

Transportation

Mr. Zurales' presentation is attached.

Assistant Superintendents' Reports

Curriculum and Instruction

Ms. Figurell's presentation is attached.

Human Resources

Dr. Portwood's presentation is attached.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Schoppe's report is attached.

New Business: Informational

- Press Plus #122 Policy Update (first read only)
- Discuss building plans for additions to Goodings Grove School and Butler Schools

- Goodings Grove staff expressed concerns regarding spatial limitations, including a lack of gym, cafeteria, classroom, dedicated art, and teacher workspace, as well as an undersized library and overall storage shortages. Similarly, Butler staff highlighted needs for art and grade-level classrooms, cafeteria expansion, student service areas, teacher workspaces, building storage, and additional parking. To address these needs assessments, TRIA Architecture presented three potential options to the Board for each school.

Approved New Business

- Updated Full Time Grounds/Maintenance Substitute job description
- Approved an additional 1.0 FTE Full Time Grounds/Maintenance Substitute position
- Approved additional K-1 Units of Study Texts
- Authorized activity fund transfers from the Hadley Yearbook Club account to the Staff Account in the amount of \$13,000, the Hadley Yearbook Club account to the Student account in the amount of \$13,371.63, the Hadley PTO Funds Account to the Staff Account in the amount of \$7,000, the Hadley PTO Funds Account to the Student Account in the amount of \$15,058.39, and the Hadley PTO Funds account to the Assemblies account in the amount of \$4,000
- Authorized the superintendent or designee to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with Will County School District 92 for shared transportation services
- Authorized the repair and upgrade of the domestic water pump control system at Schilling school in the estimated total amount of \$13,046

The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 29, at 7:00 p.m.