



ANTIOCH COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 34

INSPIRE TO DREAM - EMPOWER TO ACHIEVE

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tuesday, August 11, 2026 – 6:30 P.M.

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Antioch School District 34 was held on Tuesday, August 11, 2026 at Antioch Upper Grade School, 800 Highview Dr. Antioch, Illinois, in said District. Vice President Ruminski called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

ROLL CALL

Present: Members Baronello, Beall, Buak, Henning, Karner, and Hulting.

Absent: Member Ruminski.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Baronello moved to approve the agenda as presented; Member Beall seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Members Baronello, Beall, Buak, Henning, Karner and Hulting. | Aye- 6. Nay- None. | Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Aron Borowiak, Superintendent, reported 3 FOIA requests since the last regular board meeting, in which 2 have been completed and 1 is still in progress.

He also reported on the following:

Early Learning Center

- Mary Kay McNeill Early Learning Center is excited to launch the 2026–2027 school year with its new theme, “Wild About Learning!” The jungle-inspired theme will be woven throughout classrooms, family events, and school celebrations as MKM continues to foster curiosity, exploration, and a love of learning among its youngest students. Staff are creating welcoming, language-rich, and engaging learning environments that reflect the excitement of the new school year.
- MKM is also pleased to welcome several new team members for 2026–2027. As the school community continues to grow, these talented educators and support staff will strengthen MKM’s commitment to providing every child with a safe, nurturing, inclusive, and engaging early learning experience.

Hillcrest

- Hillcrest welcomed many of its newest Hurricanes and their families during kindergarten screenings on August 3 and 4. The Kindergarten Team enjoyed meeting incoming students and helping families begin their transition to Hillcrest. The school also hosted Popsicles with the Principal, providing another fun opportunity for kindergarten families to connect with the Hillcrest community before the start of school.
- Hillcrest is also looking refreshed and ready for students! The hallways are brighter with freshly painted walls and newly waxed floors thanks to the outstanding work of the custodial team and contracted painters. Outside, new shade structures have been installed on the playgrounds, and additional playground improvements continue to move forward in preparation for another great school year.



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Oakland

- Five Oakland staff members spent two days individually assessing all incoming kindergarten students in preparation for the 2026–2027 school year. These one-on-one screenings provided staff with an important opportunity to get to know each new student and help ensure a strong start to kindergarten. Oakland is excited to welcome its newest Eagles as they Get Ready to Soar and become part of the Oakland family!
- Oakland's incoming kindergarten students also had a blast at Popsicles with the Principal! Students enjoyed popsicles, explored the playground, climbed aboard a school bus, and officially "signed" their way into kindergarten with the help of the Oakland Eagles Boosters. It was an exciting first experience for students and families as Oakland welcomed its newest Eagles and helped them Get Ready to Soar into the Oakland family!

Petty

- W.C. Petty welcomed more than 50 new Bobcats during kindergarten screening! The Kindergarten Team and additional staff members enjoyed meeting the newest members of the Petty family and helping them feel comfortable and excited about beginning school. The celebration continued with Popsicles with the Principals on the playground. A special thank-you goes to Mary for bringing the big yellow school bus for future kindergarten students to explore and to the W.C. Petty Boosters for sharing Bobcat spirit and warmly welcoming new families.
- Throughout July and August, W.C. Petty's new administrative team has also been building relationships with staff through informal meet-and-greets. These conversations have provided valuable opportunities to learn more about what makes Petty special, hear staff perspectives, and begin developing a shared vision for a successful year ahead. The connections being established before students return are creating a strong foundation for an exciting 2026–2027 school year.

AUGS

- Antioch Upper Grade School welcomed approximately 205 incoming sixth-grade students to this year's Warrior Academy, providing students with an exciting introduction to life as an AUGS Warrior. Each student received a Warrior Academy shirt to commemorate the experience while participating in activities designed to build confidence and familiarity before the first day of school.
- Students practiced opening and securing their lockers, walked through their class schedules, learned how to use their Yondr pouches, met teachers and staff, and participated in welcoming activities throughout the program. Administrators from the entire district and the School Resource Officer were also on hand to greet students on the first day and help set a warm and welcoming tone.
- A special highlight of Warrior Academy was the leadership of 24 seventh- and eighth-grade student volunteers, who assisted each day and helped create a positive and supportive environment for the newest Warriors. Twelve teachers, one paraprofessional, and AUGS administrators and staff also helped organize activities, guide students, and ensure participants felt prepared and confident for the year ahead.
- Warrior Academy was truly a districtwide effort. Special appreciation is extended to the Custodial and Maintenance, Transportation, Student Services, Curriculum and Instruction, Business Office, and Human Resources departments for their support in making the program run smoothly. The District also appreciates the scholarship support provided by the AUGS Boosters, ASP, and AEEA, as well as Mrs. Wagner, Head Secretary at W.C. Petty, for her assistance with summer school and camp programming.



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- Warrior Academy continues to be an important tradition at AUGS, helping students build relationships, reduce first-day uncertainty, and begin the school year feeling connected, prepared, and proud to be Warriors.

District

- Last week, we rolled out the red carpet for our newest team members at New Staff Orientation! Day 1 kicked off with a warm welcome from all of our district administrators, complete with breakfast and warm introductions to set the tone for the year ahead. Our incredible Technology Department then led a deep dive into the tools, systems, and resources our staff will use to make teaching and learning thrive.
- Later in the week, new staff connected with their mentors as part of our robust two-year mentoring program—an invaluable opportunity to build relationships and receive personalized guidance. Through the years, we have built a solid
- This year, based on feedback from past participants, we moved orientation up by a week. This change gave our new staff extra time to absorb the information, explore our systems, and, for those with classrooms, get their spaces ready after learning how everything works. The result? More confidence, more connection, and a stronger start to the school year!

Job Openings for 26-27

- ELC
 - Paraprofessional
- AUGS:
 - Permanent Substitute
 - Paraprofessionals
- Elementary
 - .2 Music teacher
 - Paraprofessionals
 - Lunchroom Supervisors
 - Cook
- OTC
 - Bus Drivers

Upcoming Events

August 17 | First Staff day
August 17 | Meet and Greet Night - Petty, Oakland, Hillcrest
August 18 | Meet and Greet Night - AUGS, ELC
August 19 | First Day with students
September 15 | Public Hearing on FY26 Budget
| Regular Board Meeting

Member Beall confirmed the time for her and President Hulting to speak with the district during first staff day, August 17th, 2026. Time was confirmed for 7:30 am.



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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Matt Serzynski addressed the board regarding the new ELC building.

DONATIONS

Frequently, we receive charitable donations in the form of monetary donations and gifts through various formats. We will inform the Board of Education of these donations to the best of our ability.

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Company/Person Making Donations	Date Donated	Item (Description) Donated	Dollar Value	Beneficiary of Donation
Antioch Traveling Closet	8/3/26	75 backpacks with school supplies	\$3,000.00	All D34 Students

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Member Karner mentioned attending the SEDOL first Meeting of the Year, where Board Members were sworn in, and the strategic Plan was reviewed and paraprofessional contracts were finalized.
2. Superintendent Borowiak commented on SEDOL's New Superintendent and CSBO, and the impact this change has on our district and students due to the working nature between SEDOL and District 34.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE: CONSENT AGENDA

President Hulting asks for approval of the consent agenda.

Superintendent Borowiak recommended approval of the Consent Agenda with a Treasurer's report with a fund balance of \$115,505,841.08.

1. Minutes
 - i. Minutes | Regular Meeting | July 28, 2026
 - ii. Minutes | Regular Meeting | Closed Session 1 | July 28, 2026
 - iii. Minutes | Regular Meeting | Closed Session 2 | July 28, 2026
2. Financial Reports
 - i. Activity Fund Statement | June 2026
 - ii. Bills | June 2026
 - iii. Bills | July 2026
 - iv. Payroll Report | June 2026
 - v. Treasurer's and Investment Report | June 2026
3. Personnel Consent Agenda



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First Name	Last Name	Position	Status
Lexis	Jones	District Permanent Substitute	New Hire
Gabriela	Miranda Diaz	Assistant Secretary	New Hire
Maria	Thompson	SPED Resource Teacher	New Hire
Jason	Eismueller	PE Assistant	New Hire
Jadyn	Harris	Cook's Helper	New Hire
Julia	Lightbody	EL Teacher	New Hire
Eric	Foley	Bus Driver	Resign/Sub only
Megan	Altwasser	Bus Driver	Resign/Sub only
Kelley	Klimek	Head Cook	Resignation
Stephanie	Sakata	Bus Driver	Resignation
Lidia	Ciesla	SPED Aide (Assistant)	Resignation
Dylan	Morris	District Permanent Substitute	Resignation
Christopher	Murawski	Bus Driver	Resignation

- New Hires/Appointments, Leave of Absence Requests, Resignations, Notification of Intent to Retire, and Discharge of Staff
- Job Description Update: Parent Liaison
- Stipend Report
 - Nothing to report
- Enrollment Report

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Member Beall moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Member Baronello seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Members Baronello, Beall, Buak, Henning, Karner, and Hulting. | Aye- 6. Nay- None. | Motion carried.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE: ACTION ITEMS

A. SOCIAL MEDIA MASS ACTION LITIGATION

Superintendent Borowiak explained that the District is joining mass action litigation with other school districts regarding the alleged negative social-emotional impact of social media platforms, including TikTok and Meta, on school-age students. There is no cost to the District if the litigation is unsuccessful. If the litigation results in a monetary recovery, the funds would be used to support a new social-emotional learning program and provide staff with additional resources to better support students impacted by social media.

Member Beall motioned to approve Antioch Community Consolidated School District 34's participation in the Social Media Mass Action Litigation and approve the Attorney-Client Fee Contract with Frantz Law Group, APLC.

Member Baronello seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Members Baronello, Beall, Buak, Henning, Karner and Hulting. | Aye- 6. Nay- None. | Motion carried.

B. ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACTS

Member Baronello moves to approve the attached Administrator contracts as presented.

Member Henning seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Members Baronello, Beall, Buak, Henning, Karner and Hulting. | Aye- 6. Nay- None. | Motion carried.

C. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT (IGA): EXCEPTIONAL LEARNERS COLLABORATIVE

Member Karner moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreements with the Exceptional Learners' Collaborative for contracted services to provide Assistive Technology and Deaf/Hard of Hearing Itinerant Services for the 2026–2027 school year.

Member Beall seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Members Baronello, Beall, Buak, Henning, Karner and Hulting. | Aye- 6. Nay- None. | Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Member Beall moved to enter a closed session at 6:58 pm.

The Open Meetings Act:

- a. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or



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specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

- b. The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the District. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6).
- c. Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).
- d. Security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8).
- e. Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

Member Karner seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote: Members Baronello, Beall, Buak, Henning, Karner and Hulting. | Aye- 6. Nay- None. | Motion carried.

President Hulting announced that action would not be taken when they returned from closed session.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

President Hulting called the open session to order at 7:56 PM.

Member Henning seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Members Baronello, Beall, Buak, Henning, Karner and Hulting. | Aye- 6. Nay- None. | Motion carried.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND MEETING SUMMARY

- Credit card fees and public notice
- Meeting with zoning and planning
- Safe routes to school
- SRO vehicle magnet
- Review of board protocols



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ADJOURNMENT

Member Beall motioned, and Member Henning seconded to adjourn at 8:31 pm.

Roll Call Vote: Members Baronello, Beall, Buak, Henning, Karner and Hulting. | Aye- 6. Nay- None. | Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth Hulting, President

Angela Baronello, Secretary