

BOARD BRIEFS

INFORMATION FROM THE FEBRUARY 20, 2024 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES PRESENTATION

Dr. Michael Karner, Lake County Regional Office of Education (ROE) Superintendent, was a presenter at the February Board of Education meeting. Dr. Karner's presentation shed light on the vast array of services provided by the ROE, emphasizing their pivotal role in enhancing the quality of education and safety in our schools.

Homelessness and Preschool

Resources: Recognizing the challenges faced by homeless students and the importance of early education, the ROE provides vital resources to support these vulnerable groups.

Health Life and Safety Compliance

Visits: The ROE conducts essential visits to ensure our schools adhere to the highest standards of health, life, and safety.

Attendance and Truancy Support:

Addressing challenges related to attendance and truancy, the ROE offers support systems to help keep students engaged and in school.

Regional Safe School Program:

The ROE's Regional Safe School Program offers alternatives for students needing additional support.

Illinois Virtual Schools & Academy:

The ROE provides access to virtual learning opportunities, ensuring students can achieve their educational goals regardless of their physical location.

Varsity Tutors: Through a partnership with the ROE, Varsity Tutors offers free tutoring services to all Lake County school districts.

GED/High School Equivalency

Certificates: By providing access to GED and High School Equivalency Certificates, the ROE opens doors for individuals seeking to advance their education and career opportunities.

OTHER NEWS

24/25 LUNCH PRICES REMAIN THE SAME

D34 Food Service Director Julie Byczek gave an annual update on the Food Service Program. D34's percentage of free and reduced students increased from 26% to 29%. Student meal prices remain at \$3 for lunch, 40¢ for reduced lunches, and 40¢ for milk.

2024/25 STUDENT FEES

D34 student fees will remain flat for the 2024/25 school year. The district will continue to offer a discount to families who pay early. The Early Bird Pricing will expire on August 20, 2024 and assume regular rates on August 21, 2024 for unpaid balances.

APPROVAL OF PROPOSED IMPACT FEES

The Board voted to approve the proposed impact fees, which are based on the CPI for 2023 (3.4%).

BUS PURCHASE

D34 received approval for the purchase of two 2020, 72-passenger buses with a 5-year extended warranty for a total purchase price of \$182,252.

EL PROGRAM COORDINATOR POSITION APPROVED

The Board of Education approved the addition of a .5 FTE English Learner (EL) Program Coordinator, which will be shared with Lake Villa School District 41.

2024/25 SCHOOL CALENDAR APPROVED

The Board of Education approved the 2024/25 academic school calendar. The first day of school for students will be August 20th. The first day of school for staff will be August 16th.

LAKES REGION HISTORICAL SOCIETY LEASE RENEWED

The Board of Education voted to approve the lease agreement with the Lakes Region Historical Society, which will be in effect from April 1, 2024-March 31, 2025.

OAKLAND AND HILLCREST ROOF REPLACEMENT

The contract for the Hillcrest and Oakland roof replacement was awarded to Weatherguard Roofing Co., Inc. in the amount of \$811,500.

BOARD RECOGNITION

AUGS 8TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Board of Education recognized the AUGS 8th grade Girls Basketball Team for their amazing season. With a regular season record of 10-2, the team went on to clinch the Northwest Suburban Conference championship.

- Evie Baronello
- Taylor Bock
- Molly Hamilton
- Allison Kavich
- Addison Lewis
- Aubrey Mathew
- Alayna Pudlo
- Sara Pudlo
- Reese Queensland
- Lily Salgado
- Ava Sharp
- Mia Snyder
- Natalie Villa
- Meloddi Wetu
- Coach Logan Erber
- Coach Michael Wieda

HILLCREST STUDENT COUNCIL

The D34 Board of Education recognized Hillcrest Elementary School's Student Council at Tuesday's BOE meeting. These students have volunteered their time to improve their school and help others throughout the community.

- Brooklyn Aicher
- Alexa Avery
- Wesley Backs
- Lyla Clark
- Boston Farrow
- Danna Hernandez
- Eleanor Kalinowski
- Avery Kruger
- Hunter LaSage
- Davin Mallory
- Emery Olsen
- Taryn Osgood
- Kenzie Owens
- Holly Pfautz
- Andrew Reagle
- Athena Suhr
- Elizabeth Trejo
- Ryan Wackenhuth
- Emerson Woodville

OAKLAND AND AUGS PUBLISHED POETS

Hillcrest and Antioch Upper Grade School students were recognized by the D34 Board of Education for having their poetry published in a national poetry book, which now graces the shelves of our school libraries.

- Hayden Adams
- Addison Andell
- Jonathan Becker
- Layla Carden
- Asher Deichsel
- Amelia Denikas
- Bennett Elbert
- Dean Farrell
- Emily Forsberg
- Rafael Gomez
- Kayson Mercado-Munts
- Aiden Nelson
- Elena Narvaez
- Henry Obermeyer
- Johana Otadoy
- Liam Palmer
- Ryan Ray
- Kinley Smith
- Priya Smith
- Kaitlyn Sperling

- Sofia Hinojosa
- Neysa Kadakia
- Avery Leicht
- Jacob Leiter
- Jazmina Lopez
- Michael Marcy
- Kieran McCoy
- Keziah Moore
- Caden Steres
- Alayna Tompkins
- Amy Tompkins
- Logan Trieloff
- Ariana VanCleve
- Vayda Vaughn
- Dylan Von Drasek



AUGS WARRIOR BREW BUNCH

The AUGS Warrior Brew Bunch was recognized by the D34 Board of Education. These amazing students run AUGS' weekly coffee cart, handling everything from order prep to brewing to clean-up and money management.

- Liam Burke
- Penny Ferrigan
- Madison Fowler
- Jonathan Hernandez
- Tyson Johnson
- Rylan Nash-Vaughn
- Riley Perez
- Mauricio Roman

MISSED THE MEETING?



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Next Regular BOE Meeting

March 19, 2024 | 6:30 PM
Oakland Elementary School