

BOARD BRIEFS

INFORMATION FROM THE AUGUST 22, 2023 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

MICHELLE RUMINSKI SWORN IN AS NEWEST D34 BOARD MEMBER

Michelle Ruminski took the oath of office at the August 22, 2023 Board of Education Meeting, officially joining the Antioch CCSD 34 Board of Education.

A 19-year resident of Antioch, Michelle and her husband Ron raised their son, Thomas, in the D34 and 117 schools, which he happily attended from Kindergarten through 12th grade. Active in the community and within both school districts, Michelle has spent an extensive amount of time volunteering in the schools and classrooms. She has served as a member of the D34 Parent Involvement Task Force, on multiple Strategic Plan Committees for both D34 and D117, in addition to serving as a PTO Executive Board Member and President.

A lifelong learner, Michelle earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in General Studies from Eastern Illinois University and spent ten years working in IT as a network administrator and project manager. She currently works at the College of Lake County in the Human Resources Department.

Michelle is actively involved with the Arthritis Foundation

and The Haven, and spends time volunteering with the Reese Brantmeier Project. She enjoys spending time with family, crafting, traveling, playing with her German Shepherd, Saorsie, and testing new gluten-free recipes.



As a member of the D34 Board of Education, Michelle's goal is to ensure every student, regardless of ability or background, is afforded an excellent education in a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment. "All children should feel safe and encouraged to achieve their dreams," says Ruminski, "I believe that public education must be safeguarded and strengthened. All kids deserve to grow up in a community that values education and the opportunities it provides."

Ruminski replaces outgoing Board of Education member Tiffany Cappel.

OTHER NEWS

D34 eLEARNING PLAN APPROVED

The Board voted to approve the D34 eLearning Plan Resolution. The plan will now be sent to the Regional Office of Education to be placed on file. The Antioch CCSD 34 eLearning Plan is viewable to the public on the [Emergency Closing Information page](#) on the district website.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS

The Board of Education voted to approve the following intergovernmental agreements with Antioch CCSD 34:

- Exceptional Learners Collaborative for Assistive Technology Services
- Exceptional Learners Collaborative for a Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Exceptional Learners Collaborative for Board Certified Behavior Analyst Services

DATA PRESENTATION

Assistant Principals Jodi Lax (AUGS), Lindsay Burns (Oakland), Debbie Johnson (Hillcrest) and Kristina Franchi (W.C. Petty) provided the Board with a Responsive Data Practices Update, sharing out results from the spring Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR), which was administered to students in grades 3-8.

OTHER NEWS (CONTINUED)

BOARD POLICY REVISION APPROVALS

The Board voted to approve the following policy revisions: 2:80, 2:170, 4:45, 4:100, 5:230, 6:10, 6:190, 6:240, 7:275, 7:330, 8:25 and 8:95.

AUGS INTERIM ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Patrick Flynn was approved to serve as Interim Assistant Principal at Antioch Upper Grade School from approximately September 25-December 22, 2023. During this time, 6th grade Assistant Principal Jodi Lax will serve as the Assistant Principal of Oakland Elementary School while current Assistant Principal Lindsay Burns is on maternity leave. Patrick Flynn served as Interim Assistant Principal at Antioch Upper Grade School during the 2021-22 school year.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DISCUSSION

D34 proposed securing a school resource officer for Antioch CCSD 34. The district has held initial discussions with the Antioch Police Department. Superintendent Borowiak and Antioch Police Chief Guttschow will be in attendance at the September Board of Education meeting to answer additional questions and discuss the potential partnership.

FACILITIES UPDATE

Operations and Maintenance Manager Cuahatemoc Mendez provided the Board of Education with a district-wide facilities update, which included the installation of inclusive playground equipment at Hillcrest, Oakland and W.C. Petty, parking lot repairs at MKM ELC, upgrading of parking lot lighting at and new boilers at Oakland, in addition to parking lot restriping and mulching at all D34 schools.

AUGS RENOVATIONS UPDATE

Principal Joe Koeune spoke about the recent AUGS renovations. All major construction has been completed. He is excited for students to see and enjoy the new learning spaces. In total, the full renovation included the updating of 25 classrooms, four locker rooms and seven restrooms, the installation of new bleachers, white boards and Promethean boards, the painting of nine additional classrooms, staff offices, and hallways, and life safety updates throughout the building.

A community Open House is scheduled for August 29th from 5-6:30 PM. Visitors are asked to enter through the main doors.

BOARD RECOGNITION

TENURED TEACHER RECOGNITION

The following staff members were recognized at the August 22nd Board of Education Meeting for receiving Tenure:

- Jessica Anderson, Special Education, Oakland
- Kary Batchelder, Special Education, Oakland
- Jennifer Cruz, PLTW, AUGS
- Jacklyn Durnil, Speech Pathologist, Oakland
- Kerry Ellis, Special Education, W.C. Petty
- Brianna Emerson, 2nd Grade, Oakland
- Tammy Gaydovchik, Special Education, Oakland
- Emily Hellman, School Psychologist, Hillcrest
- Jennifer Jasinski, 4th Grade, W.C. Petty
- Kathleen Keefe, 4th Grade, Hillcrest
- Emily Macanowicz, 6th Grade ELA, AUGS
- Timothy Madler, German, AUGS
- Patrisia Mallin, 7th Grade Science, AUGS
- Tegan Maybrun, PreK, MKM ELC
- Cara Mizowek, 4th Grade, Hillcrest
- Amy Pieniazkiewicz-Grude, Art, Hillcrest/W.C. Petty
- Courtney Rieb, 4th Grade, W.C. Petty
- Rebecca Stefani, 3rd Grade, W.C. Petty
- Victoria Zeddies, 2nd Grade, Oakland

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September 19th, 2023 | 6:30 PM
Hillcrest Elementary School