

**OHIO COMMUNITY GRADE SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT #17**



The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Ohio Grade School District #17 was held on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

**1.1 Roll Call**

**Grade School Board members present:** Fitzpatrick, Hansen, Albrecht, Reuter, Piper, Cassidy,

**Grade School Board members not present:** Anderson

**Administrator present:** Superintendent Hamilton, Principal Wilt

**Board Recording Secretary:** Kelly Becker

**Other attendees:** Kristen Ryan

**1.2 Approval of Agenda**

Motion made by Reuter, second by Piper to approve the agenda as amended.

The vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

**II. PUBLIC SESSION**

None

**III. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

None

**IV. CONSENT ITEMS ENCLOSED IN PACKET**

4.1 Approval of Minutes for the February 21, 2023 Regular meeting as presented.

4.2 Approval of Treasurer's and Activity Account Reports for February.

4.3 Approval of Payment of February Bills (\$32,348.60) prepared 3/14/23 @ 10:05 AM and Payroll (\$91,312.27).

Motion made by Albrecht, second by Reuter to approve consent items in packet as presented.

Roll call; Yes Hansen, Albrecht, Reuter, Piper, Cassidy, Fitzpatrick

Nay: none. Motion Carried.

**V. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

5.1 Attendance Update: February's average attendance went down slightly this month (92.9%).

5.2 Principals Breakfast and 6-8th Grade Honors assembly was held on March 10th.

5.3 Kindergarten Pre-Registration: Will be held the week of Monday, April 3rd through Thursday, April 6th between the hours of 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Child must be 5 on or before Sept 1st to be eligible to attend school in the fall.

5.4 State Testing: IAR (Illinois Assessment Readiness) 3rd-8th grades testing window is 4/11- 4/21. ISA (Illinois Science Assessment) testing window for 5th and 8th grade is 4/11-4/21.

In the March newsletter we had some suggestions for the parents/guardians to make testing a positive experience.

- 5.5 Variety Show: Held Friday, March 10th @ 7:00 PM. Congratulations to Ms. Gallagher and all the students who participated. It was a packed house, and everyone did a great job!
- 5.6 Homecoming Week: Homecoming starts this week. Daily dress up and games sponsored by the Student Council. To end the week there will be an "in-house" tournament Friday, March 24th starting at 6:00 with 3 games in total: Seniors/Juniors vs. Ohio staff, Sophomores/Freshmen vs Alumni, and the final game will be a championship game between the winners of the first 2 games. Should be a fun family night.
- 5.7 School Play: Mrs. Graff and our students have been working hard on the play One Stoplight Town. The play is planned for Friday, April 28th at 7:00 PM and Saturday, April 29th at 2:00 PM. Mark it on your calendars and come and support our Drama Club.
- 5.8 Spring Break: Starts March 27th and we come back April 3rd.
- 5.9 Sports Update: The 6th grade girls basketball team won 1st place in their conference tournament on March 6th. Congratulations to all the girls and their coach and our Ohio player Quinnley Piper! The Scholastic Bowl Tournament was Thursday, March 16th. Track practice started at Amboy on March 14, 2023 and we have 8 students participating.
- 5.10 The BVEC Art Show was on March 11, 2023 at DePue. Fourteen of our 6th-8th grade students were awarded ribbons!

## **VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- 6.1 Enrollment Feb: HS: 29 GS: 85 Total: 114
- 6.2 Economic of Interest Forms
- 6.3 FYI: School Board Elections are Tuesday, April 4th!

## **VII. CLOSED SESSION**

None

## **VIII. ACTION ITEMS**

- 8.1 Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Hansen to approve Second and Final Reading of Policy Updates October 2022 Press Issue 110.  
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.2 Motion by Piper, seconded by Cassidy to approve the Lunch Contract with Princeton School District for 2023-2024 school year.  
Roll call; Yes Albrecht, Reuter, Piper, Cassidy, Fitzpatrick, Hansen  
Nay: none. Motion Carried.
- 8.3 Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Reuter to approve the Ohio Grade School as a school wide Title I (required for grants).  
Roll call; Yes Reuter, Piper, Cassidy, Fitzpatrick, Hansen Albrecht  
Nay: none. Motion Carried.
- 8.4 Motion by Piper, seconded by Reuter to approve the District Consolidated Plan (required for grants).  
Roll call; Yes Piper, Cassidy, Fitzpatrick, Hansen, Albrecht, Reuter  
Nay: none. Motion Carried.

- 8.5 Motion by Cassidy, seconded by Hansen to approve the 5th Grade Teacher Kalla Mahar's resignation effective at the end of the 22-23 school year.  
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.6 Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Cassidy to approve with regrets the resignation of Paraprofessional Cheyenne DePatis at the end of the 22-23 school year.  
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.7 Motion by Cassidy, seconded by Piper to approve RIF (Reduction in Force) of School Counselor Position.  
Roll call; Yes Cassidy, Fitzpatrick, Hansen, Albrecht, Reuter, Piper  
Nay: none. Motion Carried.
- 8.8 Motion by Hansen, seconded by Reuter to approve Honorable Dismissal of Amy Otto as a Result of RIF (Reduction in Force).  
Roll call; Yes Fitzpatrick, Hansen, Albrecht, Reuter, Piper, Cassidy  
Nay: none. Motion Carried.
- 8.9 Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Cassidy to approve to retain the Closed Session minutes from the February 21, 2023 Board meeting.  
The vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

**VIII. CLOSED SESSION**

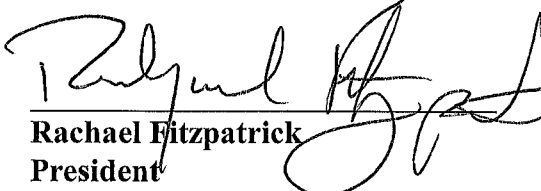
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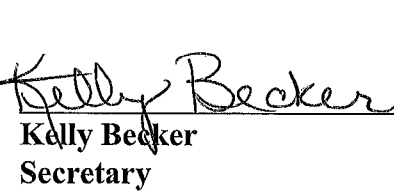
**IX. ACTION AFTER CLOSED SESSION**

None

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

- 10.1 Motion by Reuter, second by Hansen to adjourn this meeting at 6:14 PM. The vote was unanimous, whereupon the meeting was declared adjourned. **The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the District Office.**

  
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Rachael Fitzpatrick  
President

  
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Kelly Becker  
Secretary