

**OHIO COMMUNITY GRADE SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT # 17
TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026/6:00 PM**

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 P.M.

1.1 Roll Call

Grade School Board members present: Rachael Fitzpatrick, Bob Gonigam, Robert Albrecht, Don Reuter, Beka Piper, Andy Hull, Michael Walker

Administrator present: Superintendent Donnelly, Principal Wilt

Board Recording Secretary: Kelly Becker

Other attendees: Kristen Ryan, Alec Levy

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Walker, seconded by Hull to approve the agenda as presented.

The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

II. CONSENT ITEMS IN ENCLOSED IN PACKET

2.1 Approval for May 19, 2026 minutes of the Regular Board meeting as corrected.

2.2 Approval of Treasurer & Activity Account Reports for May.

2.3 Approve Payment of Bills (\$91,601.17) which were prepared on 6/17/2026 at 1:16 PM, July bills that have to be paid on July 1, 2026 (\$49,763.96) prepared on 6/23/2026 at 10:55 AM and Payroll (\$124,102.34)

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

Roll call: yeas: Gonigam, Albrecht, Reuter, Piper, Hull, Walker, Fitzpatrick

Nay: none. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

3. Public Session: Mrs. Donnelly introduced Alec Levy as the administration's recommendation for our new K-12th music teacher. Mr. Levy gave a brief summary of his background with music. He has taught music for the last 12 years and said he was excited to be here and get started with our students. The Board welcomed and thanked Mr. Levy for being here.

IV. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

4.1 None

V. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

5.1 Attendance Update: May attendance average was 95.6 and yearly average was 95.59

- 5.2 Online Registration: Ohio Schools will continue with online registration for the 26/27 school year. Online registration will be open the week of July 27th through July 31st. Through online registration, you will be able to pay for fees and breakfast/lunch balances online. Cash or check options are still available through the school office. As we hope to have all registration forms online, please still expect a few paper copies required at the beginning of the year. Any questions regarding online registration can be emailed to dlhughes@osd17.com and will be returned once she is back in the office.
- 5.3 Handbook update: Mr. Wilt went through the new changes in the Handbook for the 26-27 school year.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- 6.1 Enrollment: Pre-K thru 8: 85 HS: 18 Total: 103 (D)
- 6.2 Building update: The new balcony railings are installed and being painted. Outside Railings are being painted. Awaiting a proposal to paint exterior doors while the painting crew is on-site. The fire alarm system upgrades per the 10-year Health-Life Safety Surveys are being completed. Masonry work at the back of the building is underway. The masonry work at the front of the building is scheduled to begin in mid July as that is when the stone pieces are anticipated to be completed. We received grant funds for updating our weight room equipment so the old/broken equipment is being eliminated. The superintendent's office and a small portion of the district office floods from time to time. This has happened twice in the past couple of months. I am looking into determining the cause and potential solutions for the flooding issue.
- 6.3 Budget Update: Mrs. Donnelly and Mrs. Fehlhafer are actively working on the FY27 budget.
- 6.4 Staffing Update: Mr. Wilt and Mrs. Donnelly are recommending Hope Cotter for the School Nurse/Main Office Administrative Assistant position and Alec Levy for the K-12th Music Teacher position. We haven't had any applicants for the Paraprofessional/After School Coordinator, Part-Time Spanish Teacher or Bus Driver positions.
- 6.5 Mission, Vision and Strategic Planning: The Strategic Plan was in your May packet for review. There is an action item this month for approving the Strategic Plan. We will begin to launch the Strategic Plan in August at Teacher Institute and Back to School Night.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

- 7.1 Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion made by Hull, seconded by Walker to convene to Closed Session at 6:20 P.M.

Grade School Board members present: Rachael Fitzpatrick, Bob Gonigam, Robert Albrecht, Don Reuter, Beka Piper, Andy Hull, Michael Walker

Administrator present: Superintendent Donnelly, Principal Wilt
Board Recording Secretary: Kelly Becker

RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

Motion made by Reuter, seconded by Walker to reconvene to regular session at 6:26 P.M.

The vote was unanimous: Yay Motion carried.

ROLL CALL

Grade School Board members present: Rachael Fitzpatrick, Bob Gonigam, Robert Albrecht, Don Reuter, Beka Piper, Andy Hull, Michael Walker

Administrator present: Superintendent Donnelly, Principal Wilt

Board Recording Secretary: Kelly Becker

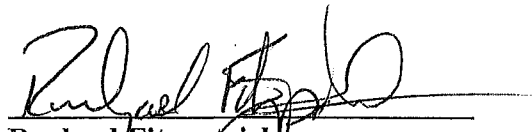
VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- 8.1 Motion made by Reuter, seconded by Walker to approve authorization for Spending by the Superintendent to Pay Bills Prior to the End of Fiscal Year 26 and for Fiscal Year 27 prior to adoption of the budget.
Roll call: yeas: Albrecht, Reuter, Piper, Hull, Walker, Fitzpatrick, Gonigam
Nay: none. Motion carried.
- 8.2 Motion made by Piper, seconded by Gonigam to approve second and final Reading of Policy Updates March 2026 Press Issue 121.
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.3 Motion made by Reuter, seconded by Walker to approve Worker Compensation Self-Insurance Trust (WCSIT) Renewal.
Roll call: yeas: Reuter, Piper, Hull, Walker, Fitzpatrick, Gonigam, Albrecht
Nay: none. Motion carried.
- 8.4 Motion made by Walker, seconded by Piper to approve Treasurer's Bond.
Roll call: yeas: Piper, Hull, Walker, Fitzpatrick, Gonigam, Albrecht, Reuter
Nay: none. Motion carried.
- 8.5 Motion made by Hull, seconded by Gonigam to approve the engagement letter from Phillips & Associates our auditors. Our audit is scheduled for August 10th, 2026.
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.6 Motion made by Reuter, seconded by Walker to approve updates to the Student Handbook as presented by Mr. Wilt 26-27.
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.7 Motion made by Walker, seconded by Hull to approve Title I Parent and Family Engagement.
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

- 8.8 Motion made by Albrecht, seconded by Gongiam to approve Agreement Between Board of Education of Ohio Community School District #17 and Ohio Community High School District #505 and Ohio Federation of Teachers Council AFT Local #604.
Roll call: yeas: Hull, Walker, Fitzpatrick, Gonigam, Albrecht, Reuter, Piper
Nay: none. Motion carried.
- 8.9 Motion made by Reuter, seconded by Hull to approve Non Certified Staff raises (4%) effective July 1, 2026.
Roll call: yeas: Walker, Fitzpatrick, Gonigam, Albrecht, Reuter, Piper, Hull
Nay: none. Motion carried.
- 8.10 Motion made by Reuter, seconded by Walker to approve School Nurse/Main Office Administrative Assistant Job Description.
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.11 Motion made by Piper, seconded by Walker to approve the employment of Hope Cotter as School Nurse/Main Office Administrative Assistant for the 2026-2027 school year.
Roll call: Fitzpatrick, Gonigam, Albrecht, Reuter, Piper, Hull, Walker
Nay: none. Motion carried.
- 8.12 Motion made by Gonigam, seconded by Walker to approve the employment of Alec Levy as K-12 Music Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year.
Roll call: yeas: Gonigam, Albrecht, Reuter, Piper, Hull, Walker, Fitzpatrick
Nay: none. Motion carried.
- 8.13 Motion made by Gonigam, seconded by Hull to approve the FY26 Amended Budget as discussed in the FY26 Amended Budget Hearing.
Roll call: yeas: Albrecht, Reuter, Piper, Hull, Walker, Fitzpatrick, Gonigam
Nay: none. Motion carried.
- 8.14 Motion made by Reuter, seconded by Piper to approve the District's Strategic Plan.
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- 9.1 Motion made by Hull, seconded by Reuter to adjourn this meeting at 6:36 P.M.
The vote was unanimous, whereupon the meeting was declared adjourned.
The next meeting will be in the District Office on Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 6:00 PM.


Rachael Fitzpatrick
President


Kelly Becker
Secretary