

**OHIO COMMUNITY GRADE SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT # 17
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026**

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I. CALL TO ORDER

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

1.1 Roll Call

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

Grade School Board members not present: Michael Walker

Administrator present: Superintendent Donnelly, Principal Wilt

Board Recording Secretary: Kelly Becker

Other attendees: Megan Duffy

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Gonigam, seconded by Reuter to approve agenda as presented. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

II. CONSENT ITEMS IN ENCLOSED IN PACKET

- 2.1 Approve the minutes of the April 21, 2026 Regular meeting with correction and approve and retain Closed Session.
- 2.2 Approval of Treasurer's and Activity Account Reports
- 2.3 Approval of Payment of April Bills (\$33,956.14) prepared on 5/7/26 at 8:39 AM, Additional Bills (\$5,404.75) prepared on 5/12/26 at 3:03 PM and Payroll (\$115,541.53)
Roll call: Yea: Gonigam, Albrecht, Reuter, Piper, Hull, Fitzpatrick
Nay: none. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

None

IV. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

None

V. PRINCIPALS REPORT

- 5.1 Attendance Update: Our attendance average went up to 96.8% for April. EOY average is sitting at 95.589%.
- 5.2 Grad Walk for our seniors was held on May 15th at 2:15. Grade School Promotion was May 16th at 1:00 PM and High School Graduation was May 16th at 2:00. Congratulations to our graduates!
- 5.3 6-12 Awards/NHS Program will be held on Wednesday, May 20 at 8:15 AM and the last day of school will be the 21st with an early dismissal (noon).

- 5.4 Kindergarten Pre Registration: Currently 3 students have officially pre-registered and are working on others.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- 6.1 Enrollment: Pre-K thru 8: 85 HS:18 Total: 103
- 6.2 Joint Annual Conference- Joint Annual Conference will be November 20, 21, 22, 2026. Registration and housing will open on Monday, June 1st. Registration fees are \$540 for the three-day event plus a \$200 housing deposit to reserve lodging. Please let Mrs. Donnelly or Mrs. Becker know if you are interested in attending.
- 6.3 Local Revenue: The 2025 tax extension reports have been received (payable in FY 2027) and the total (both HS & GS Districts) tax rate for 2024 is 5.19. This is the lowest historical rate since we started tracking in 2004. Also, it is a reduction of .10 from our previous year.
- 6.4 Summer Project Update: Summer projects are scheduled to begin June 1st.
- 6.5 Amended Budget: After carefully reviewing the budget, it was determined that a budget amendment is needed. All funds will be reviewed and updated so the amended budget will reflect the most accurate amounts based on our current information.
- 6.6 Staffing Update: After conducting interviews, Mrs. Donnelly is recommending Sandra Malahy for the bookkeeper position. Mr. Wilt is recommending Sheila Kelly for the paraprofessional opening. Positions that still need to be filled include: K-12th Music Teacher, School Nurse/Main Office Administrative Assistant, Part-Time Spanish Teacher, Paraprofessional/After School Coordinator, and Special Education Route Bus Driver.
- 6.7 Negotiations: Negotiations with the Union are underway. The next meeting is scheduled for June 9, 2026.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

None

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

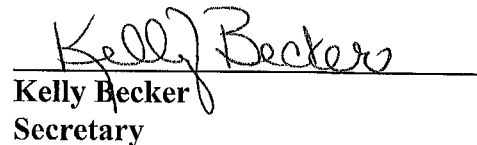
- 8.1 First Reading of Policy Manual Updates #121
- 8.2 Motion by Reuter, seconded by Hull to approve 2026-2027 Board Meeting Dates & Times.
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.3 Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Gonigam to approve setting the time and date for Amended Budget Hearing which will be held on Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 6:00 PM with regular Board meeting immediately following.
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

- 8.4 Motion by Gonigam, seconded by Piper to approve Tentative Amended Budget for display for FY26 school year in the Administrative Office.
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.5 Motion by Hull, seconded by Gonigam to approve Bookkeeper contract with Sandra Malahy effective July 1, 2026.
Roll call: Yea: Albrecht, Reuter, Piper, Hull, Fitzpatrick, Gonigam
Nay: none. Motion carried.
- 8.6 Motion by Reuter, seconded by Hull to approve Paraprofessional Contract for the 2026-2027 school year with Shelia Kelly.
Roll call; Yes; Reuter, Piper Hull, Fitzpatrick, Gonigam, Albrecht
Nay: None. Motion carried.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- 9.1 Motion made by Piper, seconded by Reuter to adjourn this meeting at 6:25 PM. The vote was unanimous, whereupon the meeting was declared adjourned. The Amended Budget Hearing will be Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at 6:00 PM with the Regular Board meeting immediately following in the District office.


Rachael Fitzpatrick
President


Kelly Becker
Secretary