

**OHIO COMMUNITY GRADE SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT # 17  
TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2023**

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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, Eric Hansen, Robert Albrecht, Don Reuter, Rebekah Piper, Tara Cassidy

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

**Board Recording Secretary:** Kelly Becker

**Other attendees:** Kristen Ryan, Jennifer Donnelly

**1.2 Approval of Agenda**

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

**II. PUBLIC SESSION**

None

**III. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

None

**IV. CONSENT ITEMS IN ENCLOSED IN PACKET**

4.1 Approved the minutes of the April 18, 2023 regular Board meeting as presented.

4.2 Approved Treasurer and Activity Account Reports for April.

4.3 Approved of Payment of April Bills (\$60,003.99) prepared 05/17/2023 at 12:56 PM and Payroll (\$88,130.34).

Motion made by Albrecht, seconded by Hansen to approve consent items in packet.

Roll call: Yea: Hansen, Albrecht, Reuter, Piper, Cassidy, Fitzpatrick

Nay: none. Motion carried.

**V. SEATING OF NEWLY ELECTED MEMBERS**

Welcome newly elected members of District #17 Board members.

5.1 Approval of canvass results as presented: Rachael Fitzpatrick (4 years), Rebekah Piper (4 years), Donald I. Reuter (4 years)

5.2 Reading of the Oath of Office

Motion made by Hansen, seconded by Albrecht approve the canvass results as presented.

The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

## **VI. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

### **6.1 Board President**

The Board secretary ran the election for the 2 year President term.

Motion to open nominations for Board President made by Albrecht, seconded by Reuter. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Mrs. Becker asked if there were any nominations? Robert Albrecht nominated Rachael Fitzpatrick for President. Secretary Becker asked if there were any other nominations for the office of President?

Hearing no further nominations a motion was made by Piper, and seconded by Cassidy to close the nominations for the office of the President.

All in favor of Rachael Fitzpatrick for 2 year office of President for District #17. The vote was unanimous. Rachael Fitzpatrick is elected President of this Board of Education.

### **6.2 Board Vice President**

Motion to open nominations for Board Vice President made by Fitzpatrick, seconded by Piper. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

Board President Fitzpatrick asked if there were any nominations? Fitzpatrick nominated Eric Hansen for Vice President. President Fitzpatrick asked if there were any other nominations for the office of Vice President?

Hearing no further nominations a motion was made by Cassidy, and seconded by Reuter to close the nominations for the office of the Vice President.

All in favor of Eric Hansen for 2 year office of Vice President for District #17. The vote was unanimous. Eric Hansen is elected Vice President of this Board of Education.

## **VII. APPOINT STANDING COMMITTEES (2 YEAR TERMS)**

7.1 Building Committee (2) Eric Hansen, Don Reuter

7.2 Policy (1) Rachael Fitzpatrick

7.3 Sports Co-op (2) Rebekah Piper, Tara Cassidy

7.4 Teacher's Contract (2) Rachael Fitzpatrick, Robert Albrecht

## **VIII. PRINCIPALS REPORT**

8.1 Attendance Update: Our attendance was up from 93.9 to 95.2 for the month of April.

8.2 Kindergarten Pre Registration: Currently, 2 students have officially pre register and our projected 2023/24 Kindergarten class is 10.

8.3 Graduation was held on Saturday, May 20th. Congratulations to our graduates!

8.4 Sports Update- Sports/Activities Banquet was held on 5/11. At this time we have girls signed up to play volleyball next fall which is not enough to field a team.

Option #1: We can bring up our 4th graders if needed, but this has been a challenge for those girls in the past. Also, we will need to purchase new uniforms this year and hire a new

Coach. We do have a new employee who has expressed interest if needed. Option #2: To co-op with Amboy. The Board recommended moving forward with Option 2.

**IX. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- 9.1 Enrollment: Pre-K thru 8: 86 HS-29 Total-115
- 9.2 Immunization Data: Review 23-24
- 9.3 Joint Annual Conference- Joint Annual Conference will be November 18, 19, 20, 2023. Registration and housing will open on Monday, June 5th. Registration fees are \$520 for the three-day event plus a \$200 housing deposit to reserve lodging.
- 9.4 Local Revenue: The levy was created and approved in the Fall of 2022 and was based off of an estimated EAV, this estimated EAV was approximately \$2 million more than our actual EAV for tax year 2022. The 2022 tax extension report has been received (payable summer of 2023) and the combined (both HS & GS Districts) tax rate for 2022 is approximately 6.11. Due to the difference in estimate and actual EAV there is a slight increase of .05 from the 2021 tax rate of 6.06.
- 9.5 Summer Project Update: The ceilings/lights project is on track to begin the week of May 29, 2023. The north door installation and sidewalk repair is also scheduled for the week of May 29, 2023. We have received a quote for additional sidewalk replacement for cracked sidewalks in the front of the building. The interior door/lock replacement is scheduled to begin the week of June 5, 2023.

**X. NO CLOSED SESSION NEEDED**

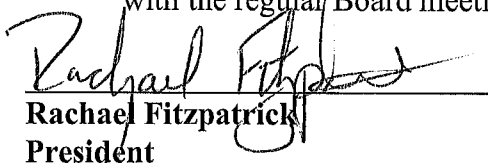
**XI. ACTION ITEMS**

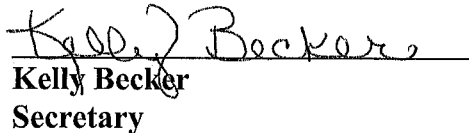
- 11.1 Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Reuter to approve non-certified raises effective July 1st pending High School Board approval.  
Roll Call: Albrecht, Reuter, Piper, Cassidy, Fitzpatrick, Hansen  
Motion carried.
- 11.2 Motion by Piper, seconded by Hansen to approve FY23 Tentative Amended Budget for public display.  
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 11.3 Motion by Piper, seconded by Cassidy to approve time and date for FY23 Amended Budget Hearing, June 27, 2023 at 7:00 PM with regular Board meeting immediately following.  
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 11.4 Motion by Reuter, seconded by Hansen to approve the date and times for the 2023-2024 Board meetings (subject to changes).  
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 11.5 Motion by Hansen, seconded by Piper to approved the second and final reading of Policy Updates March 2023 Press Issue 111.  
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

- 11.6 Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Cassidy to approve letter of support for Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District Extension (12 Years).  
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 11.7 Motion by Hansen, seconded by Reuter to accept the resignation of Rebecca Sieghartner, Paraprofessional effective the last day of the 22-23 school year.  
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 11.8 Motion by Piper, seconded by Albrecht to approve the employment of Samantha O'Brien as a paraprofessional for the 23/24 school year.  
Roll Call: Reuter, Piper, Cassidy, Fitzpatrick, Hansen, Albrecht  
Motion carried.
- 11.9 Motion by Hansen, seconded by Albrecht to approve tenure status for Tess Heidenreich.  
Roll Call: Piper, Cassidy, Fitzpatrick, Hansen, Albrecht, Reuter  
Motion carried.
- 11.10 Motion by Hansen, seconded by Reuter to approve the bid from V&C Construction To replace broken sidewalks in the front of the building. (\$13,340.00) pending High School Board approval.  
Roll Call: Cassidy, Fitzpatrick, Hansen, Albrecht, Reuter, Piper  
Motion carried.
- 11.11 Motion by Hansen, seconded by Piper to approve raising officiating rate to \$75.00 (to be competitive with other school districts in the area).  
Roll Call: Fitzpatrick, Hansen, Albrecht, Reuter, Piper, Cassidy  
Motion carried.

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

- 12.1 Motion made by Piper, seconded by Cassidy to adjourn this meeting at 6:39 P.M. The vote was unanimous, whereupon the meeting was declared adjourned. The FY23 Amended Budget Hearing will be on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 6:00 PM with the regular Board meeting immediately following in the District office.

  
Rachael Fitzpatrick  
President

  
Kelly Becker  
Secretary