

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

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The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Ohio Grade School District #17 was held on Tuesday, September 22, 2026 immediately following Hearing for Resolution Authorizing a Permanent Interfund Transfer for Debt Services and Budget Hearing in the District Office.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 P.M.

1.1 Roll Call

Grade School Board Members Present: Fitzpatrick, Gonigam, Albrecht, Reuter (left at 6:17)
Hull, Walker

Grade School Board Members Not Present: Piper

Administration Present: Superintendent Donnelly, Principal Wilt

Board Recording Secretary: Kelly Becker

Other Attendees: Kristen Ryan

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Reuter, seconded by Walker to approve the agenda as presented.
The vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

II. CONSENT ITEMS IN ENCLOSED IN PACKET

2.1 Approval of Regular Board Meeting minutes from August 18, 2026.

2.2 Approval of Treasurer and Student Activity Account Reports.

2.3 Approval of Payment of Bills (\$94,420.42) 9/16/2026 prepared 1:48 PM
and Payroll (\$114,064.46).

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

Roll call; Yes; Gonigam, Albrecht, Reuter, Hull, Walker, Fitzpatrick

Nay: none. Motion Carried.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

3.1 None

IV. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

4.1 None

V. PRINCIPALS REPORT

5.1 Attendance Update For August: Our average attendance was 96.8% (only 2 weeks).

5.2 Sports Update: Volleyball season is going well and they will be wrapping up their season
in the next couple weeks. The Homecoming football game will be Friday, Sept. 25.

Our students have been doing Dress Up Days to support the co-op and get our students involved.
We are providing transportation for students in grades 5-12 who would like to go to the
Homecoming parade on Friday. We will also be providing a fan bus to the game. The fan
bus will be for any student. Students in grades K-4 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

- 5.3 Outdoor Education Trip: Mr. Wilt discussed the Outdoor Education trip, which has been a tradition at Ohio Community Schools and is held every three years. This would be the year for the Outdoor Education trip. Mrs. Hansen has stepped down from organizing and coordinating the trip. After meeting with the Middle School team, they would like to continue the program if possible. Mr. Wilt shared that he spoke with another school that offers a similar program that takes their students to White Pines Ranch. He distributed information regarding the Outdoor Education Program plans for the Board members to review. The program offers different options and fees that can be selected to meet the needs of each group. The dates being considered are April 12 through April 14. Approximately 26 students and 3 adults would attend. The Board expressed support for continuing the Outdoor Education program and felt it is a valuable program and opportunity for the students. In the past, students have conducted fundraisers to help pay for the trip. Mr. Wilt explained that the school's fundraisers are already established for the year and that he feels adding additional fundraising would place an increased burden on the community. Superintendent Donnelly stated that she would look into available grants that may help offset the cost of the Outdoor Education trip. The Board was supportive of moving forward with an Outdoor Education trip for the 26-27 school year.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- 6.1 Enrollment: PreK-8th: 84 High School: 22 Total = 106
- 6.2 Co-Curricular Transportation: See the Co-Curricular Transportation Information sheet. The form was updated to be in the same format as the High School Co-Curricular Transportation Information sheet.
- 6.3 School Maintenance Project Grant (SMPG): Superintendent Donnelly and the Building Committee met tonight, September 22, 2026, to discuss potential projects to be included in the FY27 SMPG.
- Applications are due January 29, 2027. The projects discussed, in priority order, include:
1. Continuing masonry and tuckpointing work on the outside of the building.
 2. Redoing the ramp by the cafeteria, which is one of the school's highest-traffic areas.
 3. Updating doors, which is included in the district's 10-year Life Safety Plan.
 4. Redoing the gym entrance, which would also include the surrounding sidewalks.
- 6.4 Reimaging Rural Leadership: Superintendent Donnelly has joined this free cohort that will meet on six afternoons during the 26-27 school year to focus on innovative strategies to lead rural school districts. Superintendent Donnelly attended her first meeting in this group on Monday, September 21st.
- 6.5 Grade School Graduation: The last day of school, without snow days, is May 19th. Typically graduation is the Saturday before that last day of school, which is Saturday, May 15, 2027. The recommendation is for graduation to be on Saturday, May 15, 2027. Grade School Graduation would be held at 1:00 PM in the auditorium with High School Graduation in the auditorium at 2:00 PM.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

- 7.1 None

VIII. ACTION ITEM

- 8.1 Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Walker to approve contract services with Quintech Inc.
Roll call; Yes; Albrecht, Hull, Walker, Fitzpatrick, Gonigam
Nay: none. Motion Carried.
- 8.2 Motion by Walker, seconded by Hull to approve the FY27 Budget as presented by Superintendent Donnelly in the Budget Hearing.
Roll call; Yes; Hull, Walker, Fitzpatrick, Gonigam, Albrecht
Nay: none. Motion Carried.
- 8.3 Motion by Hull, seconded by Gonigam to adopt Resolution as presented in the Hearing Authorizing a Permanent Interfund Transfer for Debt Service in the amount of \$88,000.
Roll call; Walker, Fitzpatrick, Gonigam, Albrecht, Hull
Nay: none. Motion Carried.
- 8.4 Motion by Hull, seconded by Walker to adopt Institutional Authorization Resolution with Heartland Bank and Trust Company designating authorized powers for District financial accounts as presented.
Roll call; Fitzpatrick, Gonigam, Albrecht, Piper, Hull, Walker
Nay: none. Motion Carried
- 8.5 Motion by Walker, seconded by Gonigam to approve Grade School Graduation
Date and Time: May 15, 2027 @ 1:00 PM.
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- 9.1 Motion by Gonigam, seconded by Walker to adjourn this meeting at 6:42 PM.
The vote was unanimous, whereupon the meeting was declared adjourned.
The next Regular Scheduled Board Meeting will be Tuesday, October 20, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the District Office.


Rachael Fitzpatrick
President


Kelly Becker
Secretary