

**OHIO COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT #505**



The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Ohio High School District #505 was held on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 in the District Office.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 P.M.

1.1 Roll Call

High School Board members present: Kaecker, Albrecht, Hacker, Campbell, Reka, Forristall

High School Board members not present: Deery

Administrator present: Superintendent Donnelly, Principal Wilt

Board Recording Secretary: Kelly Becker

Other attendees: Kristen Ryan

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Albrecht, seconded by Hacker to approve agenda as presented.

The vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

II. CONSENT ITEMS IN ENCLOSED IN PACKET

2.1 Approved the minutes of the March 17, 2026 Regular Board meeting as presented and accepted and retained Closed Session minutes.

2.2 Approved Treasurer's Report and Activity Account Reports for March.

2.3 Approved Payment of March Bills (\$8,706.83) which were prepared 4/10/2026 at 1:23 PM, additional bills (\$4,000.00) prepared 4/47/26 at 8:34 and Payroll (\$60,891.82).

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

Roll call; Yes; Albrecht, Hacker, Campbell, Reka, Forristall, Kaecker

Nay: none. Motion Carried

III. PUBLIC SESSION

3.1 None

IV. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

4.1 None

V. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

5.1 Attendance Update: Our attendance went back up to 92.2% this month with our yearly being 94.05%.

5.2 Sports Physicals: Ohio Schools will host the annual Sports Physical Clinic (for grades 4-11) on Tuesday, May 6th through OSF St. Francis Hospital from 1-3 pm. This is a **FREE** sports physical exam provided to your child at **NO COST** to you; parents do not need to attend. If your child does not receive the sports physical through the school, and are planning on participating in any sporting event during the 26/27 school year, you will be responsible for getting their physical through your own family physician.

5.3 End of Year: We have a very busy April/May ahead of us with many events scheduled. Below are some of the key dates:

- IAR/ISA Testing April 9th through the 11th, 2026
- ACT (11), Pre-ACT (9,10) Testing April 10th, 2026
- K-2nd Field Trip to Circa 21 April 10th, 2026
- K Pre Registration April 13th-17th, 2026
- Middle School Dance April 17th, 2026
- Early Dismissal-2:00 PM Professional Development April 22nd, 2026
- 8th Grade Trip to Springfield- April 24th, 2026
- Grandparents Day Luncheon April 28th, 2026
- Spring/Sr. Grad Pictures April 30th, 2026
- Spring Concert - Thursday, April 30th, 2026 @ 7:00 PM.
- 8th Grade Trip to WACC May 1st, 2026
- HS Prom May 2nd, 2026
- 6th-8th Field Trip Feed my Starving children May 5th, 2026, 12-5:00 PM
- Blood Drive 1:00 PM May 5th, 2026
- Sports Physicals- Wednesday, May 6, 2026
- K-5 Brookfield Zoo May 8th, 2026
- 5/11-5/15 HS Finals
- Grad Walk - Friday, May 15th, 2026 @ 2:00
- GS Graduation - Saturday, May 16th, 2026 at 1:00 PM in the auditorium
- HS Graduation - Saturday, May 16th, 2026 at 1:00 PM in the gym
- K-5 Picnic at Zearing May 20th, 2026
- 6-12 Awards Program/NHS Induction Ceremony - May 21, 2026 @ 8:15

5.4 Homecoming Update: K-12th grade students participated in Homecoming activities the week of March 16th. The week concluded with a basketball tournament, welcoming back alumni, and a High School dance. The basketball tournament was well attended and everyone had a great time.

5.5 Sports Update: Track is going strong

5.6 Art teacher Alex Fehlhafer took some of the students' art work to the Amboy Art Invitations. The students did a great job.

Amboy Art Invitational 2026			
Name	Medium	Title	Award
Nash Piper	Colored Pencil	Two World Collide	
Nash Piper.	Acrylic	The Old Truck	2nd Place
Holden Mondy	Colored Pencil	Mystical Forest	
Holden Mondy	Acrylic	Tools for Thought	Honorable mention
Carl Suran	Mixed Media	A Look into the Pond	
Carl Suran	Mixed Media	Seat in Time	
Ali Gonzalez	Mixed Media	Alicorn of the Moon	
Ali Gonzalez	Mixed Media	Stairway to the Stars	Best of show 2D and 1st place
Sam Rossi	Mixed Media	Calmness Before the Storm	
Sam Rossi	Mixed Media	The Pool of Time	

Quinnley Piper	Mixed Media	Baby Cat	Honorable Mention
Quinnley Piper	Colored Pencil	Peacock	Honorable Mention
Quinnley Piper	Colored Pencil	Walker	1st Place
Luke Forristall	Colored Pencil	Morning Bites	
Conner Hansen	Mixed Media	My Cat	1st Place
Conner Hansen	Colored Pencil	Buddy	
Desmond Anderson	Colored Pencil	Teeny Tinny Terror	2nd Place

VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- 6.1 Enrollment: Pre-K thru 8: 85 HS-18 Total-103
- 6.2 Employee Health Insurance: Renewal information from Gallagher and quotes from another broker have been received. A meeting with Gallagher and our Board and Union representatives is scheduled for April 16, 2026. The new policy would take effect June 1, 2026 and open enrollment would occur in the month of May. The superintendent would need approval to move forward with the preferred option as determined by the meeting between our Union representatives, Board representatives and administration.
- 6.3 Flooring Update: The invoice for the LVT flooring that was installed on the 2nd floor during the summer of 2024 is still outstanding due to issues with the finish and floor adhering. Brothers flooring added additional adhesive, completed some preliminary cleaning and polished some test areas of the floor. Subsequently, our maintenance team did additional cleaning and polishing. The floor is functional now. To resolve the outstanding bill, Brothers flooring is willing to accept a check for half of the outstanding invoice and will donate the remaining half. Each District will be paying \$8,700.00.
- 6.4 Strategic Plan: A document of DRAFT Strategic Plan Goals, Strategies and Desired Outcomes will be provided at the Board meeting for review.
- 6.5 Staffing Update: Emily Gallagher (Music teacher) and Katy Jameson (Parprofessional/Spanish Tutor/After School Coordinator) submitted their resignations effective at the end of the 25-26 school year. Administration is currently reviewing Mrs. Jameson's duties to determine how to move forward with posting a position. Lee Carter (co-curricular driver) is unable to drive for the immediate future. Mrs. Walker is filling the schedule week to week. Jase O'Brien currently helps with the after school program and is willing to help with co-curricular driving. There is an action item to approve a co-curricular driving contract for Jase. Mrs. Donnelly would like to fill Danielle Hughes' position (Mrs. Danille Hughes will be starting her Student teacher in January 2027) with a school nurse/secretary. Mrs. Donnelly feels we have a need for a nurse in the building and combining the roles would fit the unique needs of our school.
- 6.6 Mrs. Donnelly read a note from retiring Special Ed teacher Deb Bodmer expressing appreciation for the Boards' support and leadership throughout her career. Mrs. Bodmer reflected on her years of service, highlighted the positive impact of the Board's decisions on students and staff, and extended sincere gratitude for the opportunities provided. She said when she thinks of Ohio Schools she thinks Community, heart and pride.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

- 7.1 The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6)
7.2 Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representative, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)

Motion made by Hacker, seconded by Campbell to convene Closed Session at 7:25 P.M.
The vote was unanimous: Yay Motion carried.

ROLL CALL

High School Board Members present: Kaecker, Albrecht, Hacker, Campbell, Reka, Forristall
High School Members Not Present: Deery
Administrator Present: Superintendent Donnelly, Principal Wilt
Board Recording Secretary: Kelly Becker

RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

Motion by Reka, seconded by Campbell to reconvene to regular session at 7:38 PM
The vote was unanimous: Yay Motion carried.

ROLL CALL

High School Board Members present: Kaecker, Albrecht, Hacker, Campbell, Reka, Forristall
High School Members Not Present: Deery
Administrator Present: Superintendent Donnelly, Principal Wilt
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VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- 8.1 Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Forristall to approve payment of \$350.00 per student for Aliyana Gonzalez and Darren Bell to attend HOBY this summer in Bloomington, IL.
Roll call; Yes; Hacker, Campbell, Reka, Forristall, Kaecker, Albrecht
Nay: none. Motion Carried
- 8.2 Motion by Campbell, seconded by Albrecht to approve Administration to move forward with Health Insurance renewal once the numbers have been received from insurance companies and have been reviewed by Administration and Union representatives.
Roll call; Yes; Campbell, Reka, Forristall, Kaecker, Albrecht, Hacker
Nay: none. Motion Carried
- 8.3 Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Reka to approve appointment of Architectural Firm Richard L. Johnson & Architect Scott Johnson Rockford, IL.
Roll call; Yes; Reka, Forristall, Kaecker, Albrecht, Hacker, Campbell
Nay: none. Motion Carried.
- 8.4 Motion by Hacker, seconded by Albrecht to approve contract with Hallie Monroe for School Nurse and Vision and Hearing Screening services for the 2026-2027 school year.
Roll Call: Forristall, Kaecker, Albrecht, Hacker, Campbell, Reka
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.


- 8.5 Motion by Forristall, seconded by Campbell to approve English teacher Nora McCauley Ogan's contract for the 26-27 school year.
Roll Call: Kacker, Albrecht, Hacker, Campbell, Reka, Forristall
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.6 Motion by Hacker, seconded by Campbell to approve Co-curricular driver contract with Jase O'Brien.
Roll Call: Kacker, Albrecht, Hacker, Campbell, Reka, Forristall
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.7 Motion by Reka, second by Campbell to approve Sports Physicals at Ohio Schools for grades 4-11 on Wednesday, 5/6 through OSF Hospital from 12:45-2:45 PM.
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.8 Motion by Forristall, seconded by Hacker to accept the resignation of Music Teacher Emily Gallagher effective at the end of the 25-26 school year.
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.9 Motion by Reka, seconded by Forristall to accept the resignation of Katy Jameson (paraprofessional/ spanish tutor/after school coordinator) effective at the end of the 25-26 school year.
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- 9.1 Motion by Hacker, seconded Campbell by to adjourn this meeting at 7:47 PM. The vote was unanimous, whereupon the meeting was declared adjourned. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, **May 19, 2026, 7:00 PM**, in the District Office.



Brock Kaecker
President



Kelly Becker
Secretary