

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

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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, Robert Gonigam
Robert Albrecht, Don Reuter, Rebekah Piper, Andy Hull, Michael Walker

Grade School Board members not present:

Administrator present: Superintendent Donnelly, Principal Wilt

Other attendees: Kristen Ryan

1.2 Approval of Agenda

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

II. CONSENT ITEMS IN ENCLOSED IN PACKET

2.1 Approved of for January 20, 2026 minutes of the Regular Board meeting (with correction) and approved and retained Closed Session minutes.

2.2 Approved of Treasurer's January Activity Account Reports.

2.3 Approved of Payment of January Bills (\$29,658.65) prepared
2/10/2026 at 1:39 PM and Payroll 2/5/26 \$58,415.43 and 1/20/26 \$52,787.27.

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

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

Nay: none. Motion carried

III. PUBLIC SESSION

None

IV. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

None

V. PRINCIPAL REPORT

5.1 Attendance Update: January attendance went down to 95.1 with year average 95.767

5.2 Parent/Teacher Conferences: Parent/Teacher Conferences were held February 11th
and 12th.

5.3 5 Essentials Survey: Students in grades 4-12 will complete the required annual
survey at school. The survey is available online starting February 3rd through March
13th. Parents are encouraged to complete the survey.

5.4 Variety Show: February 27, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

5.5 PTO Mother Son Glow Night is rescheduled for 3/13/26 from 6-7:00 pm.

- 5.6 Daddy Daughter Boots and Beauties Night: The PTO sponsored a Daddy-Daughter Boots and Beauties dance on Friday, February 13th from 7-8 PM. Thank you to our PTO as they do a great job continuing to host these events for our students.
- 5.7 Homecoming: Homecoming week starts Monday, March 16th through Saturday, 21st, which is the night the dance will be held from 8:00-10:30 PM. There will be daily dress ups and games sponsored by the Student Council. To end the week there will be an "in-house" tournament Friday, March 20th starting at 6:00 with 3 games in total: Seniors/Juniors vs. Ohio staff, Sophomores/Freshmen vs. Alumni, and the final game will be a championship game between the winners of the first 2 games. Should be a fun family night!
- 5.8 Family Skate Night: Family Skate Night will be held on Thursday, March 19th. It's another great family night. Details on the time will be in the newsletter.
- 5.9 Dental Clinic: The Smile Illinois Dental Clinic was cancelled due to not having enough students sign up. We are hopeful that we will be able to offer the dental clinic again next year.
- 5.10 Blood Drive: Due to weather we were not able to have the Red Cross Blood Drive in January. It has been rescheduled for Friday, February 20th (12:00-5:00). This is sponsored by the National Honor Society. This is our second one for the year due to a shortage of blood at this time.
- 5.11 Sports Update: Girls BB season is quickly coming to a close. 6th Grade conference tournament begins on February 28. Update on sports seasons for the 2026-27 school year. If any changes we want at least 10 students out for sports teams otherwise, we will coop with Amboy.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- 6.1 Enrollment GS-85 HS-18 Total-103
- 6.2 Weather: School was cancelled on 1/23/26 due to the extreme cold temperatures. We will make up for that cancellation on Casimir Pulaski Day March 2, 2026.
- 6.3 TIF District: The Village of Ohio has provided the school district with a check for \$21,340.77 from the TIF. This contribution was deposited in the Operations and Maintenance fund.
- 6.4 Staffing Update: We are interviewing for our Special Education Opening. We are still in need of applicants for our bus driving position for our special education route.
- 6.5 2026-2027 School Calendar
- 6.6 Statement of Economic Interests
- 6.7 Recognition: Superintendent Donnelly congratulated Kristen Ryan, our Kindergarten teacher who was awarded the Illinois State Board of Education Of Illinois the Award of Special Recognition and Amy Forristall, our 5th grade teacher who was awarded the Illinois State Board of Education Of Illinois the Award of Meritorious Service. Congratulations and thank you both for all your hard work you put into our school.

VII. CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

- 7.1 The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged

against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion made by Reuter, seconded by Albrecht to convene to Closed Session at 6:24 P.M.

The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL

Grade School Board Members present: Fitzpatrick, Gonigam, Albrecht, Reuter, Piper, Hull, Walker

Grade School Board members not present: None

Administrator present: Superintendent Donnelly

Administrator Principal Wilt stepped out for the Closed Session

Secretary not present: Becker

RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

Motion by Piper, seconded by Hull to reconvene to regular session at 6:34 P.M.

The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL

Grade School Board Members present: Fitzpatrick, Gonigam, Albrecht, Reuter, Piper, Hull, Walker

Grade School Board members not present: None

Administrator Present: Superintendent Donnelly

Administrator Principal Wilt stepped back in after the Closed Session closed.

Secretary not present: Becker

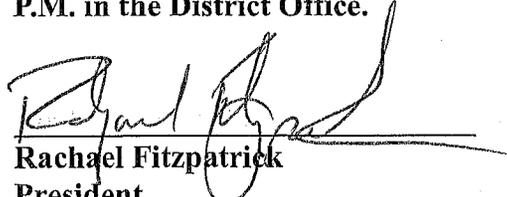
VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- 8.1 Motion made by Reuter, seconded by Walker to approve renewal of approve Intergovernmental Agreement with Ohio High School District #505 to share a school Superintendent for the 26/27, 27/28 and 28/29 school years.
Roll call: Yea: Albrecht, Reuter, Piper, Hull, Walker, Fitzpatrick, Gonigam
Nay: None. Motion carried.
- 8.2 Motion made by Hull, seconded by Walker to approve the Superintendents 3 year contract.
Roll call: Yea: Reuter, Piper, Hull, Walker, Gonigam, Albrecht
Nay: Fitzpatrick
Motion carried.
- 8.3 Tabled recommendation for Grade School Special Education Teacher until the March Board meeting.

- 8.4 Motion by Reuter, seconded by Albrecht to approve 26-27 Calendar as presented.
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- 9.1 Motion made by Reuter, seconded by Piper to adjourn this meeting at 6:35 PM.
The vote was unanimous, whereupon the meeting was declared adjourned.
The next regularly scheduled meeting will be **Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 6:00 P.M. in the District Office.**



Rachael Fitzpatrick
President



Kelly Becker
Secretary