

**OHIO COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DISTRICT #505
TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026**

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I. CALL TO ORDER

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

1.1 Roll Call

High School Board members present: Brock Kaecker, Harold Albrecht, Cindy Hacker Chad Deery, Reka Albrecht, Courtney Forristall

High School Board members not present: Janice Campbell

Administrator present: Superintendent Donnelly, Principal Wilt

Board Recording Secretary: Kelly Becker

Other attendees: Kristen Ryan, Tina Anderson, Alec Levy

1.2 Approval of Agenda

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

II. CONSENT ITEMS IN ENCLOSED IN PACKET

2.1 Approval for May 19, 2026 minutes of the Regular Board meeting as presented.

2.2 Approval of Treasurer & Activity Account Reports for May

2.3 Approval of Payment of May Bills (\$56,987.40) which were prepared 6/17/2026 at 12:52 AM and July bills that have to be sent on July 1, 2026 (25,802.76) prepared on 6/26/2026 at 9:49 AM and payroll (\$63,347.68)
Motion made by Albrecht, seconded by Forristall to approve consent items in packet as presented.

Roll call: yeas: Albrecht, Cindy Hacker, Deery, Reka, Kaecker, Forristall

Nay: none. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

2.1 Public Session: Mrs. Donnelly introduced Alec Levy as our new Music Teacher. Mr. Levy gave a brief summary of his background with music. He has taught music for the last 12 years and said he was excited to be here and get started with our students. The Board welcomed and thanked Mr. Levy for being here.

IV. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

3.1 None

V. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- 5.1 Attendance Update: May attendance average was 90.06% and yearly average was 94.19%
- 5.2 Online Registration: Ohio Schools will continue with online registration for the 26/27 school year. Online registration will be open the week of July 27th through July 31st. During this week, parents of all students grades K-12 can log into Teacherease and simply register their students online. Any questions regarding online registration can be emailed to dlhughes@osd17.com and will be returned once she is back in the office from Summer Break.
- 5.3 Handbook updates: Principal Wilt went through updated FY27 Student Handbook changes. There are mandatory Handbook policy changes required by ISBE. The Student Handbook Committee recommends the new Physical Aggression Verbiage, Electronic Devices, Eligibility Rules and Dress Code (revised), removed Dress Code: Pajamas and other forms of sleepwear may not be worn during the school day and only District #505 changed the College Visitation amount of days allowed. The revised 26-27 Handbook will be posted on the schools website.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- 6.1 Enrollment: Pre-K thru 8: 85 HS: 18 Total: 103
- 6.2 Building update: The new balcony railings are installed and being painted. Outside railings are being painted. Awaiting a proposal to paint exterior doors while the painting crew is on-site. The fire alarm system upgrades per the 10-year health-life safety survey are being completed. Masonry work at the back of the building is underway. The masonry work at the front of the building is scheduled to begin in mid July as that is when the stone pieces are anticipated to be completed. We received grant funds for updating our weight room equipment so the old/broken equipment is being eliminated. The superintendent's office and a small portion of the district office flood from time to time. This has happened twice in the past couple of months. I am looking into determining the cause and potential solutions for the flooding issue.
- 6.3 Budget Update: Mrs. Donnelly and Mrs. Fehlhafer are actively working on the FY27 budget.
- 6.4 Staffing Update: Mr. Wilt and Mrs. Donnelly are recommending Hope Cotter for the School Nurse/Main Office Administrative Assistant position and Alec Levy for the K-12th Music Teacher position. We haven't had any applicants for the Paraprofessional/After School Coordinator, Part-Time Spanish Teacher or Bus Driver positions.
- 6.5 Mission, Vision and Strategic Planning: The Strategic Plan was in your May packet for review. There is an action item this month for approving the Strategic Plan. We will begin to launch the Strategic Plan in August at Teacher Institute and Back to School Night.
- 6.6 Course Catalog: See Handout for a list of recommended updates to our Course Catalog for 26-27. These updates reflect required changes and our updated course offerings.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

- 7.1 Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

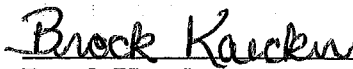
- 8.1 Motion made by Albrecht, seconded by Deery to approve the authorization for spending by the Superintendent to Pay Bills Prior to the End of Fiscal Year 26 and for Fiscal Year 27 prior to adoption of the budget.
Roll call: yeas: Hacker, Deery, Reka, Forristall, Kaecker, Albrecht
Nay: none. Motion carried.
- 8.2 Motion made by Deery, seconded by Hacker to approve second and final Reading of Policy Updates March 2026 Press Issue 121.
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.3 Motion made by Forristall, seconded by Hacker to approve Worker Compensation Self-Insurance Trust (WCSIT) Renewal
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.4 Motion made by Albrecht, seconded by Reka to approve Treasurer's Bond.
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.5 Motion made by Albrecht, seconded by Forristall to approve the engagement letter from Phillips & Associates our auditors. Our audit is scheduled for August 10, 2026.
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.6 Motion made by Hacker, seconded by Reka to approve updates to the Student Handbook 26-27 as discussed in Mr. Wilt's report.
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.7 Motion made by Albrecht, seconded by Campbell to approve updates to the 26-27 Student Course Description Guide as discussed in Mrs. Donnelly's report.
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.8 Motion made by Reka, seconded by Deery to approve Title I and Family Engagement.
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.9 Motion made by Forristall, seconded by Reka to approve the Agreement Between Board of Education of Ohio Community School District #17 and Ohio Community High School District #505 and Ohio Federation of Teachers Council AFT Local #604 2026-2029.

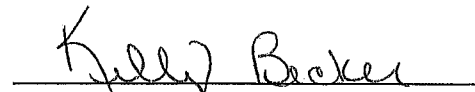
Roll call: yeas: Deery, Reka, Forristall, Kaecker, Albrecht, Hacker
Nay: none. Motion carried.

- 8.10 Motion made by Hacker, seconded by Reka to approve Non-Certified Staff 4% raises effective July 1, 2026.
Roll call: yeas: Reka, Forristall, Kaecker, Albrecht, Hacker, Deery
Nay: none. Motion carried.
- 8.11 Motion made by Deery, seconded by Forristall to approve Nurse/Main Office Administrative Assistant Job Description.
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.12 Motion made by Deery, seconded by Hacker to approve the employment of Hope Cotter as School Nurse/Main Office Administrative Assistant for the 2026-2027 school year.
Roll call: yeas: Forristall, Kaecker, Albrecht, Deery, Campbell, Reka
Nay: none. Motion carried.
- 8.13 Motion made by Forristall, seconded by Albrecht to approve Alec Levy as K-12 Music Teacher for the 2026-2027 school year.
Roll call: yeas: Kaecker, Albrecht, Hacker, Deery, Reka, Forristall
Nay: none. Motion carried.
- 8.14 Motion made by Albrecht, seconded by Deery to approve the Amended Budget FY26 as discussed in the Amended Budget Hearing.
Roll call: yeas: Albrecht, Hacker, Deery, Reka, Forristall, Kaecker
Nay: none. Motion carried.
- 8.15 Motion made by Deery, seconded by Forristall to approve Intergovernmental Cooperation with Amboy for Sport Co-op 2026-2027.
Roll call: yeas: Hacker, Deery, Reka, Forristall, Kaecker, Albrecht
Nay: none. Motion carried.
- 8.16 Motion made by Hacker, seconded by Albrecht to approve the District's Strategic Plan.
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- 9.1 Motion made by Reka, seconded by Forristall to adjourn this meeting at 7:42 P.M.
The vote was unanimous, whereupon the meeting was declared adjourned.
The next meeting will be in the District Office on Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 7:00 PM.


Brock Kaecker
President


Kelly Becker
Secretary