

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



The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Ohio Grade School District #17 was held on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 District Office.

**I CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

**1.1 Roll Call**

**Grade School Board members present:** Fitzpatrick, Reuter, Piper, Cassidy

**Grade School Board members not present:** Hansen, Albrecht, Anderson

**Administrator present:** Superintendent Hamilton

**Board Recording Secretary present:** Kelly Becker

**Other attendees:** Kristen Ryan, Katrina Graff, Linda Downey

**1.2 Approval of Agenda**

Motion made by Reuter, second by Piper, to approve the agenda as presented.

The vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

**II. PUBLIC SESSION**

2.1 During Public Session Kindergarten teacher Kristen Ryan introduced new staff member Linda Downey, 1st Grade teacher. Mrs. Downey is married to a former Ohio Principal Mark Downey. Mrs. Downey grew up in the area and in her 25 year teaching career has taught in Mendota and Rochelle. The Board introduced themselves and welcomed Mrs. Downey to Ohio Schools.

2.2 The Renaissance sponsor Katrina Graff attended and thanked the Board for their support. Mrs. Graff brought goody bags as a token of the Renaissance's appreciation. Renaissance is an extracurricular group of students that focuses on culture and climate. The students goal is to generate positive messages throughout the school and community.

**III. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

None

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

4.1 Approval of Minutes from July 26, 2022 Regular Meeting, Budget Hearing, Waiver for Limitation of Administrative Cost Hearing and Waiver for in District Tuition for children of Ohio Schools employees.

4.2 Approved Treasurer's and Activity Account Reports for July.

4.3 Approval of Payment of July Bills which were (\$109,813.74) prepared 08/10/2022 at 3:01 PM and Payroll (\$72,863.32).

Motion made by Hacker, second by Park, to approve consent items in packet as presented.

Roll call; Yes; Reuter, Piper, Cassidy, Fitzpatrick

Nay: none. Motion Carried.

## **V. PRINCIPAL REPORT**

- 5.1 Back to School Update: Back to School Night was held August 15th from 5:00-6:00. The students had a chance to drop off their supplies, meet their teachers and enjoy a light supper with their family and other students. We had a great turnout. Mrs. Hamilton thanked the teachers for organizing the event. We're excited to welcome back all of our students and staff.
- 5.2 Sports Update: Eleven girls are out for volleyball. The first VB game was tonight against Malden. If there is a possibility of not having enough girl's again this school year for basketball, Amboy is open to a multi year co-op agreement. The Board agreed that continuing a co-op agreement is beneficial for students who want to participate in athletics, but do not have the numbers needed for an Ohio team. Mr. Wilt will contact Amboy to discuss extending the agreement.

## **VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- 6.1 Enrollment: Grade School: 70; High School: 30; Total = 100  
Malden contacted us this week and we have 16 kids registered for preschool this year which is wonderful.
- 6.2 Building Project Update: The roofing and air conditioning project has been mostly completed. We do have some punch list items that need to be taken care of before the project is officially wrapped up. Meetings were held in the auditorium yesterday and it was very comfortable. When we did this phase we did not do new ceilings or new lighting in the newly air conditioned rooms. This is something we can look at in the future.
- 6.3 Tree: The tree in the front of the building had a large limb that came down on Wednesday, August 3rd. Harry Guither assessed the condition of the tree and indicated that it was hazardous and if we did not remove the tree the possibility was high that additional limbs would fall. Due to the condition of the tree, I gave the ok to remove the tree and stump. Mrs. Hamilton has been talking to Bart on purchasing and planting 2 new trees for the front of the school.
- 6.4 Budget Update: A copy of the budget in the required state forms that has been submitted is in the packet. Mrs. Hamilton went through funds of the newly adopted Budget with the Board. Mrs. Hamilton explained it was a good Budget. We are able to build our funds and will end the year in the black again.

## **VII. ACTION ITEMS**

- 7.1 Motion by Reuter, second by Piper to approve Qualified Evaluators. (Hamilton, Wilt and Donnelly)  
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 7.2 Motion by Cassidy, second by Reuter to approve contract with Quintech Inc.  
Roll call: yeas: Reuter, Piper, Cassidy, Fitzpatrick  
Nay: none. Motion carried.
- 7.3 Motion by Reuter, second by Piper to approve the use of Abbott BinaxNow Covid-19 Rapid Antigen Rest in the Ohio Schools testing program for staff and students who request a test.  
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 7.4 Motion by Reuter, second by Cassidy to approve Safe Return to school plan for The 2022/23 school year.  
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

**VII. CLOSED SESSION**  
**CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION MINUTES AND RESIGNATIONS**

There was no need to go into the Closed Session.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

8.1 Motion by Reuter, second by Piper, to adjourn this meeting at 6:22 PM. The vote was unanimous, whereupon the meeting was declared adjourned. The next Regular meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 20, 2022, 6:00 PM** in the District Office.

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**Rachael Fitzpatrick**  
**President**

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**Kelly Becker**  
**Secretary**