

**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, January 17, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

**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, Hansen, Albrecht, Reuter, Cassidy

**Grade School Board members not present:** Piper, Anderson

**Administrator present:** Superintendent Hamilton, Assistant Superintendent Donnelly

**Board Recording Secretary:** Kelly Becker

**Other attendees:** Kristen Ryan

**1.2 Approval of Agenda**

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

The vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

**II. 2.1 Approval of Minutes for the November 15, 2022 Regular meeting as presented.**

**2.2 Approval of Treasurer's and Activity Account Reports for December.**

**2.3 Approval of Payment of Bills for December (\$12,506.61) which were prepared 1/11/2023 at 11:16 AM, Payroll December (\$92,537.36).**

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

Roll call; Yes; Hansen, Albrecht, Reuter, Cassidy, Fitzpatrick

Nay: none. Motion Carried.

**III. PUBLIC SESSION**

Public Session-Mrs. Ryan asked to speak on behalf of the teachers regarding the 2023/2024 School Calendar. Mrs. Ryan and the teachers would like to see the dismissal time changed to 2:00 PM on the first three days of attendance (August 16, 17, 18). They feel this will give the K-5 time to adjust being in school or being back in school and Middle/HS students acclimate to their new schedules. Ms. Hamilton thanked Mrs. Ryan and explained that this is an Action Item and we will vote on this later in the meeting.

**IV. OLD/NEWS BUSINESS**

None

**V. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

**5.1 Attendance Update:** December's attendance average was down due to illness right before Christmas break.

**5.2 Awards Program:** Middle School awards program was held on 1/13/23.

- 5.3 John Ourth Student Recognition Breakfast: Liberty Cassidy and Colby Hansen were chosen as Ohio Grade School District #17 recipients. The event will be held at Streator High School on February 23.
- 5.4 Middle School Update: Mrs. Donnelly went through some Middle School Policies as to answer some questions the Board had inquired about at a previous meeting.
- Missing Work Policy: Teachers email/contact parents to notify them of students' missing assignments. After 3 missing assignments (per class), an office referral is made to Mr. Wilt who then meets with said student and makes a phone call home. This protocol repeats for every 3 assignments per class.
  - Mr. Wilt pulls grades weekly, meets with students and calls parents if there is a trend of poor grades.
- Support Available for Students
- 8:00-8:20 6th-8th MS Support
  - 11:06-11:51 Study Hall if not in Band/Choir
  - 2:27-3:00 6th/7th Support
  - 3:00-5:00 21st Century Program after school support is available Monday-Thursday
- 5.5 Sports Update: Girls BB is underway. One girl is participating in the Amboy Coop. First game is 1/19.

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

- 6.1 Enrollment: Pre-K thru 8: 86 students HS: 29 students TOTAL-115 (D)
- 6.2 TIF District: The Village of Ohio has provided the school district approximately \$14,468.91 from the TIF. This contribution is deposited in the Operation and Maintenance fund to help offset costs related to last summer's sidewalk, roof and air conditioning project.
- 6.3 Donation: The District received an anonymous donation of \$10,000. This donation will be used to repurpose the library and create a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) activities center for all students to use.
- 6.4 Administrator Evaluations: It's that time of year again for both the annual Superintendent and Principal Evaluation. Thank you for turning in your Evaluation tonight. We will go over the evaluations at February's Board meeting.

## **VII. ACTION ITEMS**

- 7.1 Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Reuter to approve the 2023/2024 School Calendar with dismissal times changed to 2:00 PM on the first three days of attendance (August 16, 17, 18).  
Roll call; Yes; Albrecht, Reuter, Cassidy, Fitzpatrick, Hansen  
Nay: none. Motion Carried.
- 7.2 Motion by Hansen, seconded by Reuter pending approval of Amboy School Board, to approve cooperative agreement with Amboy for Boys and Girls Track and Field programs for grades 5 through 8. Effective for the 2022-2023, 2023-2024, and 2024-2025 school terms, and shall commence upon the date January 19th, 2023.  
Roll call; Yes; Reuter, Cassidy, Fitzpatrick, Hansen, Albrecht  
Nay: none. Motion Carried.
- 7.3 Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Reuter to approve the Memo of Understanding with the AFT regarding the number of course credits certified staff can be reimbursed per school year if they are working on an additional certification that may benefit the District.  
Roll call; Yes; Cassidy, Fitzpatrick, Hansen, Albrecht, Reuter  
Nay: none. Motion Carried.

- 7.4 Motion by Hansen, seconded by Cassidy to accept with regret the resignation of Business Teacher Lisa Wilt.  
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 7.5 Motion by Cassidy, seconded by Albrecht to accept with regret the resignation of Volleyball Coach Sarah Hansen.  
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

**VIII. CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION FOR MATTERS RELATING TO A STUDENT**

There was no need to go into Closed Session.


**IX. ACTION AFTER CLOSED SESSION**

None

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

- 10.1 Motion by Reuter, seconded by Hansen to adjourn this meeting at 6:32 PM. The vote was unanimous, whereupon the meeting was declared adjourned. **The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the District Office.**

  
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Rachael Fitzpatrick  
President

  
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Kelly Becker  
Secretary