

**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, July 22, 2025 in the 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, Gonigam, Reuter, Piper, Hull, Walker

Grade School Board members not present: Albrecht

Administrator present: Superintendent Donnelly

Board Recording Secretary Present: Kelly Becker

Other attendees: Kristen Ryan

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Reuter, seconded by Gonigam, to approve the agenda as presented.
The vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

II. CONSENT ITEMS IN ENCLOSED IN PACKET

2.1 Approved Minutes from the June 24, 2025 Regular Board meeting and retained
Closed Session minutes per Superintendent Donnelly.

2.2 Approved Treasurer's and Activity Account Reports for June.

2.3 Approved of Payment of June Bills (\$150,741.42) prepared 07/16/2025 at 01:52 PM
and Payroll (\$102,649.18).

Motion made by Piper, seconded by Gonigam to approve consent items in packet as presented.

Roll call; Yes; Gonigam, Reuter, Piper, Hull, Walker, Fitzpatrick

Nay: none. Motion Carried.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

None

IV. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

None

V. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

5.1 Reminder: Online registration will open up on July 28th and stay open until August 1st.
The main office staff will be available to provide support.

5.2 Back to School Night: August 11, 2025 from 5:00-6:00 PM

5.3 First Day of School: Wednesday, August 13th. School will be dismissed at 2:00 on
August 13th-15th. We will return to our regular 3:00 dismissal on August 18, 2025.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

6.1 Building Project Update: The STEAM/Technology/Classroom project is on-schedule with
completion expected August 1, 2025. Masonry/tuckpointing work is ongoing.

- 6.2 Staffing Update: Mrs. Kania submitted her retirement letter effective July 1, 2025. Mrs. Carr will cover the food service duties and Mrs. Neuhalphen will assist in serving meals. Due to Mrs. Carr adding additional food service duties, the custodial position was shifted to a full-time position. Ms. Carter will only be driving co-curricular routes. A candidate who can complete custodial tasks and bus driving routes has been identified. Our paraprofessionals do not have availability in their schedules to complete the pre-k bus monitor duties so Abie Hughes has agreed to return as our pre-k bus monitor.
- 6.3 Mission and Vision: Meetings are scheduled for September 30, 2025 at 5:30 and October 23, 2025 at 5:30 to meet with a group of stakeholders to develop a mission and vision for Ohio Community Consolidated Grade School. If you are interested in being part of this committee, please contact Mrs. Donnelly.
- Mission: Defines our purpose, guiding principles and how we intend to operate in the present
 - Vision: Defines our long-term aspirations and our desired future state.
- 6.4 FY26 Tentative Budget Discussion: Superintendent Donnelly handed out a printout of the Tentative Budget. The superintendent went through the printout with the Board and asked if anyone had any questions. Next month we will do a Hearing and approve the Budget in Regular Session.
- 6.5 Superintendent Donnelly had a t-shirt displayed that each staff member received last year from the school. The t-shirt says "Small Town Big Pride" and would like to give each student in the building this t-shirt. She is trying to get sponsors to contribute for the cost of the t-shirts which would be around \$1,500.00 and so far she has received \$300.00. She asked the Board to contact her if they know anyone interested in being a sponsor.

VII CLOSED SESSION

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION MINUTES TO DISCUSS MATTERS RELATING TO EMPLOYMENT, RESIGNATIONS AND STUDENT ISSUES.

There was no need to go into the Closed Session.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- 8.1 Motion by Reuter, seconded by Piper to approve FY26 Tentative Budget for display in the District office starting Wednesday, July 23rd. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.2 Motion by Piper, seconded by Walker to approve date, time and place for FY26 Budget Hearing. Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the District Office. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.3 Motion by Hull, seconded by Gonigam to approve Tuesday, August 26, 2025 for Hearing for Resolution Authorizing Permanent Interfund Transfer for Debt Services immediately following the FY26 Budget Hearing in the District Office. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.4 Motion by Reuter, seconded by Walker to approve 6 Month Review of Closed Session Minutes: Recommendation by Superintendent Donnelly to continue to retain all the Closed Session Minutes.

12/14/1998	10/18/2005	01/19/2010	1/20/2015	09/19/2023
01/27/1999	05/17/2005	04/20/2011	06/23/2015	01/30/2024

05/26/1999	09/19/2006	08/16/2011	04/19/2016	02/20/2024
09/29/1999	03/20/2007	03/20/2012	01/23/2018	03/19/2024
02/21/2000	05/20/2008	05/15/2012	09/24/2019	05/21/2024
03/20/2000	06/24/2008	06/19/2012	09/29/2020	10/22/2024
07/15/2002	12/16/2008	11/20/2012	05/17/2022	04/15/2025
12/21/2004	03/16/2010	03/25/2014	02/21/2023	05/12/2025

The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

- 8.5 First reading of Policy Updates 119, June 2025.

No action needed at this time.

- 8.6 Motion by Walker, seconded by Reuter to accept, with regret, the retirement of Sharon Kania (Food Service Supervisor).

The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

- 8.7 Motion by Walker, seconded by Hull to approve continuation of Legal Counsel; Ward, Murray, Pace & Johnson, Sterling, IL.

Roll call: yeas: Reuter, Piper, Hull, Walker, Fitzpatrick, Gonigam

Nay: none. Motion carried.

- 8.8 Motion by Piper, seconded by Walker to approve Sue Fehlhafer's Letter of Intent to Retire Effective 1/31/27.

Roll Call: yeas: Piper, Hull, Walker, Fitzpatrick, Gonigam, Reuter

Nay: none. Motion carried.

- 8.9 Motion by Gonigam, seconded by Walker to approve School Bus Monitor Contract with Abie Hughes for the 2025-2026 school year.

Roll Call: yeas: Hull, Walker, Fitzpatrick, Gonigam, Reuter, Piper.

Nay: none. Motion carried.

- 8.10 Motion by Reuter, seconded by Hull to approve Custodian/Bus Driver contract with Tina Strasma for the 2025-2026 school year.

Roll Call: yeas: Walker, Fitzpatrick, Gonigam, Reuter, Piper, Hull

Nay: none. Motion carried.

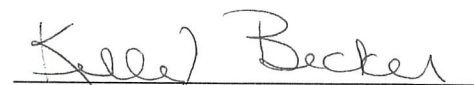
IX ADJOURNMENT

- 9.1 Motion by Hull, seconded by Walker to adjourn this meeting at 6:18 PM.

The vote was unanimous, whereupon the meeting was declared adjourned.

The Budget Hearing and the Resolution Transfer of Funds Hearing will be Tuesday, August 26, 2025 beginning at 6:00 PM in the District Office with the Regularly Scheduled Meeting immediately following.


Rachael Fitzpatrick
President


Kelly Becker
Secretary

