

**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, November 28, 2023

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 P.M.

**1.1 Roll Call**

**Grade School Board members present:** Fitzpatrick, Albrecht, Reuter, Cassidy, Gonigam

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

**Administrator present:** #17 Superintendent Donnelly, #505 Superintendent Hamilton, Principal Wilt

**Board Recording Secretary:** Kelly Becker

**Other attendees:** Kristen Ryan

**1.2 Approval of Agenda**

Motion made by Albrecht, seconded by Cassidy to approve the agenda as amended. The vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

**II. CONSENT ITEMS IN ENCLOSED IN PACKET**

2.1 Approve the minutes of the October 17, 2023 Regular Meeting and E-Learning Hearing.

2.2 Approval of Treasurer's and Activity Account Reports.

2.3 Approval of Payment of October Bills (\$129,617.86) which were prepared 11/20/2023 at 3:13 PM and Payroll (\$146,600.22).

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

Roll call; Yes: Albrecht, Reuter, Cassidy, Gonigam, Fitzpatrick

Nay: none. Motion Carried.

**III. PUBLIC SESSION**

None

**IV. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

None

**V. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

5.1 Attendance Update: October Attendance Average was 94.9 which is exactly what we had last month.

5.2 Illinois Report Card. The Report Card contains school performance data from the 2022-23 school year for every public school in the state and is used to determine each school's annual Summative Designation. We are proud to say Ohio Grade School District #17 has been awarded the highest designation of EXEMPLARY by the Illinois State Board of Education. This designation means that we are one of the top 10% performing schools in the state of Illinois. This designation is a huge accomplishment for our entire school community and could not have been accomplished

without the hard work and dedication of our teachers, staff, and students.

We plan on building on our successes from last year to help maintain this designation for the 2023-24 school year.

- 5.3 Thanksgiving Feast: K-5 and Seniors was held on November 21, 2023.
- 5.4 Sports Update: 8th Grade Night is Tuesday, December 5th at 4:00.  
8th Grade Boys Basketball players: Cole McDonald, Darren Bell  
It has been a good season for the team and coaches. They have all done a great job!

## **VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- 6.1 Enrollment: Pre-K thru 8: 77 students HS: 25 students TOTAL-102 (D)
- 6.2 Security Updates: Renumbering of doors was completed on November 3, 2023. Safety and security film option for lower windows and doors.
- 6.3 Combining Ohio GS and HS Districts: A preliminary conversation was held with each individual board member on District 17 & District 505 boards. All conversations were positive and if both boards are in agreement, Mrs. Hamilton will begin work to complete the steps required to file a petition (under Article 11E of the School Code ) to combine through consolidation Ohio Community Consolidated Grade School District #17 and Ohio Community High School District #505.

## **VII NO CLOSED SESSION NEEDED**

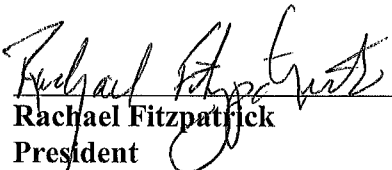
## **VIII. ACTION ITEMS**

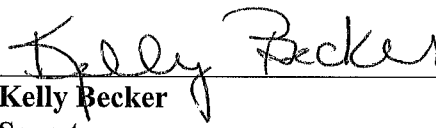
- 8.1 Motion by Reuter, seconded by Albrecht to approve the FY23 Audit as presented.  
Roll call; Yes; Albrecht, Reuter, Cassidy, Gonigam, Fitzpatrick  
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.2 Motion by Albrecht second by Cassidy to approve the FY23 Levy as proposed at last months meeting and Hearing.  
Roll call; Yes; Reuter, Cassidy, Gonigam, Fitzpatrick, Albrecht  
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.3 Motion by Reuter, seconded by Gonigam, to approve the increase in daily rate for substitute teachers to \$120.00 a day.  
Roll call; Yes; Cassidy, Gonigam, Fitzpatrick, Albrecht, Reuter  
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.4 First Reading of Policy Updates October 2023 Press Issue 113. No action needed at this time.
- 8.5 Motion by Gonigam, seconded by Reuter to approve the 2024-2025 School Calendar.  
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.6 Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Cassidy to approve the cancellation of the December 19, 2023 Board meeting due to no Action Items, and give approval to the administration to pay November bills and payroll.  
Roll call; Yes; Gonigam, Fitzpatrick, Albrecht, Reuter, Cassidy  
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

- 8.7 Motion by Reuter, seconded by Cassidy to approve the moving the January meeting to January 30, 2024.  
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.8 Motion by Gonigam, seconded by Cassidy to approve Mrs. Hamilton to begin completing the steps required to file a petition (under Article 11E of the School Code) to combine through consolidation Ohio Community Consolidated Grade School District #17 and Ohio Community High School District #505.  
Roll call; Yes; Fitzpatrick, Albrecht, Reuter, Cassidy, Gonigam  
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.9 Motion by Gonigam seconded by Reuter to approve the stipend for Diabetes Delegated Care Aide in the amount of \$1,500.00 per semester.  
Roll call; Yes; Albrecht, Reuter, Cassidy, Gonigam, Fitzpatrick  
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.10 Motion by Cassidy, seconded by Albrecht to approve with regrets the resignation of Paraprofessional Taylor May.  
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Reuter, seconded by Cassidy to adjourn this meeting at 6:45 PM. The vote was unanimous, whereupon the meeting was declared adjourned. **The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 6:00PM. The meeting will be held in the District Office.**

  
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Rachael Fitzpatrick  
President

  
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Kelly Becker  
Secretary