

OHIO COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT #505/TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023/7:00 PM A

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Ohio High School District #505 was held on Tuesday, November 28, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

High School Board members present: Albrecht, Hacker, Kaecker, Deery
Campbell, Reka

High School Board members not present: Park

Administrator present: Superintendent Jennifer Hamilton, Principal Wilt

Board Recording Secretary: Kelly Becker

Other attendees: Kristen Ryan, Sierra Spohn, Vinnie Zembrzuski, Dee Hughes

1.2 Approval of Agenda

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

II. CONSENT ITEMS IN ENCLOSED IN PACKET

2.1 Approval of Minutes from the October 17, 2023 E-Learning Hearing and the Regular Board Meeting as presented.

2.2 Approval of Treasurer's October and Activity October Account Reports.

2.3 Approval of Payment of October bills (\$115,227.15) which were prepared on 11/20/2023 at 4:13 PM and Payroll (\$76,325.31).

Motion made by Campbell, seconded by Kaecker to approve consent items in packet as presented.

Roll call; Yes; Hacker, Kaecker, Deery, Campbell, Reka, Albrecht

Nay: none. Motion Carried.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

3.1 Public Session-Senior Class Sponsor Dee Hughes and Seniors Vinnie Zembrzuski and Sierra Spohn presented an itinerary and budget proposal for their upcoming class trip to the Board. The Board asked about the dates for the trip, total students and chaperones participating and what fundraisers were planned to be to make sure they had enough funding. President Albrecht thanked them for coming and asked if they would come back after their trip to let the Board know how the trip went.

IV. OLD/NEWS BUSINESS

None

V. PRINCIPAL REPORT

5.1 Attendance Update: 96.1, down slightly from last month.

5.2 2023 PSAT/SAT Scores: ELA scores saw an 11% increase of students meeting benchmarks from last year to this year (64% to 75%). Math scores saw a 10% increase in scores from last

year to this year (45% to 55%). Ohio High School does not receive a state summative designation on the school report card since our student groups are not large enough for data collection. We are proud of our students and teachers for doing a wonderful job!

- 5.3 Thanksgiving Feast K-5 and Seniors was held on November 21, 2023.
- 5.4 Sports Update: Girls and Boys High School basketball & Cheerleading has begun. Ohio has 1 girl and 1 boy out for basketball, and 2 cheerleaders. Football Update: The Amboy/Lamoille/Ohio Clippers capped off a 13-0 season by winning the Illinois 8 Man Football Association State Championship by defeating Ridgewood 74-22 on Friday, November 17 at Monmouth College. Congratulations to our Ohio, Amboy and LaMoille players, coaches and staff!

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- 6.1 Enrollment: Pre-K thru 8: 77 students HS: 25 students TOTAL-102
- 6.2 Security Updates: Renumbering of doors was completed on November 3, 2023. Safety and security film option (strengthens glass to prevent breakage) 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 propose a petition to consolidate our 2 districts into 1 unit district on the November 5, 2024 general election ballot.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

No need to go into Closed Session

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- 8.1 Motion by Kaecker, seconded by Deery to approve the FY23 Audit as presented. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.2 Motion by Hacker, seconded by Kaecker to approve the FY23 Levy as proposed at last months meeting.
Roll call; Yes; Kaecker, Deery, Campbell, Reka, Albrecht, Hacker
Nay: none. Motion carried.
- 8.3 Motion by Deery, seconded by Reka to approve an increase in daily rate for substitute teachers to \$120.00 per day.
Roll call; Yes; Deery, Campbell, Reka, Albrecht, Hacker, Kaecker
Nay: none. Motion carried.
- 8.4 First Reading of Policy Updates October 2023 Press Issue 113. No action needed at this time.
- 8.5 Motion by Hacker, seconded by Deery to approve the 2024-2025 School Calendar. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

- 8.6 Motion by Deery, seconded by Campbell to approve the cancelation of the December 19, 2023 Board meeting and give approval to the administration to pay November bills and payroll. Roll call; Yes; Campbell, Reka, Albrecht, Hacker, Kaecker, Deery
Nay: none. Motion carried.
- 8.7 Motion by Hacker, seconded by Deery to approve moving the January Board meeting to January 30, 2024.
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.8 Motion by Deery, seconded by Kaecker 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; Reka, Albrecht, Hacker, Kaecker, Deery, Campbell
Nay: none. Motion carried.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Deery to adjourn this meeting at 7:58 PM. The vote was unanimous, whereupon the meeting was declared adjourned. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be **Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the District Office.**



Harold Albrecht
President



Kelly Becker
Secretary