

**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 30, 2024 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, Piper Cassidy, Gonigam

Administrator present: Superintendent Donnelly, Superintendent Hamilton, Principal Wilt

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 amended. The vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

- II.**
- 2.1 Approval of Minutes for the November 28, 2023 Regular meeting and the Levy Hearing as presented.
 - 2.2 Approval of Treasurer's and Activity Account Reports for November/December.
 - 2.3 Approval of Payment of Bills for December (\$20,136.14) which were prepared 1/23/2024 at 2:23 PM, Payroll December/January (\$190,179.79). Already approved at the November meeting to pay November bills and November Payroll.
Motion made by Gonigam, seconded by Cassidy to approve consent items in packet as presented.
Roll call; Yes; Hansen, Albrecht, Reuter, Piper, Cassidy, Gonigam, Fitzpatrick
Nay: none. Motion Carried.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

None

IV. OLD/NEWS BUSINESS

None

V. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- 5.1 Attendance Update: November's Attendance dropped just a little to 94.3 and December's was 92.2. We had a lot of sickness right before Christmas Break.
- 5.2 Awards Program: With the recent weather, Ohio Schools decided to push back the 6-12th grade Semester Awards program and Principal's Breakfast to Friday, 1/26/24.
- 5.3 Sports Update: Girls BB is underway. Quinnley Piper is participating in the Amboy Coop. First game was 1/17.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- 6.1 Enrollment: Pre-K thru 8: 76 students HS: 25 students TOTAL-101
- 6.2 Administrator Evaluations: It's that time again for both the annual Superintendent and Principal Evaluation. Please fill out the Superintendent evaluation that is enclosed in this packet before the meeting if possible.
- 6.3 Snow Days Update: Staff Survey results and plan of action:
- 1st snow day: Make-up on February 16 - Will be a School Improvement Day with a noon dismissal
 - 2nd snow day: Make-up on March 4
 - 3rd snow day: Make-up on April 1
 - 4th snow day: Make-up on May 24th
 - 5th snow day: Make-up on May 28
 - Act of God (AOG) Days - If we exceed 5 snow days, Act of God Days will be requested and must be approved by the regional superintendent and state superintendent. AOG Days count toward the required number of student attendance days in the Public School Calendar but are not attendance days and are not required to be made up.
- 6.4 E-Learning: Many schools are using e-learning days, which are limited to 5 days per calendar year. Once those 5 e-learning days are used, any additional days are required to be made up at the end of the school year. Is the Board interested in using e-learning days or continuing our practice of using the 5 emergency days which are made up either on a day established as a non attendance day or at the end of the year? The Board would like administration to continue with emergency days as our plan for weather related days off.
- 6.5 Combining school districts: A committee of two GS and two HS board members met with our school attorney to discuss the pros and cons of the two school districts. Based on the information presented, the decision was made that it is not in the best interest of either district to combine and become one unit school district. The overall consensus of both boards was to move forward as two separate districts and any future decisions will be the responsibility of the HS district.
- 6.6 Donation: The District received an anonymous donation of \$5,000. This donation will be used for safety and security purposes.
- 6.7 School Maintenance Program Grant: The \$50,000 grant was awarded to Ohio Community Grade School District #17 which will be used for building maintenance and upgrades per the grant proposal. This money is allocated for our upcoming Summer Projects. Some of the electrical work was already started during Christmas Break. We have everything in place to start the rest of the projects once the kids and staff are out of the building this summer.

VII. CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION FOR MATTERS RELATING TO A STUDENT

- 7.1 Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Reuter to convene to closed session at 6:24 PM.

ROLL CALL

Fitzpatrick P Hansen P Albrecht P Reuter P Cassidy P Piper P Gonigam P
Supt. Donnelly P Superintendent Hamilton P
Secretary Becker P

The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

Motion by Albrecht, second by Gonigam to reconvene to regular session at 6:39 PM.

ROLL CALL

Fitzpatrick P Hansen P Albrecht P Reuter P Cassidy P Piper P Gonigam P

Supt. Donnelly P Superintendent Hamilton P

Secretary Becker P

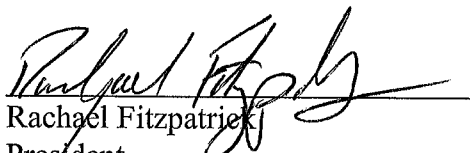
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

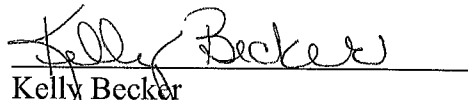
VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- 8.1 Motion by Reuter, seconded by Hansen to approve the Memo of Understanding with the AFT regarding the salary increase on the 2024/25 Certified Salary Schedule.
Roll call; Yes; Albrecht, Reuter, Piper, Cassidy, Gonigam, Fitzpatrick, Hansen
Nay: none. Motion Carried.
- 8.2 Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Gonigam to approve hiring Rebecca Sieghartner as a paraprofessional effective 1/8/24.
Roll Call: Reuter, Cassidy, Piper, Gonigam, Fitzpatrick, Hansen, Albrecht
Nay: none. Motion Carried.
- 8.3 Motion by Gonigam, seconded by Hansen to approve school Social Worker Madison Vergamini's 3-year contract effective beginning the 2024/2025 school year.
Roll Call: Cassidy, Piper, Gonigam, Fitzpatrick, Hansen, Albrecht, Reuter
Nay: none. Motion Carried.
- 8.4 Motion by Hansen, seconded by Reuter to approve the Second and Final Reading of Policy Updates October 2023 Press Issue 113.
Roll Call: Piper, Gonigam, Fitzpatrick, Hansen, Albrecht, Reuter, Cassidy
Nay: none. Motion Carried.
- 8.5 Motion by Piper, seconded by Albrecht to approve moving Middle School graduation from Saturday, May 18th to Saturday, May 25th at 1:00 PM.
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- 9.1 Motion by Hansen, seconded by Gonigam to adjourn this meeting at 6:47 PM. The vote was unanimous, whereupon the meeting was declared adjourned. **The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the District Office.**


Rachael Fitzpatrick
President


Kelly Becker
Secretary