

**OHIO COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT #505**

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The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Ohio High School District #505 was held on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 in the District Office.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M.

**1.1 Roll Call**

High School Board members present: Harold Albrecht, Cindy Hacker, Chad Deery, Janice Campbell, Reka Albrecht, John Park

High School Board members not present: Brock Kaecker

Administrator present: Superintendent Jennifer Hamilton, Principal Jason Wilt

Board Secretary: Kelly Becker

Other attendees: Kristen Ryan, Dee Hughes

**1.2 Approval of Agenda**

Motion made by Hacker, seconded by Deery to accept as amended.

The vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

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

2.1 Approval of November 28, 2023 minutes of the regular Board meeting as presented.

2.2 Approval of Treasurer's and Activity Account Reports. (November\December)

2.3 Approved payment of December Bills (\$33,628.27.) prepared 1/23/2024 at 1:19 PM, December payroll (\$190,179.79).

Motion made by Hacker, seconded by Park, to approve consent items in packet as presented.

Roll call: Yea: Hacker, Deery, Campbell, Reka, Park, Albrecht

Nay: none. Motion Carried

**III. PUBLIC SESSION**

None

**IV. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

None

**V. PRINCIPAL REPORT**

5.1 Attendance Update: November's attendance dropped to 89.5 and December dropped to 79.2. We had a lot of sickness after Thanksgiving break.

5.2 With the recent weather, Ohio Schools decided to push back the 6-12th grade Semester Awards program and Principal's Breakfast to 1/26/24.

5.3 Congratulations to Lucas Cassidy who was awarded the December Elks Teen of the Month.

5.4 Ohio Schools hosted a Blood Drive yesterday on 1/29/2024. They had a great turnout and collected 30 units. Mrs. Hughes would like to get one more Blood Drive scheduled before the end of the school year.

## 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, if you haven't done so already, fill out the Superintendent evaluation that was enclosed in this packet and return it to Mr. Albrecht before you leave.
- 6.3 Snow Days Update: Staff Survey results and plan of action:
- 1st snow day: makeup on February 16, will be a School Improvement Day with a noon dismissal
  - 2nd snow day: makeup on March 4
  - 3rd snow day: makeup on April 1
  - Any 4th & 5th snow day will be made up at the end of the school year
- 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 Snow 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. The board had a more lengthy discussion about the future of our high school. At this time, we are not making any decisions to propose any changes for the 2024/25 school year. The board members are going to take some time to reflect on last night's conversation and agreed that they will continue to discuss at future board meetings how to provide the highest quality of education for all Ohio HS students.
- 6.6 School Maintenance Program Grant: The \$50,000 grant was awarded to both Districts #505 and #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.
- 6.7 Prom Transportation: One of the bus companies we usually use for prom transportation is no longer in business and the other company is already booked for the day we have our prom scheduled. At this time the Junior Class has no quotes to bring to the Board for approval. Mrs. Hamilton has added an Action Item for the Board to approve for administration to make the decision for Prom transportation since this will need to be booked before the next Board meeting.

**VII. CLOSED SESSION**

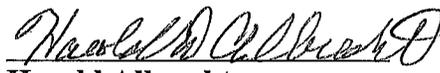
None

**VIII. ACTION ITEMS**

- 8.1 Motion by Hacker, seconded by Deery to approve Memo of Understanding with the AFT regarding the salary increase on the 2024-25 certified salary schedule.  
Roll call: Yea: Deery, Campbell, Reka, Park, Albrecht, Hacker  
Nay: none. Motion Carried.
- 8.2 Motion by Reka, seconded by Park to approve the second and final reading of Policy Updates October 2023 Press Issue 113.  
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.3 Motion by Campbell, seconded by Hacker to approve school Social Worker Madison Vergamini's 3-year contract effective beginning the 2024/2025 school year.  
Roll call: Yea: Campbell, Reka, Park, Albrecht, Hacker, Deery  
Nay: none. Motion Carried.
- 8.4 Motion by Park, seconded by Hacker to approve a donation of \$500.00 to each Ohio student participating in the Educational Service Trip to Ireland, Summer 2024.  
Roll call: Yea: Reka, Park, Albrecht, Hacker, Deery, Campbell  
Nay: none. Motion Carried.
- 8.5 Motion by Reka, seconded by Campbell to approve the Intergovernmental Co-op Agreement for Track High School Sports with Amboy for the 23-24 and 24-25 school terms.  
Roll call: Yea: Park, Albrecht, Hacker, Deery, Campbell, Reka  
Nay: none. Motion Carried.
- 8.6 Motion by Hacker, seconded by Park to approve for administration to the make the decision for the prom transportation.  
Roll call: Yea: Albrecht, Hacker, Deery, Campbell, Reka, Park  
Nay: none. Motion Carried.
- 8.7 Motion by Park, seconded by Hacker to approve moving the High School graduation from Saturday, May 18th to Saturday, May 25th at 2:00 PM.  
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

- 9.1 Motion made by Deery, seconded Campbell by to adjourn this meeting at 8:10 PM. The vote was unanimous, whereupon the meeting was declared adjourned. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the District Office.

  
**Harold Albrecht**  
**President**

  
**Kelly Becker**  
**Secretary**