

**OHIO COMMUNITY GRADE SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT # 17
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024/6:00**

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

1.1 Roll Call

Grade School Board members present: Rachael Fitzpatrick, Robert Albrecht, Rebekah Piper, Tara Cassidy, Robert Gonigam

Grade School Board members not present: Eric Hansen, Don Reuter

Administrator present: Superintendent Donnelly, Principal Wilt

Other attendees: Kristen Ryan

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Albrecht, second by Gonigam to approve agenda as presented. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

II. CONSENT ITEMS IN ENCLOSED IN PACKET

2.1 Approval of for January 30, 2024 minutes of the Regular Board meeting and Closed Session meeting as presented.

2.2 Approval of Treasurer's January Report and January Activity Account Report.

2.3 Approval of Payment of January Bills (\$45,349.28) prepared 2/17/2024 at 2:59 PM and Payroll (\$40,099.93).

Motion made by Piper, second by Cassidy to approve consent items in packet as presented.

Roll call: Yea: Albrecht, Piper, Cassidy, Gonigam, Fitzpatrick

Nay: none. Motion carried

III. PUBLIC SESSION

None

IV. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

None

V. PRINCIPAL REPORT

5.1 Attendance Update: January attendance went back up and was 95.9.

5.2 Parent/Teacher Conferences: Parent/teacher conferences were February 13th and 15th.

- 5.3 5 Essentials Survey: Students in grades 4-12 will complete the required survey at school. The survey is available online starting January 30, 2024 through March 29, 2024. Parents are encouraged to complete the survey.
- 5.4 Variety Show: February 23, 2024 at 7:00 PM.
- 5.5 John Ourth Recognition: The John Ourth Recognition Breakfast is being held on Thursday, February 29th. We have one Grade School student being honored, 8th grader Ashlynn Hellrung. We also have two High School students being honored, Seniors Troy Anderson and Lucas Cassidy. Congratulations!
- 5.6 Daddy Daughter Dance: The PTO sponsored a Daddy Daughter dance on Friday, February 16th.
- 5.7 K-5 Game Night: There will be a K-5 Game Night held on February 29th. Hope to see you there.
- 5.8 Homecoming: Homecoming week starts Monday, March 18th thru Saturday, 23rd, which is the night the dance will be held from 8:00-10:30 PM. There will be daily dress up and games sponsored by the Student Council. To end the week there will be an "in-house" tournament Friday, March 22nd starting at 6:00 with 3 games in total: Seniors/Juniors vs. Ohio staff, Sophomores/Freshmen vs. Alumni, and the final game will be a championship game between the winners of the first 2 games. Should be a fun family night!
- 5.9 Family Skate Night: Family Skate Night will be held on Thursday, March 14th. It's another great family night. Details on the time will be in the newsletter.
- 5.10 Sports Update: Girls BB season is quickly coming to a close. Conference tournament begins 3/6.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- 6.1 Enrollment: Pre-K thru 8: 76 students HS: 25 students TOTAL: 101
- 6.2 Non Certified staff raises: A proposal to increase non certified staff raises effective July 1, 2024 is an action item. The proposal is to increase non certified salaries by the same percentage that the Board added to the base salary of the certified staff (13%).
- 6.3 Principal's contract: Mr. Wilt's contract expires this Spring and the recommendation of both Superintendents is that we offer a new 3-year contract that will expire June 30, 2027.
- 6.4 Dental Clinic: Ohio Schools is hosting a dental clinic on April 26, 2024 through Smile Programs. We need 25 students to sign up in order to host the program. As of 2/12/24, we have 13 students signed up.
- 6.5 E-learning Program Update: On February 6, 2024, our Regional Superintendent shared ISBE's newly released guidance regarding e-learning days. The guidance states that, "A district that has adopted an e-learning program must use all five e-learning days and all proposed emergency days before requesting an AOG day." The guidance also states, "A district can take action to nullify an existing e-learning program. The school board would have to take a vote to nullify the program."

VII. CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION FOR MATTERS RELATING TO PLACEMENT OF A INDIVIDUAL STUDENT IN SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO INDIVIDUAL STUDENTS

- 7.1 Motion by Gonigam, seconded by Albrecht to convene to closed session at 6:16 PM.
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL

Fitzpatrick P Hansen A Albrecht P Reuter A Cassidy P Piper P Gonigam P
Superintendent: Donnelly P Secretary Principal: Wilt

RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

- 7.2 Motion by Cassidy, second by Piper to reconvene to regular session at 6:18 PM.
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL

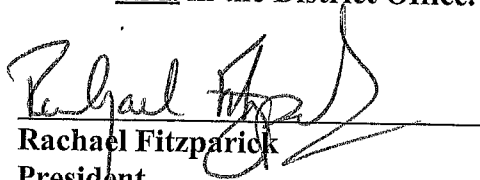
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VIII. ACTION ITEMS

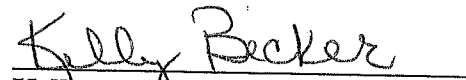
- 8.1 Motion made by Albrecht, seconded by Gonigam to approve non certified staff raises (13%) effective July 1, 2024.
Roll call: Yea: Piper, Cassidy, Gonigam, Fitzpatrick, Albrecht
Nay: none. Motion carried
- 8.2 Motion made by Cassidy, seconded by Gonigam to approve retirement incentive Memo of Understanding.
Roll call: Yea: Cassidy, Gonigam, Fitzpatrick, Albrecht, Piper
Nay: none. Motion carried
- 8.3 Motion made by Albrecht, seconded by Piper to approve the increase of substitute paraprofessionals pay to \$15.00 per hour effective 2024/25 school year.
Roll call: Yea: Gonigam, Fitzpatrick, Albrecht, Piper, Cassidy
Nay: none. Motion carried.
- 8.4 Motion made by Albrecht, seconded by Gonigam to approve a 3 year Principal contract with Jason Wilt for 2024/25 through 2026/27 with a 4% raise.
Roll call: Yea: Fitzpatrick, Albrecht, Piper, Cassidy, Gonigam
- 8.5 Motion made by Cassidy, seconded by Piper to approve nullification of e-learning program.
Roll call: Yea: Albrecht, Piper, Cassidy, Gonigam, Fitzpatrick.
Nay: none. Motion carried.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

9.1 Motion made by Cassidy, seconded by Piper to adjourn this meeting at 6:22 PM. The vote was unanimous, whereupon the meeting was declared adjourned. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be **Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. in the District Office.**



Rachael Fitzpatrick
President



Kelly Becker
Secretary