

**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 Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

1.1 Roll Call

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

High School Board members not present: Campbell

Administrator present: Superintendent Hamilton, Principal Wilt

Other attendees: Kristen Ryan, Megan Hellrung, Dee Hughes, Lori Kennedy, Ellie Snodgrass and Matthew Wojcik.

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Hacker, seconded by Deery to approve the agenda as amended.

The vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

II. PUBLIC SESSION

2.1

III. OLD/NEWS BUSINESS

3.1 None

IV. CONSENT ITEMS IN ENCLOSED IN PACKET

4.1 Approval of Minutes for the February 20, 2024 Regular meeting as presented.

4.2 Approval of Treasurer's and Activity Account Reports from February.

4.3 Approval of Payment of February bills \$16,985.12 which were prepared 3/13/2024 @ 9:21 AM and 2/5/24 and 2/20/24 Payroll \$25,985.67 and 3/5/24 \$25,718.92.

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

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

Nay: none. Motion Carried.

V. PRINCIPAL REPORT

5.1 Attendance Update: This month, attendance decreased slightly to 90%. Our average is 91%.

5.2 PSAT/SAT: 9th and 10th grades will take the PSAT and 11th graders will take SAT on 4/10.

5.3 ISA (Illinois Science Assessment) testing window for Grade 11 is 4/8-4/19.

5.4 Homecoming Week: 3/18 - 3/22. Students will participate in a week of homecoming activities with the entire community invited to attend the annual homecoming basketball tournament on Friday, March 22 at 6:00 PM. Bring the family for a night of fun!

Mr. Wilt thanked Mrs. Hughes for all her work to organize homecoming activities.

- 5.5 School Play: Mrs. Graff and students have been preparing the play *Bonnie and Claire*. The performances are Friday, 4/5 at 7:00 PM and Saturday, 4/6 at 2:00 PM. The entire community is encouraged to come and support our Drama Club.
- 5.6 IHSA Solo and Ensemble: Mazey Sterling, Makalila Gonzalez and Jillian Anderson received a superior on their woodwind trio and Mazey and Makalila both received 1st on solos. Congratulations!
- 5.7 Pastries with Parents: Was held on Wednesday, March 13th at 7:20 AM. Mr. Wilt thanked the PTO and Beka Piper for supporting this event. There is always a huge turnout!
- 5.8 Spring Break: Friday, early dismissal on March 22nd 2:00 PM kicks off spring break, with school back in session on Monday, April 1st, 2024.
- 5.9 Outdoor Ed Update: Mrs. Hansen is working on the Outdoor Ed trip which is May 8th through the 10th at Camp Benson in Mt. Carroll. We have a big group going this year since we missed a year due to Covid and we want all kids to get this experience. This year will include 6th through 11 grades and the Seniors also go as extra chaperones. Thank you Mrs. Hansen for all she does to fundraise and organize to keep this event going for our kids!!
- 5.10 Sports Update: Jillian Anderson and Mazey Sterling are participating in track.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- 6.1 Enrollment: Pre-K thru 8: 76 students HS: 24 students TOTAL-100
- 6.2 School District Comparison: Ms. Hamilton was asked by the Board at the February Board meeting to gather information about our neighboring schools to review. Information gathered and presented is available on the Illinois Report card and individual district websites. The academic and financial comparison of the Ohio High School District with neighboring school districts is available for discussion. Over a five year period, four years of scores and information is available. Due to Covid-19 shutdown, no information is available for the 2020 school year. Based on the available information, on average, 55% of Ohio juniors exceeded or met ELA standards and 26% exceeded or met Math standards. In comparison, on average, 31% of combined neighboring juniors exceeded or met ELA standards and 24% exceeded or met math standards. Specific averages for neighboring schools are also available.

Mrs. Hamilton also shared a document from State Superintendent of Schools, Tony Sanders, stating Illinois has the 4th highest benchmark standards in the nation. As a result, oftentimes students who are meeting college readiness standards in other states do not meet standards in Illinois schools. This has a negative impact on the overall average of students meeting standards in any Illinois school district. Board member Reka Albrecht thanked Ms. Hamilton for putting together this information.

Ms. Hamilton then summed up the steps required if the Board decides to move forward with deactivation and suggested tabling this subject until the April Board meeting.

Items also discussed:

- Sending our students to a neighboring school and what school would best meet our needs
- How would transportation be handled
Inform the community
- Put on the April or May agenda so Ms. Hamilton can begin the process meeting required timelines for the November 5 ballot

- 6.3 Reka Albrecht asked if the administration is still actively looking for a Science teacher? Ms. Hamilton answered replied that we are actively seeking a science teacher and Mr. Wilt continues to repost the position on the Illinois Job Bank.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

- 7.1 None

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- 8.1 Motion by Kaecker, seconded by Reka to approve the Food Service Agreement with Princeton School District for 2024-2025 school year.
Roll Call; Kaecker, Deery, Campbell, Reka, Park, Albrecht, Hacker
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.2 Motion by Reka, seconded by Kaecker to approve Board payment of \$400.00 per student (Jillian Anderson and Mazey Sterling) to attend HOBY.
Roll Call; Deery, Reka, Park, Albrecht, Hacker, Kaecker
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.3 Motion by Hacker, seconded by Park to approve IHSA membership for the 24/25 school year.
Roll Call; Reka, Park, Albrecht, Hacker, Kaecker, Deery
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.4 Motion by Hacker, seconded by Kaecker to approve Art Show/Contest Extra Duty Pay Memorandum of Understanding.
Roll Call; Park, Albrecht, Hacker, Kaecker, Deery, Reka
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.5 Motion by Reka, seconded by Deery to approve the employment of Katy Jameson as a high school Spanish tutor for the 2024-2025 school year.
Roll Call; Albrecht, Hacker, Kaecker, Deery, Reka, Park
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

X. ADJOURNMENT

- 9.1 Motion by Deery, seconded by Kaecker to adjourn this meeting at 8:28 PM. The vote was unanimous, whereupon the meeting was declared adjourned. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be **Tuesday, April 16, 2024 @ 7:00 PM** in the District Office.



Harold Albrecht
President



Kelly Becker
Secretary