

**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, March 19, 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, Principal Wilt

Board Recording Secretary: Kelly Becker

Other attendees: Kristen Ryan, Megan Hellrung, Dee Hughes and Lori Kennedy

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Reuter, seconded by Albrecht to approve the agenda as presented. The vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

II. CONSENT ITEMS IN ENCLOSED IN PACKET

2.1 Approval of Minutes for the February 20, 2024 Regular meeting and to approve and retain Closed Session Minutes.

2.2 Approval of Treasurer's and Activity Account Reports for February.

2.3 Approval of Payment of Bills for February (\$14,821.43) which were prepared 3/13/2024 at 10:21 AM, Payroll for 2/20/24 \$48,926.60 and 3/20/24 \$47,130.68.

When going through her report Mrs. Donnelley explained that we might go over the budgeted amount in Transportation since we purchased a bus.

Motion made by Piper, seconded by Hansen 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

3.1 None

IV. OLD/NEWS BUSINESS

4.1 None

V. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- 5.1 Attendance Update: February's attendance went down slightly to 94.5. Average we're at around 95%.
- 5.2 State Testing: IAR (Illinois Assessment Readiness) for grades 3rd-8th and ISA Illinois Science Assessment) for grades 5 & 8 will be administered April 8-19. In the March newsletter we had some suggestions for the parents/guardians to make testing a positive experience.
- 5.3 Homecoming Week: 3/18 - 3/22. Just a reminder that on Friday, March 22nd at 6:00 PM the Student Council will be having their annual Homecoming Festivities. We have had great student and staff participation this week. Bring the family for a night of fun!
- 5.4 Principals Breakfast: The Principal's Breakfast will be held on Friday, March 22 at 7:30 AM. There will be an Awards Assembly for grades 6-8 at 8:05 AM.
- 5.5 Kindergarten Pre-Registration: Will be held the week of Monday, April 1st through Friday, April 5th between the hours of 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Child must be 5 on or before Sept 1st to be eligible to attend school in the fall.
- 5.6 Pastries with Parents: Was held on Wednesday, March 13th at 7:20 AM. We always have a great turn out. Thanks to PTO and Beka Piper for organizing this event.
- 5.7 Spring Break: Spring Break starts with an Early Dismissal on Friday, March 22nd at 2:00 PM. School will resume on Monday, April 1st, 2024.
- 5.8 The BVEC Art Show was on March 9, 2024. Thank you to Ms. Fehlhafer and good job to all our Students who participated.
- 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 go as 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: Have 6 students signed up for Track. Practice began 3/12.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- 6.1 Enrollment: Pre-K thru 8: 76 students HS: 24 students TOTAL-100
- 6.2 Art Shows/Contests: Mrs. Donnelly reported that there isn't a stipend set up for the art teacher for art shows/contests. The recommended stipend would be the same amount as the stipend for music contests. We will need to approve this in Action Items.
- 6.3 2024 School Maintenance Grant Project Update: Electrical upgrades are being completed in two phases. The first phase was completed over Christmas break. The second phase will be completed over Spring break. Flooring, bathroom, and tuckpointing updates are scheduled for June of 2024.

- 6.4 21st Century Grant Update: This grant will no longer be active after the 2023-2024 school year. At this time, the Regional Office of Education has not released a budget for Summer 2024 programming so it is undetermined if Summer 2024 programming costs will be covered. This grant is not anticipated to renew but the Regional Office of Education is monitoring for opportunities to apply. The before school, after school, and summer program benefits many of our students so sustainability of a similar program is recommended via grant or district funding. We recommend hiring Katy Jameson, who has worked for us as a paraprofessional and for the 21st Century Program, as the future after school coordinator. She would be working 9-5 daily splitting her time between paraprofessional, after school program coordinator and Spanish tutor.
- 6.5 Tax Increment Financing District (TIF) Update: On December 8, 2023, the Governor for the State of Illinois signed Public Act 103-0575 extending the life of the existing Ohio TIF District resulting in the TIF District expiring in tax year 2039 payable 2040. The next Board meeting for the TIF district is scheduled for March 25, 2024 at the Ohio Village Hall. Meeting for the TIF district is scheduled for March 25, 2024 at the Ohio Village Hall.

VII. CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION FOR STUDENT DISCIPLINARY CASES

7.1 Motion by Gonigam, seconded by Reuter to convene to closed session at 6:19 PM.

ROLL CALL

Fitzpatrick P Hansen P Albrecht P Reuter P Cassidy P Piper P Gonigam P
Supt. Donnelly P Principal Wilt P Secretary Becker P
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

7.2 Motion by Albrecht, second by Gonigam to reconvene to regular session at 6:21 PM.

ROLL CALL

Fitzpatrick P Hansen P Albrecht P Reuter P Cassidy P Piper P Gonigam P
Supt. Donnelly P Principal Wilt P Secretary Becker P
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Motion by Reuter, seconded by Cassidy to approve Food Service agreement with Princeton School District for the 2024-2025 school year.

Roll call; Yes; Albrecht, Reuter, Piper, Cassidy, Gonigam, Fitzpatrick, Hansen
Nay: none. Motion Carried.

8.2 Motion by Piper, seconded by Cassidy to approve Ohio Grade School as School Wide Title I school (required for grants).

Roll Call: Reuter, Piper, Cassidy, Gonigam, Fitzpatrick, Hansen, Albrecht
Nay: none. Motion Carried.

8.3 Motion by Cassidy, seconded by Hansen to approve District Consolidated Plan (required for grants).

Roll Call: Piper, Cassidy, Gonigam, Fitzpatrick, Hansen, Albrecht, Reuter
Nay: none. Motion Carried.

8.4 Motion by Piper, seconded by Cassidy to approve Amy Forristall's Leave - Effective 3/13/24-End of the 2023-2024 school year.

Roll Call: Cassidy, Gonigam, Fitzpatrick, Hansen, Albrecht, Reuter, Piper
Nay: none. Motion Carried.

8.5 Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Gonigam to approve Art Show/Contest Extra Duty Pay Memorandum of Understanding.

Roll Call: Gonigam, Fitzpatrick, Hansen, Albrecht, Reuter, Piper, Cassidy
Nay: none. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

8.6 Motion by Hansen, seconded by Piper to accept, with regrets the resignation of Rebecca Sieghartner as paraprofessional effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year

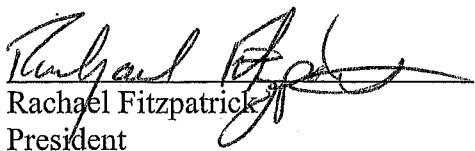
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.


8.7 Motion by Reuter, seconded by Piper to approve employment of Katy Jameson as Paraprofessional/Spanish Tutor/After School Coordinator For the 2024-2025 school year

Roll Call: Fitzpatrick, Hansen, Albrecht, Reuter, Piper, Cassidy, Gonigam
Nay: none. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

9.1 Motion by Reuter, seconded by Gonigam to adjourn this meeting at 6:27 PM. The vote was unanimous, whereupon the meeting was declared adjourned. **The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the District Office.**


Rachael Fitzpatrick
President


Kelly Becker
Secretary