

**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, October 22, 2024 District Office.

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

Grade School Board Members Not Present: None - Gonigam

Administrator Present: Superintendent Donnelly

Board Recording Secretary: Becker

Other attendees: Deb Bodmer

1.2 Approval of Agenda

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

CONSENT ITEMS IN ENCLOSED IN PACKET

- 2.1 Approved Minutes of the September 17, 2024 Regular Board meeting.
- 2.2 Approval of Treasurer's and Activity Account Reports.
- 2.3 Approval of Payment of September Bills (\$32,604.33) which were prepared 10/11/2024 at 1:50 PM and Payroll (\$115,591.23).
Motion made by Reuter, seconded by Piper 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/NEW BUSINESS

None

V. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

- 5.1 Attendance Update: September Average was 97.3 and for the year 97.
- 5.2 Administer the PSAT exam for grades 8-11: Tomorrow, Wednesday, October 23rd, testing will begin at 8:10 AM.
- 5.3 Parent/Teacher Conferences: Will be held Wednesday, October 23rd and Thursday, October 24th from 3:15-7:00 PM.
- 5.4 We hosted our Principal's Breakfast on Friday, October 20th at 7:30 AM

- with the Grades 6-8 Honors Assembly at 8:05 AM.
- 5.5 Trunk or Treat: This has become a tradition (weather permitting). It is going to be held on Thursday, October 31st, 2024 at 8:10 AM East blacktop.
- 5.6 Sports Update: Boys' Basketball and cheerleading have started practice. Their season opener was the annual Malden Tournament Wednesday, October 16th, Thursday, October 17th and Friday, October 18th. Our boys ended with a 3rd place trophy so congratulations to them! Girl's volleyball finished their season the first week of this month.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- 6.1 Enrollment: Pre-K thru 8: 85 students HS: 21 students TOTAL-106
- 6.2 Levy Information Handout: The combined rate for the 2023 levy was 5.36 (#17 - 2.9385 & #505 - 2.423). It is recommended that we maintain the combined rate of 5.36 for the 2024 levy. This will allow us to capture additional funds due to an increase in EAV while maintaining the 5.36 rate for taxpayers. The Big Sky wind farm increases our EAV. Mrs. Donnelly did some checking and Bureau County has already added the increase and Lee County will be doing the increase this year.
- 6.3 Audit Update: The 23/24 audit is not yet complete. The Regional Office of Education has granted an extension until December 15, 2024 for submission of our Annual Financial Report.
- 6.4 Maintenance Grant Update: We are working with our architect to finalize the Maintenance Grant Application. A handout of the proposed project was provided to the board members. Mrs. Donnelly explained that we want to focus on renovating our library and computer spaces. She then went through the handout with the Board and asked if anyone had any questions.
- 6.5 Updated 24-25 Seniority and RIF Lists: They are in your packet for review. These reports have to be approved annually.
- 6.6 Co-Curricular Sports Transportation: We have a shortage of bus drivers which makes our co-curricular transportation to and from Amboy is a challenge. A proposed transportation agreement was provided to all board members. Some of the Board members had questions and concerns with the proposal. The Board decided to table this Action Item.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

- 7.1 Security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the Safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property.

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Reuter to go into closed session at 6:50 PM.

ROLL CALL

Fitzpatrick P Hansen P Albrecht P Reuter P Beka P Cassidy P Gonigam P
Supt. Donnelly P ~~Brin~~ Wilt A Sec. Becker P

RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

Motion by Reuter, seconded by Piper to reconvene to regular session at 6:53 PM

Motion carried.

ROLL CALL

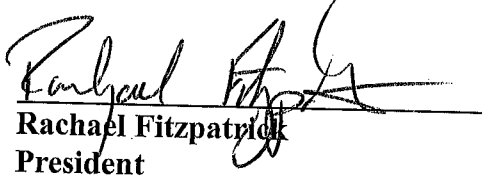
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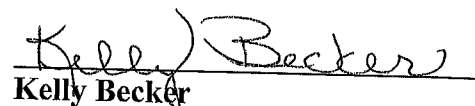
VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- 8.1 Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Hansen to approve the time and date for Levy Hearing November 19, 2024 at 6:00 with the Regular Board meeting immediately following. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.2 Motion made by Hansen, seconded by Cassidy to approve the graduation date May 17th, 2025 at 1:00 PM in the auditorium. The vote was unanimous. Motion Carried
- 8.3 Motion made by Albrecht, seconded by Reuter to approve the 2024-2025 Seniority List. The vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.
- 8.4 Motion by Piper, seconded by Hansen to approve the 2024-2025 RIF List. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.5 Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Reuter to approve the Second and Final Reading of Policy Updates August 2024 Press Issue 116. The vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.
- 8.6 Motion by Reuter, seconded by Albrecht to approve Abie Hughes as preschool bus monitor for 24-25 school year effective October 8, 2024. Roll call; Yes; Albrecht, Reuter, Cassidy, Piper, ~~Gongam~~, Fitzpatrick, Hansen
Nay: none. Motion Carried.
- 8.7 Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Reuter to approve Intergovernmental Agreement for Provisions of Shared Speech Language Pathologist Services with Bureau Valley Community Unit District No. 340 Effective November 8, 2024 through the end of the 2024-2025 school year. The vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.
- 8.8 Co-curricular transportation proposal was tabled.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- 9.1 Motion by Reuter, seconded by Piper to adjourn this meeting at 6:59 PM. The vote was unanimous, whereupon the meeting was declared adjourned. The Levy Hearing will be November 19, 2024 at 6:00 with the regularly scheduled Board meeting immediately following in the distinct office.


Rachael Fitzpatrick
President


Kelly Becker
Secretary