

**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, November 19, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M.

1.1 Roll Call

Grade School Board members present: Fitzpatrick, Hansen, Albrecht, Reuter, Piper, Gonigam

Grade School Board members present not present: Cassidy

Administrator present: Superintendent Donnelly, Principal Wilt

Other attendees: Sarah Hansen (6:13)

1.2 Approval of Agenda

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

II. CONSENT ITEMS IN ENCLOSED IN PACKET

2.1 Approve the minutes of the October 22, 2024 Regular Meeting with corrections.

2.2 Approval of Treasurer's and Activity Account Reports.

2.3 Approval of Payment of October Bills (\$106,169.46) which were prepared 11/13/2024, additional bill (\$85,696.05) prepared on 11/21/24 at 2:35 PM and Payroll (\$112,051.63).

Motion made by Albrecht, seconded by Hansen to approve consent items in packet as presented.

Roll call; Yes: Hansen, Albrecht, Reuter, Piper, Gonigam, Fitzpatrick

Nay: none. Motion Carried.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

None

IV. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

None

V. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

5.1 Attendance Update: We are at 96.9% for the month of October and 96.967% average for the year.

5.2 School Report Card Update: The Illinois State Board of Education recently released the annual Illinois Report Card. The Report Card contains school performance data from the 2023-24 school year for every public school in the state and is used to determine each school's annual Summative Designation. We are proud to say Ohio Grade School District #17 has been awarded the designation of Commendable by the Illinois State Board of Education. Other highlights: We improved our proficiency rating in both ELA and Math. Our Chronic Absenteeism rate decreased over 3% and our teacher attendance rate increased about 6%.

- 5.3 Thanksgiving Feast: K-5 and Seniors will be held on November 26, 2024. Our PTO and kitchen ladies do a great job on this.
- 5.4 Pastries With Parents: Thank you to our PTO for hosting Pastries With Parents on November 8, 2024. We had a great turnout as we have always had in the past.
- 5.5 Veterans Day: We had our annual Veterans Day Program on November 11, 2024 at 2:00 PM. Our kids and Ms. Gallagher do a great job putting on this program.
- 5.6 Bake Sale: Santa's Elves will have a Bake Sale at Harry's Pub and Grub on Saturday, November 23, 2024 from 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM.
- 5.7 Sports Update: Eighth Grade Night will be held on our last home game which is Thursday, November 21st. We will be honoring 8th Grade Boys Basketball players: Cole Deery, Luke Forristall, Conner Hansen, Team Manager and Mascot Quinnley Piper and Cheerleader Teyha Bradley.
The Cheerleaders are also doing a Mini Bulldogs Cheerleading Camp on Saturday, November 16th from 7:00 AM to 11AM and will be performing this night also.
Their last season game is December 3rd. The boys have had a good season this year!

VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- 6.1 Enrollment: Pre-K thru 8: 84 students HS: 21 students TOTAL-105
- 6.2 Operational Funds Report: This report includes the average expenditures over the last three years in the educational, transportation, and operations and maintenance funds as well as the cash reserve balances for FY 24. The cash reserve balance to expenditures ratio is 1.069 which is under 2.5 so a reserve reduction plan is not required.
- 6.3 Co-Curricular Transportation Update: Please review the updated co-curricular transportation information sheet.
- 6.4 Grant Update: We were allotted additional Title I funds. These additional funds will be used to help cover some additional salary costs and a portion of our before/after school programming costs. We also got news that we have been awarded the \$50,000 School Maintenance Project Grant.

VII NO CLOSED SESSION NEEDED

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- 8.1 Motion by Reuter, seconded by Albrecht to accept the FY24 Audit as presented.
Roll call; Yes: Albrecht, Reuter, Piper, Gonigam, Fitzpatrick, Hansen
Nay: none. Motion Carried.
- 8.2 Motion by Hansen, second by Piper to approve the FY24 Levy as presented in the Levy Hearing.
Roll call; Yes: Reuter, Piper, Gonigam, Fitzpatrick, Hansen, Albrecht
Nay: none. Motion Carried.
- 8.3 Motion by Piper, seconded by Albrecht to approve Lee Carter as a Co-Curricular driver.
Roll call; Yes; Piper, Gonigam, Fitzpatrick, Hansen, Albrecht
Abstained: Reuter
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.4 Motion by Piper, seconded by Hansen to approve Don Reuter as a Co-Curricular volunteer bus driver.
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.


- 8.5 Motion by Reuter, seconded by Albrecht to approve with regrets the resignation of Paraprofessional Cheyenne Hansen effective December 20, 2024.
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.6 Motion by Hansen, seconded by Reuter to approve the cancellation of the December Board meeting due to no Action Items, and give approval to the administration to pay November bills and payroll.
Roll call; Yes; Gonigam, Fitzpatrick, Hansen, Albrecht, Reuter, Piper
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hansen, seconded by Reuter to adjourn this meeting at 6:31 PM. The vote was unanimous, whereupon the meeting was declared adjourned. **The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 6:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the District Office.**



Rachael Fitzpatrick
President



Kelly Becker
Secretary