

**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 on Tuesday, January 28, 2025 in the District Office.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**1.1 Roll Call**

High School Board members present: Harold Albrecht, Cindy Hacker, Brock Kaecker, Chad Deery, Janice Campbell, Reka Albrecht, Courtney Forristall

Administrator present: Superintendent Jennifer Hamilton

Board Secretary: Kelly Becker

Other attendees: Kristen Ryan

**1.2 Approval of Agenda**

Motion made by Hacker, seconded by Campbell to accept as amended.

The vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

**II. CONSENT ITEMS IN ENCLOSED IN PACKET**

2.1 Approval of November 19, 2024 minutes of the regular Board meeting as presented.

2.2 Approval of Treasurer's and Activity Account Reports. (November\December)

2.3 Approved Payment of Bills \$28,86.59 (December) which were prepared on 1/21/25 at 2:08 PM and Payroll for \$91,655.01.

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

Roll call: Yea: Hacker, Kaecker, Deery, Campbell, Reka, Forristall, Albrecht

Nay: none. Motion Carried

**III. PUBLIC SESSION**

None

**IV. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

None

**V. PRINCIPAL REPORT**

5.1 Attendance Update: November's Attendance was 92.8 and December's attendance went up to 95.7.

5.2 Blood Drive: On Monday, January 13th, the Ohio Student Council and National Honor Society sponsored a Red Cross Blood Drive. This will be our second one for the year due to shortages.

5.3 Middle School and High School Awards were held on Friday, January 17, 2025.

The High School Awards were at 12:00 PM and the Middle School's were held at 8:05 PM.

- 5.4 John Ourth Student Recognition Breakfast: Ellie Snodgrass and Makaila Gonzalez were chosen as the High School recipients. The event will be held at Streator High School on February 20th.
- 5.5 Sports Update: Girls BB is quickly approaching the end of their season. Regionals begin on February 17th.  
We have one girl participating in the Amboy Coop.

## **VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- 6.1 Current Enrollment: Pre-K thru 8: 82 students HS: 20 students TOTAL-102
- 6.2 TIF District: The Village of Ohio has previously provided the school district funds from the TIF. The District has not received any funds this school year.
- 6.3 Donation: The District received an anonymous donation of \$14,000 (\$7,000.00 each district). This donation will be used to help fund a STEAM center in the library for all students to use.
- 6.4 Job Descriptions: See job descriptions included in the packet for the School Social Worker. (F)
- 6.5 Administrator Evaluations: It's that time again for both the annual Superintendent and Principal Evaluation, please fill out the Superintendent evaluation. President Albrecht collected the Superintendent evaluations from the Board members.

## **VII. CLOSED SESSION**

None

## **VIII. ACTION ITEMS**


- 8.1 Students participating in the Educational Service trip to Dubai, Summer 2025 and Greece, Summer 2026.  
The cost is \$4,000 per student. The following adults are attending the Belize 2025 summer trip: Tina Anderson, Katy Jameson and Alex Fehlhafer. Students going are Jillian Anderson and Katie Davis (Board scholarship) Each student is responsible for their cost and they generate their money by doing fundraisers, etc.  
The following fundraisers planned are:  
Request of grant money from Green River Wind Energy  
Culver's Share Night (June)  
Ripp's chicken night (June/July)  
Motion by Deery, seconded by Forristall to approve \$500 Donation for the Ohio student participating in the Educational Service Trip to Belize, Summer 2025, and \$500 per student participating in the Summer 2026 trip to Greece. The estimated dates of travel are at the end of July 2025 and 2026. Next year Ms. Hamilton would like the donation for the 2026 Greece trip to be given as soon as the students sign up.  
Roll Call; Yes; Kaecker, Deery, Campbell, Reka, Forristall, Albrecht, Hacker  
Nay: none. Motion carried.
- 8.2 Motion by Hacker, seconded by Kaecker to approve the low bid of \$209,900 from Valley Commercial Construction out of Rock Island for the Summer 2025 bids.  
Roll Call; Yes; Deery, Campbell, Reka, Forristall, Albrecht, Hacker, Kaecker  
Nay: none. Motion carried.

- 8.3 Motion by Campbell, seconded by Reka to approve School Social Worker job description.  
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.4 First reading of Policy Updates October 2024 Press Issue 117.  
No Action needed.
- 8.5 Motion by Deery, seconded by Kaecker to approve bus service transportation for Prom  
once information is available.  
Roll Call; Yes; Campbell, Reka, Forristall, Albrecht, Hacker, Kaecker, Deery  
Nay: none. Motion carried.
- 8.6 Motion by Hacker, seconded by Campbell to approve Informational Document that  
Superintendent Hamilton discussed with the Board to be released in the February  
school newsletter and on the website: "Resolution to Deactivate Ohio Community  
High School."  
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

- 9.1 Motion made by Hacker, seconded by Reka to adjourn this meeting at 7:49 PM.  
The vote was unanimous, whereupon the meeting was declared adjourned.  
A Special Board Meeting (Question and Answer) will be held in the auditorium  
at 6:30 PM before the regular Board meeting at 7:00 PM  
on Tuesday, February 25, 2025.

  
**Harold Albrecht**  
**President**

  
**Kelly Becker**  
**Secretary**