

**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 18, 2025 at 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 P.M.

1.1 Roll Call

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

Administrator present: Superintendent Hamilton, Principal Wilt

Other attendees: Kristen Ryan, Katrina Graff and Makaila Gonzalez

1.2 Approval of Agenda

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

The vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

II CONSENT ITEMS IN ENCLOSED IN PACKET

2.1 Approval of Minutes for the February 25, 2025 Regular Board meeting as presented and the Special Board meeting as corrected.

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

2.3 Approval of Payment of February bills \$97,660.81 which were prepared 3/12/2025 @ 9:00 AM and 3/5/25 payroll \$31,593.50.

Courtney Forristall asked Mrs. Hamilton what teachers we shared with the Grade School and why if we had no High School students in band or chorus why do we pay 50% of her salary? This goes back to sharing teachers that was in place before we knew if any students were going to be in band or chorus.

Motion made by Campbell, seconded by Deery to approve consent items in packet as presented.

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

Nay: none. Motion Carried.

II. PUBLIC SESSION

2.1 None

III. OLD/NEWS BUSINESS

3.1 None

V. PRINCIPAL REPORT

5.1 Attendance Update: This month, attendance went up to 93.9% and our average attendance for the year is 93.8%.

- 5.2 PreACT/ACT: Grades 9, 10, and 11 will be taking the PreACT 9, PreACT and ACT respectively on April 23rd.
High School students will be allowed to leave after they complete their exams.
- 5.3 Pastries with Parents: Was held on Wednesday, March 7th at 7:20 AM in the gym. We had a great turnout, and thank you to the PTO, especially Beka Piper and Courtney Forristall.
- 5.4 Reminder Family Skate Night: Family Skate Night will be held on Thursday, March 20th. K-5 families will skate from 5-6 PM, and 6-12 grade families will skate from 6-7 PM. This is always a great family night.
- 5.5 Reminder of Homecoming Week Schedule this week: 3/17 - 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 21 at 6:00 PM. Bring the family for a night of fun! The Homecoming Dance will be held Saturday, March 22nd from 8-10:30 PM. Mr. Wilt thanked Mrs. Hughes and the Student Council for their hard work.
- 5.6 Spring Break: Early dismissal on Friday, March 21st 2:00 PM kicks off spring break, with school back in session on Monday, March 31st, 2025.
- 5.7 Golden Apple Scholar & DAR Award: We are thrilled to announce that one of our outstanding seniors, Makaila Gonzalez has been chosen as an Illinois Golden Apple Scholar! This prestigious recognition is awarded to future educators who demonstrate exceptional dedication and potential in the field of teaching! While over 3,000 Illinois students applied, only a little over 400 students in the state were chosen and Makaila is one of them! Makaila was selected for this honor that comes with a scholarship of \$23,000 spread out throughout her college years and assistance in securing an educator's position after graduation in an area of need. Makaila has consistently volunteered in tutoring programs, participated in education-related clubs, and maintained a strong academic record. Her passion for teaching and her dedication to making a difference in the lives of students has already set her apart in our Ohio school family! Please join us in congratulating Makaila on this remarkable achievement! We are incredibly proud of her and look forward to seeing the positive impact she will make in the world of education!
- Thanks to Mrs. Graff for guiding Makaila through the process.
Makaila was also recognized for receiving the DAR award for Ohio.
- 5.8 Sports Update: Jillian Anderson, Darren Bell and Ryder Ziegler are participating in track.
- 5.9 The variety show was last Friday, (3/14/25) and was very well attended. We had approximately 30 students and teachers who participated. Was another great family night. Reka congratulated the Sophomores on their video that won them 1st place for skits. They actually did this as an English project with Mrs. Graff. Reka thought it was a great opportunity to see what our students are doing and would like to see more of that.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- 6.1 Enrollment: Pre-K through 8: 82 students HS: 20 students Total: 102 Students
- 6.2 TIF District: The Village of Ohio has provided the school district with a check for \$18,546.80 from the TIF. This contribution was deposited in the Operations and Maintenance fund to help offset costs related to the abatement of flooring in the library. Work that will be completed in the Summer of 2025.
- 6.3 We received 3 bids for the abatement work. Board members will be asked to take action on approving the low bid in Action Items. Abatement work is expected to begin May 29th.
- 6.4 Transportation was brought up and Mrs. Hamilton told the Board that we are in the process of buying a new white bus and it should be here very soon. White buses are very hard to get a hold of so that's why it has taken so long.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

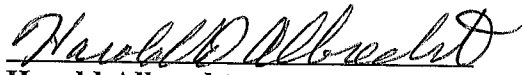
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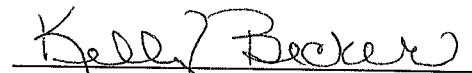
II. ACTION ITEMS

- 8.1 Motion by Reka, seconded by Kaecker to approve Board payment of \$325.00 per student (Madison Cirricione) to attend Hoby.
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 IHSA membership for the 25/26 school year.
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.3 Motion by Campbell, seconded by Hacker to approve Ohio High School as a school-wide Title I school. This is needed for grants.
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.4 Motion by Hacker, seconded by Reka to approve Ohio High School Comprehensive Consolidated Plan. This is needed for grants.
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.5 Motion by Forritall, seconded by Reka to approve Olivia Lennon's leave (anticipated April 28th-end of the 2024-2025 school year).
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.6 Motion by Forristall, seconded by Hacker to approve proposal for Summer 2025 Asbestos Abatement to Valor Technologies, Inc.
Roll Call: Deery, Campbell, Reka, Park, Albrecht, Hacker, Kaecker
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

X. ADJOURNMENT

- 9.1 Motion by Kaecker, seconded by Reka to adjourn this meeting at 8:24 PM. The vote was unanimous, whereupon the meeting was declared adjourned. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be **Tuesday, April 15, 2025 @ 7:00 PM** in the District Office.


Harold Albrecht
President


Kelly Becker
Secretary