

**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, July 22, 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: Brock Kaecker, Harold Albrecht, Cindy Hacker, Janice Campbell, Reka Albrecht, Courtney Forristall

High School Board members not present: Chad Deery

Administrator present: Superintendent Donnelly

Board Recording Secretary Present: Kelly Becker

Other attendees: Chris Buikema, Kristen Ryan and Tina Anderson

1.2 Approval of Agenda

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

II. CONSENT ITEMS IN ENCLOSED PACKET

2.1 Approved Minutes from the June 24, 2025 Regular Board meeting.

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

2.3 Approval of Payment of June Bills (\$161,471.58) prepared 7/16/2025 at 1:03 PM, additional bills prepared 7/23/2024 at 2:45 PM and Payroll (\$65,550.41).

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

Roll call: Yay: Albrecht, Hacker, Campbell, Reka, Forristall, Kaecker
Nay: none. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

Superintendent Donnelly introduced our new High School Social Science teacher Chris Buikema. Mr. Buikema did an introduction of himself and thanked the Board for the opportunity to teach here at Ohio Schools.

Tina Anderson, High School Math and Science teacher thanked the Board for the opportunity for 2 of our students to travel to Belize this summer. Our students did very well on the trip. It was a great experience for our students and staff and new friendships were made.

IV. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

None

V. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

5.1 Reminder: Online registration will open up on July 28th and stay open until August 1st. The main office staff will be available to provide support.

5.2 Back to School Night: August 11, 2025 from 5:00-6:00 PM

- 5.3 First Day of School: Wednesday, August 13th. School will be dismissed at 2:00 on August 13th-15th. We will return to our regular 3:00 dismissal on August 18, 2025.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- 6.1 Building Project Update: The STEAM/Technology/Classroom project is on-schedule with completion expected August 1, 2025. Masonry/tuckpointing work is ongoing.
- 6.2 Staffing Update: Mrs. Kania submitted her retirement letter effective July 1, 2025. Mrs. Carr will cover the food service duties and Ms. Neuhalfen will assist in serving meals. Due to Mrs. Carr adding additional food service duties, the custodial position was shifted to a full-time position. Ms. Carter will only be driving co-curricular routes. A candidate who can complete custodial tasks and bus driving routes has been identified.
- 6.3 Mission and Vision: Meetings are scheduled for September 30, 2025 at 5:30 and October 23, 2025 at 5:30 to meet with a group of stakeholders to develop a mission and vision for Ohio Community Consolidated Grade School. If you are interested in being part of this committee, please contact Mrs. Donnelly.
- Mission: Defines our purpose, guiding principles and how we intend to operate in the present
 - Vision: Defines our long-term aspirations and our desired future state.
- 6.4 FY26 Tentative Budget Discussion: Superintendent Donnelly handed out a printout of the Tentative Budget. The superintendent went through the printout with the Board and asked if anyone had any questions. Next month we will do a Hearing and approve the Budget in Regular Session.
- 6.5 Superintendent Donnelly had a t-shirt displayed that each staff member received last year from the school. The t-shirt says "Small Town Big Pride" and would like to give each student in the building this t-shirt. She is trying to get sponsors to contribute for the cost of the t-shirts which would be around \$1,500.00 and so far she has received \$300.00. She asked the Board to contact her if they know anyone interested in being a sponsor.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION FOR MATTERS RELATING TO CLOSED SESSION MINUTES, PERSONNEL, STUDENT ISSUES

No need to go into the Closed Session.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- 8.1 Motion by Hacker, seconded by Forristall to approve FY 26 Tentative Budget for display in the district office Wednesday, July 23rd 2025.
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.2 Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Reka to approve date, time and place for FY26 Budget Hearing. (Monday, August 25th, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the District Office).
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.3 Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Hacker to approve Monday, August 25th, 2025, for the Hearing for Authorizing Permanent Interfund Transfer for Debt Services and Capital Purposes immediately following the FY26 Budget Hearing.
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

- 8.4 Motion by Hacker, seconded by Reka to approve the Baseball Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Amboy High School for 25-26 and 26-27 school years.
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

- 8.5 Motion by Forristall, seconded by Campbell to retain all of the Closed Session minutes except for 5/12/25 which can be released per Superintendent Donnelly. This is our 6 month review.
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

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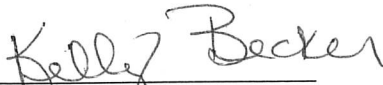
- 8.6 First Reading of Policy Updates 119, June 2025.
No action needed at this time.
- 8.7 Motion by Hacker, seconded by Albrecht to accept with regrets the retirement of Sharon Kania (Food Service Supervisor).
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.8 Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Campbell to approve continuation of Legal Counsel; Ward, Murray, Pace & Johnson, Sterling, IL.
Roll call: Yay: Hacker, Campbell, Reka, Forristall, Kaecker, Albrecht
Nay: none. Motion carried.
- 8.9 Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Forristall to approve Bookkeeper Sue Fehlhafer's Letter of Intent retire effective 1/31/26.
Roll call: Yay: Campbell, Reka, Forristall, Kaecker, Albrecht, Hacker
Nay: none. Motion carried
- 8.10 Motion by Reka, seconded by Campbell to approve High School Social Science teacher contract with Christopher Buikema for the 2025-2026 school year.
Roll call: Yay: Reka, Forristall, Kaecker, Albrecht, Hacker, Campbell
Nay: none. Motion carried.
- 8.11 Motion by Campbell, seconded by Hacker to approve Custodian/Bus Driver contract with Tina Strasma for the 2025-2026 school year.
Roll call: Yay: Forristall, Kaecker, Albrecht, Hacker, Campbell, Reka
Nay: none. Motion carried.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- 9.1 Motion made by Albrecht, seconded by Forristall to adjourn this meeting at 7:34 PM.
The vote was unanimous, whereupon the meeting was declared adjourned. The Budget Hearing and the Resolution Hearing for Authorizing

Permanent Interfund Transfer for Debt Service and Capital Purposes
will be **Monday, August 25, 2025 at 6:00 PM** in the District
Office with the Regularly Scheduled Meeting and Board Training immediately
following.


Brock Kaecker
President


Kelly Becker
Secretary