

OHIO COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT #505/TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025/7:00 PM A

The regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Ohio High School District #505 was held on Tuesday, November 18, 2025

I. CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

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

High School Board member not present: Reka

Administrator present: Superintendent Jennifer Donnelly, Principal Wilt

Board Recording Secretary: Kelly Becker

Other attendees: Tina Anderson, Kristen Ryan and Marcia Thompson

1.2 Approval of Agenda

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

II. CONSENT ITEMS IN ENCLOSED IN PACKET

2.1 Approved Minutes from the October 21, 2025 Regular Board Meeting as presented.

2.2 Approved Treasurer's October and Activity October Account Reports.

2.3 Approved Payment of October Bills (\$160,352.42) prepared
11/10/2025 at 3:38 PM, additional bill (\$87,451.95) prepared 11/18/25 at 11:07 AM
and Payroll (\$57,777.82)

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

Roll call; Yes; Albrecht, Hacker, Deery, Campbell, Forristall, Kaecker
Nay: none. Motion Carried.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

None

IV. OLD/NEWS BUSINESS

None

V. PRINCIPAL REPORT

5.1 Attendance Update: October Average was 92.5 and for the year 95.4

5.2 Pastries With Parents: Thank you to our PTO for hosting Pastries With Parents on 11/6/25.
We had a great turnout.

5.3 Veterans Day: We had our annual Veterans Day Program on 11/11/25. Our kids and Ms. Gallagher do a great job putting together this program.

5.4 Thanksgiving Feast K-5 and Seniors will be held on 11/25/2025. Our PTO and Cafeteria ladies do a great job on this.

5.5 Sports Update: Volleyball has finished their season and girls and boys basketball and wrestling has started. Also, congratulations to the football team as they head to the state championship on Friday for the 4th time. There is a pep rally in Amboy Thursday, November 20th and we are offering a fan bus to go to the game Friday night. Good Luck Clippers!

VI. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

6.1 Enrollment: Pre-K thru 8: 85 students HS: 19 students TOTAL-104

6.2 Operational Funds Report: This report includes the average expenditures of the last three years in the Educational, Operations & Maintenance, and Transportation funds as well as the cash reserve balances for FY25. If the district's combined cash reserve balance of its operations funds exceeds 2.5 times the annual average expenditures of its operational funds for the previous 3 fiscal years, the school board shall adopt and file with the State Board of Education a written operational funds reserve reduction plan to reduce, within 3 years, the district's combined cash reserve balance of its operational funds to an amount at or below 2.5 times the annual average expenditures. The cash receive balance to expenditures ratio is 2.817 which is over 2.5 so a reduction plan is required.

6.3 Levy Information: Bureau County provided an updated estimated Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) on November 5, 2025. The levy request was updated based on the most current estimated EAV with a target rate of 2.02. See the Levy Rate and EAV Comparison document.

6.4 Course Catalog Updates: There are some updates that are needed to accurately reflect the course offerings and credits for the 2025-2026 school year. See Handout.

6.5 Transportation Update: Kendra Walker provided her letter of resignation for her position as Transportation Director and Bus Driver effective June 30, 2026. The opening has been posted

6.6 Audit Update: The Audit and Annual Financial Report are complete and were submitted to ISBE. There were two findings. The first finding was a general lack of segregation of incompatible duties because one person is responsible for various accounting duties. The second finding was that the District does not have anyone in management who can prepare the annual financial statements. Both of these findings are due to the small size of our district. The auditor completes the annual financial statements for the district.

6.7 We are deeply saddened by the passing of Dennis Grobe, who served as a substitute in our school. Dennis was a wonderful presence in our building, and both our staff and students will miss him greatly. In his memory, his family has created a memorial fund here in Ohio, with all donations supporting our Student Emergency Fund. This fund will help meet the needs of our students—something Dennis cared deeply about. We are grateful for the impact he made on our school community and for the generosity of his family during this difficult time.

VII. **CLOSED SESSION**

No need to go into Closed Session

VIII. **ACTION ITEMS**

8.1 Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Campbell to accept the Tax year FY25 Levy as presented. Roll call; Yes; Hacker, Deery, Campbell, Forristall, Kaecker, Albrecht
Nay; none. Motion carried.

8.2 Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Hacker to approve the Operational Funds Reserve Reduction Plan.
Roll call; Deery, Campbell, Forristall, Kaecker, Albrecht, Hacker
Nay; none. Motion carried.

8.3 Motion by Forristall, seconded by Albrecht to accept the FY25 Audit. Roll call; Campbell, Forristall, Kaecker, Albrecht, Hacker, Deery Nay; none. Motion carried.

8.4 Motion by Campbell, seconded by Deery to approve the Course Catalog updates. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

8.5 First Reading of Board Policy Updates #120. No action needed.

8.6 Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Hacker to accept with regrets, the resignation of Kendra Walker as Bus/Driver Transportation Director effective June 30, 2026. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

8.7 Motion by Deery, seconded by Albrecht to approve cancellation of December Meeting and approval to pay November bills and payroll. Roll call; Forrstall, Kaecker, Albrecht, Hacker, Deery, Campbell Nay: none. Motion carried.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Forristall, seconded by Hacker to adjourn this meeting at 7:30 PM. The vote was unanimous, whereupon the meeting was declared adjourned. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be **Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 7:00 PM in the District Office.**

Brock Kaecker
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President

Kelly Becker
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Secretary