

**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, July 21, 2026 in the District Office.

I CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M.

1.1 Roll Call

Grade School Board members present: Fitzpatrick, Gonigam, Albrecht, Walker

Grade School Board members not present: Piper, Reuter, Hull

Administrator present: Superintendent Donnelly

Board Recording Secretary Present: Kelly Becker

Other attendees: Kristen Ryan

1.2 Approval of Agenda

Motion made by Walker, seconded by Albrecht, 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 June 23, 2026 Regular Board meeting, Amended Budget Hearing and and retained Closed Session minutes per Superintendent Donnelly.

2.2 Approved Treasurer's and Activity Account Reports for June.

2.3 Approved of Payment of June Bills (\$119,693.81) prepared 07/15/2026 at 09:05 PM and Payroll (\$106,611.62).

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

Roll call; Yes; Gonigam, Albrecht, Walker, Fitzpatrick

Nay: none. Motion Carried.

III. PUBLIC SESSION

None

IV. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

None

V. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

5.1 Reminder: Online registration will open up on July 27th and stay open until July 31st. The main office staff will be available to provide support.

5.2 Back to School Night: August 10, 2026 from 5:00-6:00 PM

5.3 First Day of School: Wednesday, August 12th. School will be dismissed at 2:00 on August 12th-14th. We will return to our regular 3:00 dismissal on August 17, 2026.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

6.1 Building Project Update: Completed Projects: Balcony railing, fire alarm system upgrades, exterior painting of railings and doors. Ongoing Projects: V&C is working on interior wall repairs to three classrooms on the north side of the building. Masonry work at the front of the

building will begin as soon as the stone pieces are ready. Once the masonry work begins, it should take 1-1.5 weeks to complete.

- 6.2 Staffing Update: We are still working to fill our After School Coordinator position. We are planning to move forward with a daily before school program from 7:00-8:00 AM each morning, but there will not be an afterschool program. We continue to look for bus drivers and sub bus drivers.
- 6.3 Budget Update: The FY27 Tentative Budget will be presented in the August meeting. A resolution for transfer of funds from the Education Fund to the Debt Services is required to ensure compliance with administrative and school code. The hearing will be on September 22, 2026.
- 6.4 Risk Management Plan: A Risk Management Plan is a proactive guide that identifies potential risks to the school district and outlines strategies to protect students, staff, property, and district resources. It helps reduce liability, promote a safe learning environment, ensure compliance with Illinois laws, and support the appropriate use of Tort (Fund 80) resources. There is an action item to approve our updated Risk Management Plan.
- 6.5 Mrs. Donnelly added to her report that she sent an email out to parents for FREE Haircuts and School Supplies here at the school August 5, 2026 from 12:00-3:00. So far we have 8 students signed up. Please note that a parent must attend the haircut with each child. Parents can sign up online.

VII CLOSED SESSION

There was no need to go into the Closed Session.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- 8.1 Motion by Gonigam, seconded by Albrecht to appoint our Legal Counsel:
Ward, Murray, Pace & Johnson, Sterling, IL.
Roll Call: Albrecht, Walker, Fitzpatrick, Gonigam
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.2 Motion by Walker, seconded by Gonigam, to approve Fees and Compensation Updates FY 27 School Year.
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| Fees | |
| Milk Fee (Per Semester) | \$37.00 (increased from \$30) |
| Compensation | |
| Substitute pay for Teachers | \$125.00 per day |
| Substitute pay for Paraprofessionals | \$15.60 per hour |
| Official Scorekeeper | \$30.00 per event |
| Official Timer | \$30.00 per event |
| Ticket Taker | \$30.00 per event |
| Supervision | \$30.00 per event |
- Roll Call: Walker, Fitzpatrick, Gonigam, Albrecht
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.3 First Reading of June 2026 Policy Manual Updates #122 (No Action Needed)
- 8.4 Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Walker to adopt Special Education Administrative Procedures 6:120-AP1 & 6:120-AP5.
All in favor: The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

- 8.5 Motion by Gonigam, seconded by Walker to approve BMP FY27 Assessment. (\$73,695.40)
Roll Call: Walker, Fitzpatrick, Gonigam, Albrecht
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.6 Motion by Walker, seconded by Gonigam to approve 6 Month Review of
Closed Session Minutes: Retain all of the following Closed Session minutes
recommended by Superintendent Donnelly.
All in favor: The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

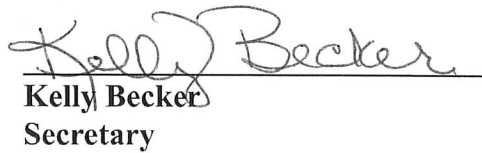
12/14/1998	10/18/2005	01/19/2010	1/20/2015	09/19/2023	6/4/2025
01/27/1999	05/17/2005	04/20/2011	06/23/2015	01/30/2024	1/20/2026
05/26/1999	09/19/2006	08/16/2011	04/19/2016	02/20/2024	2/17/2026
09/29/1999	03/20/2007	03/20/2012	01/23/2018	03/19/2024	3/17/2026
02/21/2000	05/20/2008	05/15/2012	09/24/2019	05/21/2024	4/21/2026
03/20/2000	06/24/2008	06/19/2012	09/29/2020	10/22/2024	6/23/2026
07/15/2002	12/16/2008	11/20/2012	05/17/2022	04/15/2025	
12/21/2004	03/16/2010	03/25/2014	02/21/2023	05/12/2025	

- 8.7 Motion by Gonigam, seconded by Walker to accept with regrets,
the retirement of Kelly Becker (Administrative Assistant and Board Secretary)
effective November 30, 2027.
All in favor. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.8 Motion by Walker, seconded by Albrecht to adopt Updated Risk
Management Plan.
All in favor: The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

- 9.1 Motion made by Gonigam, seconded by Walker to adjourn this meeting at 6:16 P.M.
The vote was unanimous, whereupon the meeting was declared adjourned.
The next meeting will be in the District Office on Tuesday, August 18, 2026 at
6:00 PM.


Rachael Fitzpatrick
President


Kelly Becker
Secretary