

**OHIO COMMUNITY GRADE SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT # 17  
TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024**

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**1.1 Roll Call**

**Grade School Board members present:** Rachael Fitzpatrick, Eric Hansen, Robert Albrecht, Don Reuter, Rebekah Piper, Tara Cassidy, Bob Gonigam

**Administrator present:** Superintendent Donnelly, Principal Wilt

**Board Recording Secretary:** Kelly Becker

**Other attendees:** Kristen Ryan & Megan Hellrung

**1.2 Approval of Agenda**

Motion made by Hansen, seconded by Reuter to approve agenda as presented. The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

**II. PUBLIC SESSION**

None

**III. OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

None

**IV. CONSENT ITEMS IN ENCLOSED IN PACKET**

4.1 Approved the minutes of the April 16, 2024 regular Board meeting as presented.

4.2 Approved Treasurer and Activity Account Reports for April.

4.3 Approved of Payment of April Bills (\$74,424.13) prepared 05/14/2024 at 12:18 PM and Payroll (\$98,653.25).

Motion made by Reuter, seconded by Piper to approve consent items in packet.

Roll call: Yea: Hansen, Albrecht, Reuter, Piper, Cassidy, Gonigam, Fitzpatrick  
Nay: none. Motion carried.

**V. PRINCIPALS REPORT**

5.1 Attendance Update: Our attendance average went up to 96% for April. EOY average is sitting at 94.7.

5.2 Kindergarten Pre Registration: Currently 8 students have officially pre-registered and are projected and working on another. 2024/25 Kindergarten class anticipated to be 9.

- 5.3 Grad Walk for our seniors is being held on Friday, May 24th at 2:00 PM and 8th Grade Graduation will be held on Saturday, May 25th at 1:00 PM. Congratulations to our graduates!
- 5.4 6-12 Awards Program, Sports Awards & NHS Induction Ceremony will be held on Friday, May 24th at 8:15am.

## **VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- 6.1 Enrollment: Pre-K thru 8: 79 (2 new 1st graders) HS: 24 Total: 103
- 6.2 Joint Annual Conference- Joint Annual Conference will be November 22, 23, 24, 2024. Registration and housing will open on Monday, June 3rd. Please notify Mrs. Becker as soon as possible if you are interested in attending.
- 6.3 Local Revenue: The 2023 tax extension reports have been received (payable summer of 2024) and the total (both HS & GS Districts) tax rate for 2023 is 5.36. This is the lowest historical rate since we started tracking in 2004. Also, it is a reduction of .73 from our previous year.
- 8.4 Building Project Update: Asbestos abatement work is scheduled to begin at the end of May. Flooring and bathroom updates on the 2nd floor are expected to begin in mid June following the completion of the abatement work. A building committee meeting will be scheduled this summer to discuss future projects.

## **VII. CLOSED SESSION**

- 7.1 Relating to collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)
- 7.2 The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9)

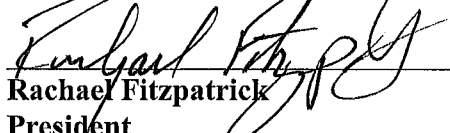
## **VIII. ACTION ITEMS**

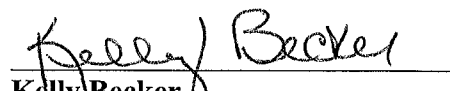
- 8.1 Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Piper to approve Health Insurance Renewal with Gallagher.  
Roll Call: Albrecht, Reuter, Piper, Cassidy, Gonigam, Fitzpatrick, Hansen  
Motion carried.
- 8.2 Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Gonigam to approve FY24 Tentative Amended Budget for public display.  
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.3 Motion by Reuter, seconded by Hansen to approve time and date for FY24 Amended Budget Hearing, June 25, 2024 at 6:00 PM with regular Board meeting immediately following.  
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.
- 8.4 Motion by Reuter, seconded by Piper to approve the date and times for the 2024-2025 Board meetings (subject to changes).  
The vote was unanimous. Motion carried.

- 8.5 First reading of Policy Updates March 2024 Press Issue 114.  
No action needed at this time.
- 8.6 Motion by Reuter, seconded by Hansen to approve the employment of Middle School Science teacher Jeff Biederstedt effective beginning 24/25 school year.  
Roll Call: Reuter, Piper, Cassidy, Gonigam, Fitzpatrick, Hansen, Albrecht  
Motion carried.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

- 9.1 Motion made by Gonigam, seconded by Reuter to adjourn this meeting at 6:35 P.M. The vote was unanimous, whereupon the meeting was declared adjourned. The FY24 Amended Budget Hearing will be on Tuesday, June 25, 2024 at 6:00 PM with the regular Board meeting immediately following in the District office.

  
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Rachael Fitzpatrick  
President

  
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Kelly Becker  
Secretary



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