

**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 September 16, 2025 at 7:00 PM 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:** Kaecker, Albrecht, Hacker, Deery, Campbell, Reka, Forristall

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

**Board Recording Secretary:** Kelly Becker

**Other attendees:** Kristen Ryan, Scott Johnson, Tim Zollinger

**1.2 Approval of Agenda**

Motion made by Albrecht, seconded by Hacker to approve the agenda with changes.  
The vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.

**II. CONSENT ITEMS IN ENCLOSED IN PACKET**

**2.1** Approval of Budget and Resolution Hearings, Regular Board meeting and retain Closed Session minutes from August 25, 2025.

**2.2** Approval Treasurer and Activity Account Reports for August.

**2.3** Approval of Payment of August Bills (\$14,171.18) prepared on Wednesday, 9/10/25 at 10:00 AM, and payroll (\$29,801.65).

Motion made by Albrecht, seconded by Deery to approve the consent items as presented.

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

Nay: none. Motion Carried.

**III. PUBLIC SESSION**

**3.1** None

**IV. OLD/NEWS BUSINESS**

**4.1** Architect's Review of Ten-Year Life Safety Re-Survey: Our architect Scott Johnson was present at the meeting to go through the report with the Board members. Mr. Johnson stated that Ohio Schools does a great job maintaining the building. He then explained that the beginning of the report is general information about our building history. The report also contained site plan and floor plans as mandated by the ROE in the District #505 Re-Survey. His handout listed the violations and what priority code they are rated. There were 6 violations coded A which need to be taken care of in 1 year and then 6 coded B which means you have 5 years to complete the work of said items.

**V. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

**7.1** Attendance Update For August: Our average attendance was 95% (only 2 weeks).

**7.2** Sports Update: Sports' teams are off and running. Homecoming football game will be Friday, Sept. 19. We are providing transportation for students who would like to go to the Homecoming parade on Friday.

- 7.3 We have an inspirational speaker (Brad Hurtig) coming in for our students during the day on September 17th. There will also be a free concert on September 17th at 7:00 for the community, parents and students in our gymnasium.

## **VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- 6.1 Enrollment: Pre-K thru 8: 85 HS: 19 Total: 104
- 6.2 Building Project Update: Mrs. Donnelly completed a walk through with our architect on September 12th. Valley will install the marker and tack boards as soon as they arrive.
- 6.3 School Maintenance Project Grant (SMPG): The SMPG is a dollar-for-dollar state matching grant program that will provide awards up to \$50,000 to grantees exclusively for the maintenance or upkeep of buildings or structures for educational purposes. Mrs. Donnelly emailed ISBE on 9/8/25 for an update on the FY26 SMPG. ISBE indicated that they plan to release the application in October and applications will be due in January. Superintendent Donnelly will schedule a meeting with the Building Committee to determine which projects to prioritize for the Summer of 2026.
- 6.4 Snow Removal: Mrs. Donnelly has reached out to Guither's to see if they will continue to provide snow removal services for 25/26. We also need to update our snowblower for clearing our sidewalks and areas around the school. Bart has requested an estimate for a Kubota tractor. The estimated cost is under \$20,000 and was included in the FY26 budget. Mrs. Donnelly is getting another quote and will proceed with the lowest quote.

## **VII. CONVENED INTO CLOSED SESSION**

- 7.1 The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)


## **VIII. ACTION ITEMS**


- 8.1 Motion by Deery, seconded by Campbell to approve the 10 year Life Safety Re-Survey Report as presented by the District's Architect Scott Johnson.  
Roll call; Yes; Hacker, Deery, Campbell, Reka, Forristall, Kaecker, Albrecht  
Nay: None Motion carried.
- 8.2 Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Forristall to approve the Custodian/Sub Food Service Contract with Brandon Conlin effective September 15, 2025.  
Roll call; Yes; Deery, Campbell, Reka, Forristall, Kaecker, Albrecht, Hacker  
Nay: None Motion carried.
- 8.3 Motion by Hacker, seconded by Albrecht to move to confirm the aggregate amount of \$159,677.88 as being owed to former Superintendent Jennifer Hamilton as contractual compensation based on longevity, accrued vacation and sick time.  
Roll call; Yes; Campbell, Kaecker, Albrecht, Hacker  
Nay: Reka, Forristall  
Present: Deery  
Motion carried.

- 8.4 Motion by Albrecht, seconded by Hacker to approve entry into the deferral agreement and authorize the Board President to work with Ms. Hamilton on the appropriate amount to be deferred to 2026.  
Roll call; Yes; Reka, Forristall, Kaecker, Albrecht, Hacker, Deery, Campbell  
Nay: None Motion carried.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

- 9.1 Motion by Deery, seconded by Albrecht to adjourn this meeting at 8:35 PM. The vote was unanimous, whereupon the meeting was declared adjourned. The next scheduled regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 21st at 7:00 PM in the District Office.

  
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**Brock Kaecker**  
**President**

  
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**Kelly Becker**  
**Secretary**