

## Regular Meeting Poland Board of Education held October 24, 2022

The Regular meeting of the Poland Board of Education was held on Monday, October 24, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., in the Dobbins Board Room, 3030 Dobbins Road, Poland, Ohio 44514

President, Mr. Polis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present for roll call and answering their names were Ms. Colucci, Mrs. Elia, Dr. Dinopoulos, Mr. Polis, and Mr. Warren.

Pledge of Allegiance

Superintendent Hockenberry Updated on the Following:

- Union Property Group will be presenting to the Board on November 28, 2022
- Poland Union Development Team has expressed interest in Union and they have been given the opportunity to present to the Board.
- Struthers Land Dispute – Struthers has declined the Board offer; therefore, the matter is closed at this point.
- The All Board Meeting and Dinner is October 26, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

### UPDATES – Sensory Room

Mr. Matt McKenzie, Director of Operations, provided an update on the Sensory Room being proposed at McKinley Elementary. The Sensory Room will be located adjacent to Mrs. Hernon's room. The district will provide flooring, electric and any necessary updates. A group met with a vendor who specializes in equipment and are assisting with the design to meet the needs in the space available. The room preparation will begin over fall break. Donations for sensory room equipment are being accepted.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Elinor Zedaker – 70 Poland Manor – Mrs. Zedaker asked if a newsletter of any type is being planned to highlight the district. Also expressed condolences on the passing of life-long Poland teacher and coach, Donald Smaltz.

### Treasurer/CFO Recommendations: Janet Muntean

Moved by Dr. Dinopoulos and seconded by Ms. Colucci to approve the following 1-4 Financial recommendations as presented; **Resolution #2022-100.**

### Financials

1. The Board approve the Minutes of Regular Board Meeting of September 26, 2022 and Work Session Meeting of October 17, 2022.
2. The Board approve the Financial Report of September 2022 as submitted.
3. The Board accept the following donations:
  - Donald and Dorothy Bryer - \$30.00 Sensory Room
  - Elys To Go - \$2884.00 Sensory Room

4. The Board approve the Ohio School Council Life Renewal with Grady Benefits effective January 1, 2023; with no changes in coverage or premium.

Roll call: All members present voting aye. Motion passed 5-0.

### **Treasurers Recommendation Not Included in Consent**

#### **Approval to Rescind Prior Request with Ohio Schools Facilities Construction Commission – Resolution #2022-101**

Mrs. Elia moved and Mr. Warren seconded with all members present voting aye to rescind the request for the Ohio School Facilities Construction Commission to establish a new scope, estimated basic project cost, and local share in the Classroom Facilities Assistance Program (LAPSED) in accordance with ORC Section 3318.054. Motion passed 5-0.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the **Poland Local School District, Mahoning County**, Ohio, met in **Regular** session on **10/24/22** and adopted this Resolution seeking new conditional approval of a lapsed project pursuant to ORC Section 3318.054 requesting the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (Commission) establish a new scope, estimated basic project cost (project budget), and estimated school district portion (local share) of the basic project cost prior to submitting the ballot measures to the electors; and

**WHEREAS**, the School District now desires to rescind the previously submitted resolution dated **June 27, 2022**, **March 22, 2021**, **February 26, 2020**, **July 10, 2019**, **February 27, 2019**, **September 18, 2018**; and

**WHEREAS**, the School District understands that with rescission of the previously submitted resolution seeking the approval to establish a new scope, estimated basic project cost (project budget) and estimated school district portion (local share), the School District will no longer receive approval at the previously requested time from the Commission.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Education of the **Poland Local School District, Mahoning County**, Ohio the School District, after further deliberation, rescinds the previous Resolution that sought to have the Ohio School Facilities Commission establish a new scope, estimated basic project cost (project budget), and estimated school district portion (local share) of the basic project cost for the Classroom Facilities Assistance project in accordance with the provisions of ORC Section 3318.054

#### **Approval to Establish New Scope with Classroom Facilities Assistance Program – Resolution #2022-102**

Mr. Warren moved and Ms. Colucci seconded with all members present voting aye to approve the School District Board Resolution requesting the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission to establish a new scope, estimated basic project cost and local share in the Classroom Facilities Assistance Program (LAPSED). Motion passed 5-0.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the **Poland Local School District, Mahoning County, Ohio**, met in **Regular** \_\_\_\_\_ session on **10/24/2022** and adopted the following Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the conditional approval of the School District has lapsed and, as provided in ORC Section 3318.054, the School District seeks a new conditional approval of the project; and

**WHEREAS**, ORC Section 3318.054, provides that a lapsed School District may request that a new scope, estimated basic project cost (project budget), and estimated school district portion (local share) be established by the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (Commission); and

**WHEREAS**, the School District is requesting that the Commission establish a new scope, estimated basic project cost (project budget), and estimated school district portion (local share) of the basic project cost prior to resubmitting the ballot measures to the electors; and

**WHEREAS**, the project scope and estimated costs established shall be valid for one year from the date of approval by the Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the School District acknowledges the Commission recommendation that the School District engage a design and construction professional to assist in the review of the information presented in the Facilities Assessment Report. The School District has provided any information available to aid in the identification of any areas of concern for conditions, which cannot be readily observed by standard assessment procedures throughout the School District's facilities and the School District acknowledges that the scope of services provided by the professional authoring the Facilities Assessment Report does not include invasive facilities and grounds investigation; and

**WHEREAS**, the School District acknowledges that neither the School District nor the Commission have control over conditions which are hidden or otherwise unknown at the conclusion of the assessment report and master facilities plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Education of the **Poland Local School District, Mahoning County, Ohio** requests the Commission establish a new scope, estimated basic project cost (project budget), and estimated school district portion (local share) of the basic project cost for the Classroom Facilities Assistance project in accordance with the provisions of ORC Section 3318.054, at the **July, 2023** Commission meeting:

### **Superintendent's Recommendations: Craig Hockenberry**

Moved by Dr. Dinopoulos and seconded by Mr. Warren to approve the following 1-5 HR/Staffing recommendations as presented; **Resolution #2022-103**.

### **HR/Staffing**

1. The Board approve the following supplemental contracts to the following certified personnel for the 2022-2023 school year.
  - Ryan Williams - PMS Social Studies Chair (Split)
  - Alicia Williams - PMS Social Studies Chair (Split)
2. The Board approve the following recommendation for Volunteering at McKinley Elementary for the 2022-2023 school year. The volunteer will have all required credentials on file, including BCI & FBI checks, prior to working with any Poland Student.
  - Sue Ann Niro
3. The Board approve the following substitute employees for the 2022-2023 school year.
  - John Porter - substitute custodial/porter (effective 9/1/22)

4. The Board approve the following classified employees for the 2022-2023 school year.  
     Cheryl Kawecki - 3 hour monitor at PMS/MCK - Effective 9/30/22  
     Brittany Cabuno - 3.75 hour monitor at PMS/MCK - (Upon receipt of required reports)  
     Samuel Brothers - Full-Time Mechanic - Effective 10/31/2022
5. The Board accept the retirement resignation of Barbara Raybuck, Bus Driver/Courier, effective March 1, 2023.

Roll call: All members present voting aye. Motion passed 5-0.

**Superintendent's Recommendations: Craig Hockenberry**

Moved by Mrs. Elia and seconded by Ms. Colucci to approve the following Curriculum/Instruction recommendations as presented; **Resolution #2022-104.**

**Curriculum/Instruction**

1. The Board approve the final selection of Student and Teacher materials for the ELA Curriculum:

K-2 Superkids - Zaner Bloser  
 3-5 Wonders - McGraw Hill

Roll call: All members present voting aye. Motion passed 5-0.

**Superintendent's Recommendations: Craig Hockenberry**

Moved by Mr. Warren and seconded by Dr. Dinopoulos to approve the following 1-4 Athletic recommendations as presented; **Resolution #2022-105.**

**Athletics**

1. The Board approve the supplemental pupil activity contracts to the following (2) non-teaching personnel for the 2022-2023 school year as per salary schedule for the assignment designated pursuant to O.R.C. 3313.53; all required reports are on file:  
     Chad Milo - Head Middle School Wrestling Coach  
     Jordan Beadle - Asst. Varsity Wrestling Coach
2. The Board approve the following supplemental contract to the following certified personnel for the 2022-2023 school year.  
     Patrick Carden - Ninth Grade Baseball

3. The Board approve the following (3) recommendations for the 2022-2023 Volunteer Coaching Positions. The volunteer will have all required credentials on file, including BCI & FBI checks, prior to working with any Poland athlete.
  - Taylor McMullin - JV/Varsity Assistant Boys Basketball Coach
  - Isabella Gajdos - JV/Varsity Assistant Girls Basketball Coach
  - Ronald Navarra - Swim/Diving Coach
  
4. The Board authorize the Athletic Director to employ district personnel as needed to work athletic events during the 2022-2023 school year. Therefore, authorizing the Treasurer to compensate game workers per the board approved rate schedule after each season with a verified report from the Athletic Director.

Roll call: All members present voting aye. Motion passed 5-0.

### **POLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES**

To review Poland Board of Education Policies, listed below, as presented for first reading. Second reading and approval at November 28, 2022 regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education.

#### **REVIEW OF POLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION REVISED POLICIES:**

- 1617/3217/4217/7217 - Weapons (Revised)
- Po# 2220 - Adoption of Courses of Study (Revised)
- Po# 2280 - Preschool Program (Revised)
- Po# 2413 - Career Advising (Revised)
- Po# 2430 - District-Sponsored Clubs and Activities (Revised)
- Po# 2431 - Interscholastic Athletics (Revised)
- Po# 3120.08 - Employment of Personnel for Co-Curricular /Extra-Curricular Activities (Revised)
- Po# 5111 - Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (Revised)
- Po# 5335 - Care of Students with Chronic Health Conditions (Revised)
- Po# 5336 - Care of Students with Diabetes (Revised)
- Po# 5460.01 - Diploma Deferral (Revised)
- Po# 6550 - Travel Payment & Reimbursement/Relocation Costs (Revised)
- Po# 6700 - Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) (New)
- Po# 7440 - Facility Security (Revised)
- Po# 7440.03 - Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Technical Correction/Revised)
- Po# 8210 - School Calendar (Revised)
- Po# 8320- Personnel Files (Revised)
- Po# 8330 - Student Records (Revised)
- Po# 8600 – Transportation (Revised)

## INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Superintendent Hockenberry asked permission to move the November 21<sup>st</sup> Work Session to 5:00 and change the location of the meeting to Poland Middle School/McKinley Elementary building due to a unique event being planned called Back to College Street Poland Basketball Preview.

## REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

**Foundation Liaison** – Mr. Polis announced that the recent fundraiser was successful and the Holiday Shoppe is coming up soon.

**Legislation Liaison** – Ms. Colucci reported on the following:

- The State Board of Education’s Ad Hoc Legislative Committee on Oct. 11 discussed two resolutions that, if passed by the full board, would make recommendations to the General Assembly.

- The first resolution that unanimously passed the committee would recommend the repeal of the provision of the third-grade reading guarantee law that mandates retention of a third-grade student who does not meet a minimum score on the third-grade English language arts (ELA) assessment. The resolution is sponsored by Christina Collins, who stated “This resolution does not advocate for any particular legislation. It is a method by which we can pass that data along and make a statement about that data to say based on what we see, the return on investment of this retention policy is not showing that it has done its job.” Collins and Shea shared data with the committee that showed what percentage of students retained in the third grade reached proficiency in upper grades by cohort. Additionally, the data showed that few students who were retained reached proficiency when they retook the third grade ELA assessment.

- Both sponsors expressed that the State Board must stay committed to addressing the literacy crisis. The full board will consider the resolution at the November meeting.

- The second resolution recommends that the General Assembly allocate dollars from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to provide all students in Ohio a free breakfast and lunch. The sponsor of the resolution provided information on other states that have implemented laws that provided no-cost meals for students.

- SB 361 introduced which would allow school districts to employ veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces that have met certain requirements to be employed as teachers without licenses.

**Student Achievement Liaison** – Dr. Dinopoulos reported on the following:

- Poland Middle School is proud to acknowledge the nearly 150 students in grades 4 through 6 who signed up for and are participating in STEM Club to advance their knowledge and problem solving skills. The club meets throughout the school year. Students to date have made working electric circuit helicopters and rubber band propelled cars. Thank you to Mrs. Marconi for her dedication and passion for the program which takes place after school for one hour. There are currently 4 groups of students signed up to attend with numbers growing.

- Group 1 meets on October 12, 19, 26, November 2 and 9.
- Group 2 meets November 16, 30, January 4, 11 and 18.
- Group 3 meets January 25, February 1,8,15 and 22
- Group 4 meets March 1,8,15, 22 and 29.

At 6:36 p.m., Ms. Colucci moved and Mr. Warren seconded with all members present signaling aye to enter into Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal of a public employee or official and matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or rules or state statutes.

Dr. Dinopoulos was excused from attending executive session

**Reconvene and Adjourn – Resolution #2022-106**

At 7:27 p.m., Ms. Colucci moved and Mr. Warren seconded with Mrs. Elia and Mr. Polis voting aye to reconvene and adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned.

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Treasurer

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President

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