

Regular Meeting Poland Board of Education held June 14, 2023

The Regular meeting of the Poland Board of Education was held on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at Dobbins Board of Education Room, 3030 Dobbins Road, Poland, Ohio 44514.

President, Dr. Dinopoulos called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -None**Treasurer/CFO Recommendations: Janet Muntean**

Moved by Mr. Warren and seconded by Mrs. Dominic to approve the following 1-5 Financial recommendations as presented: **Resolution #2023-52.**

Financials

1. The Board approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of May 17, 2023.
2. The Board approve the Financial Report of May 2023 as submitted.
3. The Board approve the FY23 appropriation modifications and submit for certification the estimated resources to the Mahoning County Budget Commission for all funds ending June 30, 2023.
4. The Board authorize the Treasurer to Set Up Special Cost Center revenue and expenditure accounts for the Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost's School/Law Enforcement Technology Linking Safety Grant in the amount of \$20,000.
5. The Board approve the temporary appropriations of \$6,523,273.00 for the first ninety (90) days of the new fiscal year (FY24) commencing on July 1, 2023.

Roll call: Members present voting aye. Motion passed 4-0. Absent-Mr. Polis

Treasurer/CFO Recommendations Not included in Requests of Consent:**Authorization to Transfer Funds – Resolution #2023-53**

Mrs. Elia moved and Mr. Warren seconded with Dr. Dinopoulos and Mrs. Dominic voting aye to authorize the Treasurer to transfer funds from the General Fund to the Pre-School Fund (012-9002) for the exact negative fund balance as of June 30, 2023 not to exceed \$30,000.00. Motion passed 4-0. Absent-Mr. Polis

Authorization to Transfer Funds – Resolution #2023-54

Mrs. Dominic moved and Mrs. Elia seconded with Dr. Dinopoulos and Mr. Warren voting aye to authorize the Treasurer to transfer funds from the General Fund to the After-School Fund (012-9003) for the exact negative fund balance as of June 30, 2023 not to exceed \$12,000.00. Motion passed 4-0. Absent-Mr. Polis

Approval to Proceed with School Improvement Bonds Levy – Resolution #2023-55

Mrs. Elia moved and Mr. Warren seconded with Dr. Dinopoulos and Mrs. Dominic voting aye a resolution determining to proceed with submitting to the electors of the school district the single question of the issuance of school improvement bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$105,440,000 and the levy of an additional 0.50-mill to provide funds for the acquisition, construction, enlargement, renovation, and financing of general permanent improvements, pursuant to section 5705.218 of the revised code. Motion passed 4-0. Absent-Mr. Polis.

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2023, this Board adopted Resolution No. 2023-45 (the Resolution of Necessity) declaring the necessity of submitting to the electors of the School District a single proposal consisting of the question of (i) the issuance of bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$105,440,000 for the purpose set forth in Section 1 and the levying of a tax to pay debt charges on those bonds and any anticipatory securities and (ii) the levy of an additional 0.50-mill property tax outside the ten-mill limitation to provide funds for the acquisition, construction, enlargement, renovation, and financing of general permanent improvements, for a continuing period of time, at an election to be held in the School District on November 7, 2023, a copy of which resolution was certified to the Mahoning County Auditor; and

WHEREAS, on May 19, 2023, having received a certified copy of the Resolution of Necessity, the Mahoning County Auditor certified (on DTE 130) that (i) the total taxable value of the School District used in calculating the average annual property tax levy is \$454,796,890 and (ii) the estimated average annual property tax levy required throughout the stated maximum maturity of the Bonds to pay the interest thereon and retire the principal over 36 years is calculated to be “(12.100) mills for each \$1 of taxable value” which amounts to “\$424 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor’s appraised value”; and

WHEREAS, on May 24, 2023, having received a certified copy of the Resolution of Necessity, the Mahoning County Auditor further certified (on DTE 140R) that (i) the “property tax revenue that will be produced by the stated millage” (0.500 mills), assuming the taxable value of the School District remains constant throughout the life of the levy, is calculated to be “\$227,000”, (ii) the “millage for the requested levy is Five Tenths (0.500) mills per \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$18.00 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor’s appraised value” and (iii) the total tax valuation of the School District used in calculating the estimated property tax revenue is \$454,796,890;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Poland Local School District, County of Mahoning, Ohio, at least two-thirds (2/3) of all members elected thereto concurring, that:

Section 1. Declaration of Necessity of Bonds and Tax Levy. After reviewing the certifications of the Mahoning County Auditor described in the preambles hereto, this Board hereby finds, determines and declares that (i) the amount of taxes that can be raised within the ten-mill limitation will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the present and future requirements of the

School District, (ii) it is necessary to issue general obligation bonds of the School District in the aggregate principal amount of \$105,440,000 for the purpose of constructing, adding to, renovating, remodeling, furnishing, equipping and otherwise improving school district buildings and facilities, including a new elementary school, a new high school, and new middle school facilities with selected renovations, and clearing, equipping and otherwise improving their sites, and to levy a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation to pay the debt charges on those bonds and any anticipatory securities, and (iii) it is necessary to levy, for a continuing period of time, an additional 0.50-mill tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation, which, as described above, amounts to \$18.00 for each \$100,000 of the County Auditor's appraised value, to provide funds for the acquisition, construction, enlargement, renovation, and financing of general permanent improvements. The average annual property tax rate required throughout the stated maximum maturity of the Bonds to pay the interest on the Bonds and retire the principal thereof over 36 years has been calculated by the County Auditor as set forth in the second preamble to this Resolution, incorporated in this Section 1 by reference. This Board estimates that the tax for debt charges will first be levied in 2023 and first be collected in calendar year 2024.

Section 2. Submission of Single Question to the Electors. This Board further determines and declares that the question of (i) issuing the bonds, and levying a tax to pay the debt charges on the bonds and on any notes issued in anticipation of the bonds and (ii) levying an additional 0.50-mill tax to provide funds for the acquisition, construction, enlargement, renovation, and financing of general permanent improvements, for a continuing period of time, beginning with the tax list and duplicate for the year 2023, the proceeds of which levy first would be available to the School District in collection year 2024, shall be submitted as a single question under the provisions of Section 5705.218 of the Revised Code to the electors of the School District at an election to be held therein on November 7, 2023, as authorized by law.

Section 3. Certification and Delivery of Materials to Board of Elections. The Treasurer is authorized and directed to certify immediately to the Mahoning County Board of Elections, and in any event not later than the close of business on Wednesday, August 9, 2023: (i) a copy of the Resolution of Necessity, declaring the necessity of (A) the bond issue and providing for the principal of the bonds to be paid over a maximum of 36 years, which number of years is hereby certified to the Board of Elections, and (B) the tax levy to provide funds for the acquisition, construction, enlargement, renovation, and financing of general permanent improvements, to be levied for a continuing period of time, (ii) the certifications by the Mahoning County Auditor referred to in the second and third preambles of this Resolution and (iii) a copy of this Resolution. This Board requests that the Board of Elections give notice of that election and prepare the necessary ballots and supplies for the election in accordance with law.

Section 4. Compliance with Open Meeting Requirements. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 5. Captions and Headings. The captions and headings in this Resolution are solely for convenience of reference and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any Sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs or clauses hereof.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

Superintendent's Recommendations: Craig Hockenberry

Moved by Mr. Warren and seconded by Mrs. Dominic to approve the following 1-9 HR/Staffing recommendations as presented; **Resolution #2023-56.**

HR/Staffing

1. The Board approve the following classified substitutes:
 - Bryce Barringer - Summer Custodial Help
 - Ashley Buck - Summer Custodial Help
 - Josh Blasko - Summer Custodial Help
 - Benjamin Chaszeyka - Summer Custodial Help

2. The Board approve the following administrative contracts for three (3) years Effective on August 1, 2024 as follows:
 - Dr. Maria Hoffmaster - Effective 8/1/24 - 7/31/27
 - Megan Roemer - Effective 8/1/24 - 7/31/27
 - Matt McKenzie - Effective 8/1/24 - 7/31/27
 - Sara Turner - Effective 8/1/24 - 7/31/27
 - David Purins - Effective 8/1/24 - 7/31/27
 - Matthew Beard - Effective 8/1/24 - 7/31/27
 - Nico Ruggieri - Effective 8/1/24 - 7/31/27

3. The Board approve the following individuals to fill the following Supplemental Academic positions for the 2023-2024 school year and to be awarded the applicable supplemental and/or pupil activity contract.

2023-2024	Last Name	First Name
PSHigh School		
Academic Challenge Coach		
AFS	Rowe	Ron
Art Club	Holub	Sue
FCCLA	Walsh	Julie
FHA Club Advisor		
Applied Arts Dept. Chairperson	Williams	Pat
Fine Arts Dept. Chairperson	Brungard	Mark
Freshman Class Advisor	Paine	Deborah
Sophomore Class Advisor	Wellington	Julianna
Junior Class Advisor	Gotti	Christine
High School Dramatics	Fonagy	Candy
Theatre Stage Const.	Fonagy	Candy
HS Dramatics Musical Coord. per Musical		
HS Computer/Design Club		
HS English Dept. Chairperson	Hurdley	Ann Marie
PSHS Math Dept. Chairperson	Sainato	Robert
PSHS Social Studies Dept. Chair	Rowe	Ron
HS Science Dept. Chairperson		
HS Special Ed Dept. Chair	Wellington	Julianna
HS ENGLISH FESTIVAL	Smith	Theresa
HS GRADEBOOK	Ross	Sarah
Math 24 Advisor (.01)		
Leadership HS Advisor	McGee	Maggie
HS Literary Magazine Advisor	Smith	Theresa
HS Newspaper Advisor (Split .08)	Kasten	Madison
HS Newspaper Advisor (Split .08)	Smith	Theresa
HS Science/Applied Tech Club		
Robotics Advisor		
Foreign Lang. Dept. Chairperson	Gotti	Christine
French Club Advisor		
Italian Club	DiTommaso	Lisa
Spanish Club Advisor (split .04)	Mitch	Christie
Spanish Club Advisor (split .04)	Latronica	Lisa

Student Council		
Interact Club (funded by Rotary)	Martin	Chirs
LPDC	Paine	Debbie
LPDC	DeJulio	Lauren
LPDC	Calderon	Liz
National Board		
NHS	DiNunzio	Richard
Pioneer	Paine	Debbie
Speech and Debate	Humphreys	Spencer
Speech and Debate Asst. (split 11)	Burke	Molly
	Dwinnells	Adam
	Lesnansky	Eden
	Sanders	Alex
HS MUSIC		
Music - Band Director	Hvizdos	Jeff
Music - Elementary Instrumental Music	Hvizdos	Jeff
Music - Middle School Band Director	Hvizdos	Jeff
Music - Pep Band	Hvizdos	Jeff
PMS		
Lead Mentor Resident Educator Program Cor.	Angelilli	Pam
McKinley/PMS GRADEBOOK	Williams	Pat
PMS Stem Club		
PANDA co-advisor (split.05)	Butch	Wendy
PANDA co-advisor	Rowan	Mary Jo
PMS Yearbook	Zedaker	Angela
PMS ENGLISH FESTIVAL	Moncilovich	Lori
PMS Junior Leadership Advisor (2 split .05)	Aebischer	Abby
PMS Junior Leadership Advisor	Angelilli	Pam
PMS Math Counts		
PMS Science Chair		
PMS Social Studies Chair (split)	Williams	Ryan
PMS Social Studies Chair (split)	Williams	Alicia
PMS ELA Chair	Shaffer	Haley
PMS Math Chair	McMahon	Alaina
PMS Spec. Ed. Dept. Chair	Close	Amy
PMS Student Council	McMahon	Alaina
LPDC Sec	Kaschak	Tracy
LPDC	Purins	David
LPDC	Wilson	Holly
MUSIC		
Music - Elementary Vocal Music	Penney	Jeff
Music - Senior Hi Marching Band Assistant	Penney	Jeffrey
Music - Senior & Jr. Hi Vocal Music	Penney	Jeff

4. The Board approve the following (6) certified employees for the 2023-2024 school year.
 - Austin Cline - Science teacher PSHS
 - Samantha Lawless - 2nd grade teacher at McKinley
 - Hana E. Murphy - School Nurse K-6
 - Angela Brine - 2nd grade Intervention Specialist at McKinley
 - Katelyn Herdman - 3rd grade teacher at McKinley
 - Alexis Bishop - K-3 Intervention Specialist at McKinley

5. The Board approve Hana Murphy to be compensated for up to 10 days for transition during the 2022-2023 school year. Prorated at the appropriate step/column according to the PEA FY23 salary schedule.

6. The Board approve the resignation of the following certified teacher:
 - Mary Hernon - Effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year

7. The Board approve the following two (2) certified supplemental resignations for the 2023-2024 school year:
 - Julie Rinehart - PSHS Academic Challenge Advisor
 - Melissa Lunevich - Student Council Advisor

8. The Board approve the following four (4) classified Porter positions for the 2023-2024 school year:
 - Steven Calzo
 - Vincent LaRubbio
 - Macey Gessler
 - Steven Volovar

9. The Board approve Tracy Kaschak as Poland's Afterschool Coordinator for the 2023-2024 school year at a rate of \$22.00 per hour.

Roll call: Members present voting aye. Motion passed 4-0. Absent-Mr. Polis

Superintendent's Recommendations: Craig Hockenberry

Moved by Mr. Warren and seconded by Mrs. Dominic to approve the following 1-2 Student Services recommendations as presented: **Resolution #2023-57.**

Student Services

1. The Board approve the agreement with Maxim healthcare to provide one or more licensed or certified healthcare providers and to provide other various health services of the Individual Education Plans for the 2023-2024 school year.

2. The Board approve the Pupil Transportation Agreement with Struthers City Schools for student transportation to Camp Sunshine for Extended School Year (ESY) from July 3, 2023 - August 3, 2023. Cost not to exceed \$35.00 per day.

Roll call: Members present voting aye. Motion passed 4-0. Absent-Mr. Polis

Superintendent's Recommendations: Craig Hockenberry

Moved by Mrs. Dominic and seconded by Mr. Warren to approve the following 1-2 Curriculum/Instruction recommendations as presented: **Resolution #2023-58.**

Curriculum/Instruction

1. The Board approve the Agreement with Struthers City Schools to confirm their understandings and agreement with respect to the sharing of services of an English Language Teacher ("ELL Teacher") with the Poland School District for the 2023-2024 school year. The Struthers City Schools will be billed for 2/5 of all salary and fringe benefits for said ELL Teacher Services.
2. The Board approve that the Poland Local Schools intends not to provide career-technical education to students in Grades 7-8 for the 2023/2024 school year.

Roll call: Members present voting aye. Motion passed 4-0. Absent-Mr. Polis

Superintendent's Recommendations: Craig Hockenberry

Moved by Mr. Warren and seconded by Mrs. Elia to approve the following 1- 2 Operations recommendation as presented: **Resolution #2023-59.**

Operations

1. The Board renew the contract with Liberty Mutual Insurance for Commercial Insurance coverage effective July 1, 2023 through July 1, 2024 as per attached proposal.
2. The Board approve the updated Organizational Chart for the 2023-2024 school year.



Roll call: Members present voting aye. Motion passed 4-0. Absent-Mr. Polis

Superintendent’s Recommendations: Craig Hockenberry

Moved by Mr. Warren and seconded by Mrs. Dominic to approve the following 1- 4 Athletics recommendation as presented: **Resolution #2023-60.**

Athletics

1. The Board accept the resignation of the following supplemental coaching positions:
 Lucinda Blanch as Head Middle School track coach
 Nick Blanch as Assistant Middle School track coach
2. The Board approves an overnight field trip to Eastern Ohio Football Camp in Sherrodsville, Ohio. Departing on July 11th and Returning on July 13th.
3. The Board approves the following individuals to fill the athletic positions listed for the 2023-2024 school year and to be awarded the applicable supplemental and/or pupil activity contract.

FALL SPORTS		
FOOTBALL		
Physical Fitness Football	Pavlansky	Thomas
Hd. Varsity Football Coach	Pavlansky	Thomas
Hd. 9th Grade Boys Football	Fuller	Anthony
Hd. 8th Grade Boys Football	Palmer	Brian
Asst. Varsity Boys Football	Williams	Ryan
Asst. Varsity Boys Football (Split 0.14)	Lopuchovsky	Michael
Asst. Varsity Boys Football (Split 0.14)	Capan	Zachary
Asst. Ninth Grade Boys Football	Gessler	Dean
Asst. Eighth Grade Boys Football	Sabrin	Dominic
Flagline Advisor	Stefancin	Jennifer
Majorette	Stefancin	Jennifer
CHEERLEADERS		
Cheerleader - HS Cheerleader Coach	Hurdley	Ann Marie
Cheerleader - JV/V Asst Cheer Coach	Rinehart	Julie
Cheerleader - Ninth Grade Cheerleader Advisor	Pecchia	Lindsay
SOCCER		
Varsity Soccer Girls	Huda	Neil
Varsity Soccer Boys	Garcar	Brian
JV Boys Soccer	Storkel	William
VOLLEYBALL		
Head Varsity Girls Volleyball	Diamond	Aleah
JV Girls Volleyball	Bosela	Dylan
Head 8th grade Volleyball	Dean	Elise
Head 7th Gr. Volleyball	Wesolowsky	Mark
GOLF		
Golf Girls	Colella	Joesph
CROSS COUNTRY		

Cross Country Coach-Girls	Grisdale	Kim
Cross Country Coach-Boys	Hixson	Sarah
MS Cross Country Head Coach	Grantonic	Tom
Girls Tennis Coach (Fall)	Leslie	James
<u>WINTER SPORTS</u>		
<u>BASKETBALL</u>		
Physical Fitness Basketball	Nord	Luke
JV Girls Basketball Coach	Dubec	John
JV Boys Basketball Coach	Martin	Christopher
Head Varsity Girls Basketball	Blanch	Nick
Head Varsity Boys Basketball	Fender	Eric
9th Grade Girls Basketball	Gajdos	Isabella
9th Grade Boys Head Basketball Coach	Capan	Zac
8th grade Girls Basketball Head Coach	Cammack	Elena
8th grade Boys Basketball Head Coach		
7th Grade Girls Basketball Head Coach	Blanch	Lucinda
7th grade Boys Basketball Head Coach		
<u>WRESTLING</u>		
Varsity Head Wrestling Coach		
Middle School Head Wrestling		
Asst. Varsity Wrestling Coach	Beadle	Jordan
<u>SWIMMING</u>		
Head Varsity Swim Coach	Hritz	John
Assistant Swim Coach	Lattanzio	Nick
<u>SPRING SPORTS</u>		
<u>TRACK</u>		
Head Varsity Boys Track	Williams	Ryan
Asst. Varsity Boys Track		
Head Varsity Girls Track	Massey	Gabby
Asst. Varsity Girls Track	Skinner	Luke
Head PMS Track Coach Boys/Girls	Hritz	John
Assistant PMS Track Coach Boys	Cullar	Kenneth
Assistant PMS Track Coach Girls	Mamula	Andrew
<u>BASEBALL/SOFTBALL</u>		
Head Varsity Softball Coach	Serich	Jim

Asst. Varsity Girls Softball	Serich	Kasie
JV Softball Coach		
Head Varsity Baseball Coach	Murray	Rich
Asst. Varsity Baseball Coach	Gesacion	Ryan
Ninth Grade Baseball Coach	Carden	Pat
JV Boys Baseball Coach	Wesolowsky	Mark
LACROSSE		
Head Boys Varsity Lacrosse Coach		
Asst. Boys Lacrosse split	Scheck	Nathan
Asst. Boys Lacrosse split	Morrison	Liam
Head Girls Varsity Lacrosse Coach	Banfield	Mara
<u>Asst. Girls Lacrosse Coach</u>	Muntean	Helen Marie
TENNIS		
Boys Tennis Coach	Leslie	Jimmy

4. The Board approves the following Volunteer Coaching Positions for the 2023-2024 school year. The coaches will have all required credentials on file, including BCI & FBI checks, prior to working with any Poland student athlete.

23-24 Volunteer Coaches	
Zac Capan	Girls Lacrosse
Anthony Gallo	MS/HS Cross Country
Matt Harrell	Boys V Cross Country
Zachary Nemeth	Boys JV/V Soccer
Tyler Antil	Boys JV/V Soccer
Skyler Huda	Girls JV/V Soccer
Gregory Maurer	Girls JV/V Soccer
Albert Masi	Girls V Basketball
Jeff Sabrin	V Football
Kyle Roberts	F Football
Dave Gessler	F Football
John Medina	MS Football
Todd Kollar	MS Football
John Boccieri	V Softball
Mark Jakubovic	V Softball
John Hay	V Baseball
David Smercansky	V Baseball
Emma Dunlap	MS Volleyball

Roll call: Members present voting aye. Motion passed 4-0. Absent-Mr. Polis

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- 2023-24 Graduation Date - Saturday, May 25th of Memorial Day Weekend 2024
In the future, the graduation date will be on the school calendar, or the Board will pass a separate resolution selecting the Graduation date so families can plan.
- Board Development – Supt. Hockenberry discussed possible opportunities for Board, Supt, Treasurer Board Development. Proposals will be forthcoming.
- Strategic Plan - Discussion was held on how the district might proceed with the Strategic Plan Process. Send to all Board and Maria
- RFQ Bus Garage – Update – RFQ’s were reviewed and scored. A recommendation will be on the July Board Meeting.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Foundation Liaison – Mr. Polis was absent; however, Superintendent Hockenberry explained that the Foundation Board is looking to set a date for next year’s dinner.

Legislation Liaison – Mrs. Dominic – No Report

Student Achievement Liaison – Mrs. Elia – Reported on the following student achievements:

- The annual Art Show was held for grades 7-12 at the Junior Senior High School. Winners were-
 - High point award grade 7- Amadea Ovaska
 - High point award grade 8- Jacelyn Salaty and Alex Khoury
 - High point award Art 2- Abbigail Antil
 - High point award Advanced Art - America Garcia
 - High point award Cumulative- Jenna Spagnola
 - Senior Display 1st Place- Jenna Spagnola
 - Senior Display 2nd Place- America Garcia
 - Senior Display 3rd Place- Gia Len
 - Best in Show 1st Place- Jenna Spagnola
 - Best in Show 2nd Place- Gavin Mathew
 - Best in Show 3rd Place - Emeliina Parente
- Speech and Debate Team 2023 State Qualifiers include:
 - Liam Burk (11)- Humorous Interpretation
 - Owen Puhl (11)- Informative Speaking
 - Erika Casey (10)- Informative Speaking
 - Colin Anderson (12)- Congressional Debate
 - Rowan Downie (9)- Congressional Debate

- Speech and Debate Team 2023 National Qualifiers include:
 Liam Burk (11)- Humorous Interpretation
 Owen Puhl (11)- Expository Writing
 Owen Puhl (11) was selected by the OSDA to be a student representative on the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) Committee due to his passion for Speech and Debate and incredible leadership skills.

- **McKinley: Student achievements:**
 3rd grader Brynn McKay from Mrs. Massarelli's room, was the Fire Safety Poster Contest winner for our District.

 3rd grade Pawsitive Leaders Club created PBIS videos centering around modeling school wide expectations.

 All 3rd grade students satisfied the requirements of the Third Grade Guarantee (reading at grade level).

Adjourn – Resolution #2023-61

Mr. Warren moved, and Mrs. Dominic seconded with Mrs. Elia and Dr. Dinopoulos voting aye to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 4-0. Absent-Mr. Polis

Meeting adjourned.

Treasurer

President