

Regular Meeting Poland Board of Education held July 12, 2023

The Regular meeting of the Poland Board of Education was held on Wednesday, July 12, 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 Mrs. Dominic, Mrs. Elia, Dr. Dinopoulos and Mr. Polis. Absent: Mr. Warren

Pledge of Allegiance

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Maria Hoffmaster – Preliminary Test Scores and Curriculum Materials

- The Ohio General Assembly amended Ohio's Accountability Law the summer of 2021.
- School District's now receive Star Ratings for 5 components.
- Current results are preliminary.
- Recognizing double digit gains in 4th grade ELA and Math; 8th ELA; Biology
- Slight gains from the previous year.
- Still items pending in Early Literacy Component. The district earned 85.5% or 4 Stars to date; 88% is what is required for 5 Stars.
- Graduation Rate – 4-Year 100%; 5-Year 98.8%; Weighted Graduation Rate 99.5%
- Progress and GAP Closing are measures still pending.
- College Credit Plus and Advanced Placement Literature and Writing Curriculums include: *"They Say/I Say"* with Readings, 5th High School Edition and *"Back to the Lake"* 4th High School Edition

Mr. Matt McKenzie – Summer Facilities and Busing

- Painting of Locker Room Facility
- Sealcoating of lots
- Addressed step hazard in teacher classroom
- PSHS Re-utilization
- McKinley/PMS – Track repairs and extend exit
- New space in McKinley Library
- SRO stations
- Safety Grant – Exterior Cameras, Classroom Door Locks, Flock Camera System
- Transportation Meeting Room
- PMS Lower-Level Handicapped Accessible Restroom
- Busing – Reviewed Ad Hoc Committee regarding busing/instructional day to allow teachers to collaborate with principal. Small adjustment to McKinley schedule was discussed.

Mr. Craig Hockenberry – Key Dates August/September

- July 24 – August 11 – Double Down on Reading Enrichment Program

- August 1 – Poland Leadership Kick Off Meeting
- August 3 – Eastern Ohio ESC Administrative Conference
- August 5 – Safety Forces Appreciation Picnic Poland Township Park
- August 9 – Dogs for Drivers and Pizza for Police
- August 10 – New Staff Orientation/Rookie Camp
- August 15 – All Staff Reports – PSHS
- August 16-17 – 2023-2024 Orientation Days
- August 16 – Poland Board of Education Meeting
- August 18 – Poland Varsity Football Kick off the 2023-2024 Season vs. Salem Quakers
- August 22 – First Day of 2023-2024 School Year
- August 30 – Cheerleaders Perform at Canfield Fair
- August 31 – Poland Band Performs at Canfield Fair
- September 1 – No School
- September 14 – The Helen M. Free Dedication

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -None

Treasurer/CFO Recommendations: Janet Muntean

Moved by Mr. Polis and seconded by Mrs. Dominic to approve the following 1-4 Financial recommendations as presented: **Resolution #2023-62.**

Financials

1. The Board approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of June 14, 2023.
2. The Board approve the Financial Report of June 2023 as submitted.
3. The Board approve the Donors Choose List as presented for the 2022-2023 school year.
4. The Board authorize the Treasurer to designate Margaret Chero, AP/Payroll Secretary to the Treasurer, as an Authorized Signer on district STAR Ohio Accounts per new security regulations at Star Ohio.

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

Superintendent's Recommendations: Craig Hockenberry

Moved by Mrs. Dominic and seconded by Mrs. Elia to approve the following 1-4 HR/Staffing recommendations as presented; **Resolution #2023-63.**

HR/Staffing

1. The Board approve the following certified employees for the 2023-2024 school year.
Dina Rowe - 4th grade Intervention specialist at the Middle School
2. The Board approve the following classified employees for the 2023-2024 school year.
James Gahagan - Bus Driver

3. The Board approve the return of Beth Queen from STRS Disability Leave of Absence effective August 15, 2023, per STRS documentation on file.
4. The Board approve the employment of Cynthia Smotzer - CCP Physics for the 23-24 school year

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

Superintendent's Recommendations: Craig Hockenberry

Moved by Mr. Polis and seconded by Mrs. Dominic to approve the following 1-5 Curriculum/Instruction recommendations as presented: **Resolution #2023-64.**

Curriculum/Instruction

1. The Board approve the MCCTC contract for Brian Jones for shared services for FY24
2. The Board approve the updated Gifted Education Policy and Plan.
3. The Board approve the agreement with the Mahoning County High School to provide services, if needed, for 2023-2024 school year.
4. The Board approve the College Credit Plus and Advanced Placement Curriculum writing and literature material beginning the 2023-24 school year
 - "They Say/ I Say" with Readings, 5th High School Edition
 - "Back to the Lake" 4th High School Edition
5. The Board accept the Mini Grant from the Poland School Foundation for a new greenhouse outside the Seminary for \$5,000.

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


Superintendent's Recommendations: Craig Hockenberry

Moved by Mrs. Elia and seconded by Mr. Polis to approve the following 1- 3 Operations recommendation as presented: **Resolution #2023-65.**

Operations

1. The Board approve Workmed as the facility for physicals/drug testing for the Transportation department for the 2023-24 school year.

2. The Board approve GPD Group for Professional Design Service Contract for the Poland Local School Bus Garage. Concept Plans and Site Due Diligence scope of work not to exceed \$10,000.
3. The Board approve the 2023-24 lunch prices and ala carte pricing.

2023-2024 Ala Carte Recommendations	
	Recommended 2023-2024
Seminary Student Lunch	3.00
McK/MS Student Lunch	2.75
Adult Lunch	3.60
Seminary Lunch Entrée	2.50
McK/MS Lunch Entrée	2.00
Student Breakfast	1.50
Adult Breakfast	2.00
Breakfast Entrée	1.25
Fruit/Veggie Side	1.00
Milk	0.65
Juice Box	0.75
Lg (16.9 oz) Water	1.00
Sm (8 oz) Water	0.50
Chips	1.00
Grandma's Cookies	1.50
Rice Krispie Treat	1.50
Fruit by the Ft/Fruit Roll Up	0.75
Welch's Fruit Snacks	1.00
Craisins	0.75
Breakfast/Cereal Bar	1.00
Ice Cream	1.25
Minute Maid Lemonade	1.50
Powerade (20 oz)	2.00
Gaterade (12 oz)	1.50
Gold Peak Ice Tea	2.25
Sparkling Ice Water (flavored)	1.50
Vitamin Water	2.00
Body Armor	1.50
Minute Maid Juice (12 oz)	2.00

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

Superintendent Requests Not Included in Consent

Approval of the 2023-2024 Graduation Date – Resolution #2023-66

Mrs. Dominic moved and Mr. Polis seconded with Dr. Dinopoulos voting aye to approve the 2023-2024 Graduation Date of May 25 of Memorial Day Weekend 2024. Motion passed 3-0. Mr. Warren absent, and Mrs. Elia abstained.

Superintendent's Recommendations: Craig Hockenberry

Moved by Mr. Polis and seconded by Mrs. Dominic to approve the following 1- 3 Athletics recommendation as presented: **Resolution #2023-67.**

Athletics

1. The Board approve the new revised 3 year, FY24, FY25 and FY26, Athletic Trainer Services Agreement by and between Mercy Health Youngstown LLC and Poland High School.
2. The Board accept the resignation of Jordan Beadle as Assistant Varsity Wrestling Coach for the 23-24 school year.
3. The Board approve Jordan Beadle as the Varsity Head Wrestling Coach for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Strategic Plan – The Strategic Plan discussion will be moved to August when all Board members can attend.
- Board Development – Superintendent Hockenberry explained he received two (2) proposals regarding Professional Development and Training for Board of Education Members along with the Supt. and Treasurer. Pricing ranges from \$15,000-\$20,000.
- Cell Phone Policy – Discussion Regarding District Cell Phone Policy – More information to follow in order to clarification the interpretation.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Foundation Liaison – Mr. Troy Polis reported the Foundation names Nadia Zarbaugh as Student Ambassador. Foundation officers are President, Abbey Rhein, Vice President, Greg Kibler, Treasurer, Julie Liddle and Secretary, Allison Mattson

Legislation Liaison – Mrs. Dominic reported on the following:

- Governor Mike DeWine signed HB33 into law on July 4, 2023. Covers FY24 and FY25. Notable budget items include:
 - Fair School Funding Plan Continues – Using Fy22 data for base cost inputs.
 - Expansion of Universal EdChoice Voucher
 - Amends mandatory student third-grade guarantee retention law
 - Requires ODE to provide reimbursements for school breakfast/lunches free for reduced price meals.
 - Increases new teacher base cost to \$35,000 and adjust steps schedule.
 - Requires each district to provide free feminine hygiene products to girls enrolled in grades 6-12.
- SB1 – Strips the partially elected State Board of Education of all but its regulatory powers and gives power to a cabinet-level agency called the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (DEW)

Student Achievement Liaison – Mrs. Elia – No Report**Adjourn – Resolution #2023-68**

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

Meeting adjourned.

Treasurer

President