

### **Regular Meeting Poland Board of Education held August 16, 2023**

The Regular meeting of the Poland Board of Education was held on Wednesday, August 16, 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 and Mr. Warren

Pledge of Allegiance

### **PRESENTATIONS**

Kevin Snyder - Cell Phone Discussion – Principal Snyder expressed ongoing concerns regarding cell phone use. He explained to the Board how a committee was formed to vet the issues. Mr. Rob Sainato, PSHS Staff Member, spoke on behalf of the teachers and the committee. Board members asked questions to the staff to gain clarification with more information forthcoming with clarification of the district cell phone use policy.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Kari Antal – 8422 Morningside Drive, Poland, OH - A parent of two (2) students. Expressed concern regarding the cell phone policy and wants her children to have their phones on their body. She does not have a problem with their phone being off but wants them to have access if needed.

Stephanie Saville – 2537 Jennifer Drive, Poland, OH – A parent of students that attend Poland. She expressed that she does not believe the students should have their phones on them. Believes phones should not be in the classroom.

Judy Nittoli – 8640 Four Seasons, Poland, OH – A parent of children that attend Poland and trusts the administration, teachers, and district to keep her students safe. Believes everyone would be better off without phones on and in the school.

### **Treasurer/CFO Recommendations: Janet Muntean**

Moved by Mr. Warren and seconded by Mrs. Dominic to approve the following 1-4 Financial recommendations as presented: **Resolution #2023-70.**

### **Financials**

1. The Board approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of July 12, 2023, and the Special Meeting of August 1, 2023.

2. The Board approves the Financial Report of July 2023 as submitted.
3. The Board approve the engagement between the Poland Local School District and the Ohio Auditor of State to satisfy audit requirements for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.
4. The Board authorizes the Treasurer to set up an 018 Fund with a Special Cost Center as requested by Director of Students Services, Lauren DeJulio, as an Exceptional Student Activity Fund.

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

**Superintendent's Recommendations: Craig Hockenberry**

Moved by Mrs. Dominic and seconded by Mr. Warren to approve the following 1-11 HR/Staffing recommendations as presented; **Resolution #2023-71.**

**HR/Staffing**

1. The Board approves the following supplemental contracts for the 2023-24 school year:
  - Beth Queen - HS Science Dept. Chairperson
  - Beth Queen – Science and Applied High Tech Club
  - Leslie Monteiro - PSHS Robotics Club
  - Austin Cline - Academic Challenge Coach
2. The Board approves the following individual for the classified position for the 2023-2024 school year:
  - Mike Burns - Courier
3. The Board approves the classified retirement of Carol A. Sofranec, PSHS Monitor, effective October 1, 2023
4. The Board accepts the transfer of Amy Brenoel, from PSHS Secretary, effective September 29, 2023, to PSHS Monitor effective October 2, 2023.
5. The Board accepts the resignation of Trisha Withers from both positions as a Bus Driver and Cafeteria Prep/Cashier effective immediately.
6. The Board approves the following substitute for the 2023-2024 school year according to the Board approved sub rate. All required reports are on file.
  - Robert Cole - Substitute Bus Aide - Effective July 17, 2023
7. The Board approves the following non-teaching personnel to be placed on the approved substitute list for the 23-24 school year, substitute basis only, according to the wage rate

for the assignment designated; all required reports are on file, unless noted. Grounds Manager Consultant employed under a separate contract at the rate of \$20.00 per hour.

**Cafeteria Substitutes**

Amanda Owens  
Nancy Muscat

**Nurse Substitute**

Theresa Rapp  
Shaina Holt

**Porter/Custodial Substitutes**

Nancy Muscat  
Marlie McConnell  
Robert Cole  
Joshua Orr  
Michael Donatelli (pending paperwork)

**Bus/Van Driver Substitute**

Paul Cubick  
Frank DiVito  
Doug Sage

**Grounds Consultant Substitute**

Richard Johnson - \$20.00 per hour

**Secretarial/Monitor Substitutes**

Lori Castro  
Nancy Muscat  
Victoria Wellington

8. The Board accepts the following supplemental resignation for the 2023-24 school year.  
Christie Mitch - Spanish Club Advisor (Split)
9. The Board approves the following supplemental contract for the 2023-24 school year.  
Lisa Latronica - Spanish Club Advisor
10. The Board accepts the following non-teaching supplemental resignation for the 2023-24 school year.  
Eden Lesnansky - Speech & Debate Assistant
11. The Board approves the following individual to fill the Speech & Debate Asst. Position listed for the 2023-24 school year and to be awarded the applicable supplemental and/or pupil activity contract.  
Alysa Oswald – Speech and Debate Assistant

**Superintendent's Recommendations: Craig Hockenberry**

Moved by Mr. Warren and seconded by Mrs. Elia to approve the following 1-3 Student Services recommendations as presented: **Resolution #2023-72.**

**Student Services**

1. The Board approves the agreement with Alta Care Group as a Mental Health Provider/Consultant for FY24.

2. The Board approves the contract from Community Behavior Consulting for BCBA services for the 2023-2024 school year.
3. The Board Approves the settlement agreement {04218952-2} related to an individual student for the 2023-2024 school year.

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

**Superintendent's Recommendations: Craig Hockenberry**

Moved by Mr. Polis and seconded by Mrs. Dominic to approve the following 1-2 Curriculum/Instruction recommendations as presented: **Resolution #2023-73.**

**Curriculum/Instruction**

1. The Board approves a contract with Supplemental Educational Services (SES) for providing Title I tutor services at Holy Family for FY24 using Non-Public Title I Funds.
2. The Board approves the student fee schedule for the 2023-2024 school year.
  - PMS/McKinley - \$20 Supply Fee
  - Jr/Sr High – 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade - \$20 General Fee
  - PSHS - PSHS Course Fees 2023-2024 as listed:
 

\$36.00	Accounting 1: Online Program Fee
\$36.00	Accounting 2: Online Program Fee
\$10.00	Art/Semester
\$20.00	Art/Year
\$40.00	AP Art History – Exam Prep Workbook/Consumable
\$15.00	Biology I & AP Biology (non-college credit)
\$15.00	BSCS Biology
\$15.00	BioTechnology
\$10.00	Broadcasting I
\$10.00	Broadcasting II
\$ 6.00	Career & College Readiness
\$20.00	Chemistry I
\$ 6.00	Child Development
\$25.00	Culinary Fundamentals
\$15.00	English (full year)
\$ 7.50	English (semester class)
\$10.00	Environmental Science
\$25.00	Global Foods
\$10.00	Human Anatomy/Physiology
\$10.00	Italian I, II, III, IV (non-college credit)
\$15.00	Microsoft Office Applications
\$10.00	Multimedia Productions I
\$10.00	Multimedia Productions II
\$10.00	Personal Wellness & Development

\$15.00	Physical Geology (non-college credit)
\$10.00	Physical Science
\$15.00	Physics Fundamentals
\$15.00	Physics STEM (non-college credit)
\$10.00	Programming
\$10.00	Spanish I
\$15.00	Spanish II, III
\$15.00	STEM Intro
\$20.00	Technology Fee (assessed to every student)
\$10.00	Textile Design, Constr. & Mntc.

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

**Superintendent's Recommendations: Craig Hockenberry**

Moved by Mr. Warren and seconded by Mrs. Dominic to approve the following 1- 4 Operations recommendation as presented: **Resolution #2023-74.**

**Operations**

1. The Board approves the Bus Routes for the 2023-2024 school year for specific bus numbers, distance, and students transported using data as of 8/11/23 which is in accordance with Rule 3301-83-13 of the Ohio Administrative Code. Trip analysis is subject to change based on district needs.

ROUTE	START TIME	FINISH TIME	# OF STOPS	# ASSIGNED	DISTANCE
Bus #14 Holy Family AM + MCHS	7:00:00 AM	7:47:00 AM	11	12	15.01487
Bus #14 Holy Family PM + MCHS	1:30:00 PM	3:09:00 PM	16	15	14.36
Bus #15 Holy Family AM + Preschool AM	6:45:00 AM	7:44:00 AM	20	32	17.19329
Bus #15 Holy Family PM	2:30:00 PM	3:48:00 PM	27	31	17.70446
Bus #25 Elem AM	8:00:00 AM	8:44:00 AM	31	49	9.665056
Bus #25 Elem PM	2:45:00 PM	3:26:00 PM	28	39	7.458174
Bus #25 HS/MS AM	6:40:00 AM	7:15:00 AM	15	69	10.04935
Bus #25 HS/MS PM	2:00:00 PM	2:47:00 PM	17	70	6.951486
Bus #6 Elem AM	8:00:00 AM	8:41:00 AM	27	38	8.900595
Bus #6 Elem PM	2:50:00 PM	3:37:00 PM	33	40	9.031392
Bus #6 HS/MS AM	6:45:00 AM	7:19:00 AM	21	57	8.648194
Bus #6 HS/MS PM	2:00:00 PM	2:51:00 PM	24	60	7.548014
Bus #7 Elem AM	7:45:00 AM	8:42:00 AM	44	57	11.75362
Bus #7 Elem PM	2:50:00 PM	3:40:00 PM	42	56	9.578376
Bus #7 HS/MS AM	6:35:00 AM	7:22:00 AM	27	69	12.03432
Bus #7 HS/MS PM	2:00:00 PM	2:56:00 PM	28	68	8.535964
Bus 1 Elem AM	7:50:00 AM	8:39:00 AM	33	45	10.95442
Bus 1 Elem PM	3:03:00 PM	3:48:00 PM	31	41	8.788647
Bus 1 HS/MS AM	6:45:00 AM	7:21:00 AM	20	69	9.132892
Bus 1 HS/MS PM	2:00:00 PM	3:03:00 PM	24	68	12.0057
Bus 11 Spec Ed AM	6:20:00 AM	8:31:00 AM	20	13	36.05154
Bus 11 Spec Ed PM	1:35:00 PM	3:39:00 PM	20	13	35.78647
Bus 12 Elem AM	8:00:00 AM	8:44:00 AM	21	21	9.96394
Bus 12 HS/MS AM	6:35:00 AM	7:18:00 AM	21	61	11.38928
Bus 12 HS/MS PM	2:00:00 PM	3:04:00 PM	23	70	13.0106
Bus 12- Elem PM	3:03:00 PM	3:41:00 PM	22	23	9.265442
Bus 24 Elem AM	7:55:00 AM	8:47:00 AM	19	26	13.8441
Bus 24 Elem PM	3:05:00 PM	3:53:00 PM	21	40	14.0714
Bus 24 HS/MS AM	6:35:00 AM	7:23:00 AM	20	32	13.33831
Bus 24 HS/MS PM	2:00:00 PM	3:11:00 PM	26	46	15.31564
Bus 3 Elem AM	8:00:00 AM	8:45:00 AM	28	38	9.145448
Bus 3 Elem PM	3:00:00 PM	3:39:00 PM	28	39	6.751163
Bus 3 HS/MS AM	6:45:00 AM	7:19:00 AM	24	53	8.083166
Bus 3 HS/MS PM	2:00:00 PM	3:00:00 PM	25	54	10.74574
Bus 33 Elem AM	7:50:00 AM	8:44:00 AM	39	47	11.70199
Bus 33 Elem PM	3:00:00 PM	3:50:00 PM	36	43	9.890833
Bus 33 HS/MS AM	6:35:00 AM	7:15:00 AM	26	59	10.05091
Bus 33 HS/MS PM	2:00:00 PM	3:00:00 PM	28	64	10.03154
Bus 34 Elem AM	8:00:00 AM	8:42:00 AM	23	42	9.069252
Bus 34 Elem PM	2:55:00 PM	3:36:00 PM	25	48	7.953074
Bus 34 HS/MS AM	6:35:00 AM	7:17:00 AM	22	58	11.68549
Bus 34 HS/MS PM	2:00:00 PM	2:55:00 PM	25	65	9.11826
Bus 35 Elem AM	7:50:00 AM	8:44:00 AM	41	51	11.30848
Bus 35 Elem PM	2:55:00 PM	3:42:00 PM	38	51	9.852954
Bus 35 HS/MS AM	6:40:00 AM	7:19:00 AM	25	81	8.595092
Bus 35 HS/MS PM	2:00:00 PM	2:57:00 PM	27	70	9.153023
Bus 4- MCCTC AM	6:50:00 AM	7:41:00 AM	4	0	12.73
Bus 4- MCCTC PM	1:32:00 PM	2:49:00 PM	4	0	23.59
Bus 5 Elem AM	8:00:00 AM	8:44:00 AM	18	21	11.15057
Bus 5 Elem PM	3:00:00 PM	3:34:00 PM	14	18	8.665466
Bus 5 HS/MS AM	6:40:00 AM	7:22:00 AM	23	49	10.53087
Bus 5 HS/MS PM	2:00:00 PM	2:57:00 PM	21	54	10.57566
Bus 9 Elem AM	7:50:00 AM	8:48:00 AM	27	35	15.46718
Bus 9 Elem PM	3:00:00 PM	3:53:00 PM	28	33	13.94024
Bus 9 HS/MS AM	6:25:00 AM	7:16:00 AM	35	80	12.81078
Bus 9 HS/MS PM	2:00:00 PM	3:20:00 PM	38	65	16.62973
KidsLink Van AM	7:30:00 AM	10:00:00 AM	2	1	53.7
KidsLink Van PM	1:15:00 PM	3:45:00 PM	2	1	53.7

2. The Board authorizes Megan Roemer, Director of Transportation, to make adjustments to bus routes as needed throughout the 2023-24 school year.
3. The Board approves the resolution declaring transportation impractical for the 2023-24 school year. Exhibit A to be approved at the next regularly scheduled meeting once the deadline to receive applications has passed.

**WHEREAS**, the Superintendent for the Poland Local Schools has received a request for transportation for students enrolled in the District, a nonpublic or community school, or the joint vocational school; and

**WHEREAS**, the Superintendent has determined the listed students eligible but impractical to transport by public conveyance; and

**WHEREAS**, the Poland Local Schools Board of Education (hereafter the "Board") has carefully considered transportation options for the eligible students listed in Exhibit A under Ohio Revised Code Section 3327.01; and

**WHEREAS**, for each of the students listed, the Board has considered the following factors as enumerated in R.C. §3327.02:

- 1) The time and distance required to provide the transportation;
- 2) The number of pupils to be transported;
- 3) The cost of providing transportation in terms of equipment, maintenance, personnel and administration;
- 4) Whether similar or equivalent service is provided to other pupils eligible for transportation;
- 5) Whether and to what extent the additional service unavoidably disrupts current transportation schedules; and
- 6) Whether other reimbursable types of transportation are available.

**WHEREAS**, the option of offering payment in lieu of transportation is provided by the Ohio Revised Code.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Poland Local Schools Board of Education as follows:

### **Section 1**

After fully and carefully considering each of the factors listed above, the Board hereby affirms the determination that it is impractical to transport the students listed in Exhibit A for the 23-24 school year, and further hereby offers the parent(s)/guardian(s) payment in lieu of transportation. This decision was reached after considering the factors enumerated in R.C. §3327.02. Required reports will be made as directed by the Ohio Department of Education.

### **Section 2**

The Board of Education finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board of Education, and that all deliberations of this Board of Education and of its committees, if any, which resulted in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

### **Section 3**

This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its adoption and shall supersede any prior resolution or act of this Board of Education that may be inconsistent or duplicative with the provisions of this resolution.

4. The Board approves the Updated School Handbooks for the 2023-2024 School Year with clarification of the cell phone policy forthcoming:
- McKinley
  - PMS
  - PSHS

**Removal of PSHS Handbook from Operations #4 Approval – Resolution #2023-75**

At 7:25 p.m. Mr. Polis moved, and Mrs. Elia seconded to remove the approval of the PSHS Handbook from Operations #4 approval until further discussion and clarification of the cell phone policy takes place. Mrs. Dominic and Mr. Warren voted aye; however, Dr. Dinopoulos voted no to remove this item. Resolution #2023-75 to remove the approval of the PSHS handbook for the 2023-2024 approval passed 4-1.

Roll call: Members present voting aye. Motion passed 5-0 for approval of Operations items 1-3 and Item 4 – McKinley and PMS (Only) Handbooks.

**Superintendent’s Recommendations: Craig Hockenberry**

Moved by Mr. Polis and seconded by Mr. Warren to approve the following 1- 3 Athletics recommendation as presented: **Resolution #2023-76.**

**Athletics**

1. The Board approves the Updated Athletic Handbook for the 2023-2024 School Year.
2. The Board approves the following individual to fill the Varsity Asst. Boys Track Coach Supplemental Coaching position for the 2023-24 School Year. The coach will have all required credentials on file, including BCI & FBI checks, prior to working with any Poland student athlete.  
Richard DiNunzio – Varsity Asst. Boys Track Coach
3. The Board approves the YSN Media Partnership 3-year Agreement beginning the 2023-2024 School Year.

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

**POLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Appoint the delegate and alternate for the Annual Business Meeting at OSBA on Monday, November 13, 2023.

Mr. Warren - Delegate OSBA Annual Business Meeting

Dr. Dinopoulos - Alternate OSBA Annual Business Meeting



**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. OSBA Capital Conference (November 12-14, 2023) - RSVP Mrs. Muntean by 8/25/23

**REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

**Foundation Liaison** – Mr. Troy Polis – No Report

**Legislation Liaison** – Mrs. Dominic reported on the following:

- ODE released information on roles and responsibilities regarding transition of Department of Education and Workforce (DEW)
- Governor DeWine announced relief funds for tutoring services.
- HB240 – Permits public schools to employ chaplains or provide support services.

**Student Achievement Liaison** – Mrs. Elia – No Report

At 7:40 p.m., Mr. Polis moved, and Mrs. Dominic 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 and to consider details relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for the school district because disclosure of the matters discussed could reasonably be expected to jeopardize the security of the school district. The information to be discussed in executive session might reveal information that could be used to commit, or avoid prosecution for, a violation of the law by division (G)(6) of section [121.22](#) of the Revised Code.

Dr. Dinopoulos announced that further board action will take place after the conclusion of the executive session.

At 8:55 p.m., Mr. Polis moved, and Mrs. Dominic seconded to reconvene to regular session. All members present voting aye. Motion passed 5-0.

**Recommendation to Amend Board Agenda – Resolution #2023-77**

Mr. Polis moved, and Mrs. Elia seconded with all members present voting aye to amend the board agenda to add two (2) additional resolutions requiring board approval. Motion passed 5-0.

**Approval of Additional SRO at PMS/McKinley School – Resolution #2023-78**

Mrs. Dominic moved, and Mrs. Elia seconded with all members present voting aye to approve one (1) additional SRO at the PMS/McKinley campus beginning the 2023-2024 school year. Motion passed 5-0.

**Authorization of Superintendent to Consult Legal Council to Amend Board Policy for Cell Phone Use – Resolution #2023-79**

Mrs. Elia moved, and Mr. Polis seconded with Dr. Dinopoulos and Mr. Warren voting yes to authorize the Superintendent to work with the Board Legal Counsel amend the board policy specific for cell phone use. Mrs. Dominic voted no and stated that she does not believe students should have cell phones inside the classroom. Motion passed 4-1.

**Adjourn – Resolution #2023-80**

Dr. Dinopoulos moved, and Mr. Polis seconded with all members present voting aye to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned.

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Treasurer

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President