

## Regular Meeting Poland Board of Education held January 17, 2024

The Regular meeting of the Poland Board of Education was held on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at Dobbins Board of Education Room, 3030 Dobbins Road, Poland, Ohio 44514.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Members present for roll call and answering their names were Mr. Sabrin, Dr. Dinopoulos, Mrs. Elia, Mr. Riddle and Mr. Warren.

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION** - Commendations to Board Members

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

-Lee Galgan – 8247 Struthers Road, Poland – Commented regarding property taxes and expressed the windfall due to reappraisal and the amount of revenue the district is receiving. Explained that the district needs a plan and is concerned with upcoming levy renewals.

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

Moved by Mr. Riddle and seconded by Mrs. Elia to approve the following 1-4 Financial recommendations as presented: **Resolution #2024-08**.

### **Financials**

1. The Board approves the minutes of the Regular meeting of December 13, 2023, and the Organizational meeting of January 10, 2024.
2. The Board approves the Financial Report of December 2023 as submitted.
3. The Board approves the receipt of the Kenneth K. Fox Family Trust Fund. The funds in the amount of \$72,278.00. are to be designated for PSHS non-athletic programs.
4. The Board approves the following donations:
  - Forward Edge - \$750.00 Donation to Exceptional Student Activity Fund

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

**Treasurer/CFO Requests Not Included in Consent**

**Approval of FY25 ACCESS Agreement – Resolution #2024-09**

Mr. Warren moved, and Mr. Sabrin seconded with all members present voting aye to approve the agreement between the Poland School District and ACCESS for Application Services for Fiscal year 2025. #2025-A-015. Motion passed 5-0.

**Superintendent’s Recommendations: Craig Hockenberry**

Moved by Mr. Riddle and seconded by Mr. Warren to approve the following 1-8 HR/Staffing recommendations as presented; **Resolution #2024-10.**

**HR/Staffing**

1. The Board approves Mary Hernon as a long-term substitute at McKinley Elementary for part time art position due to maternity leave tentative effective date February 1, 2024.
2. The Board accept the resignation of Tonya Mentzer from her cafeteria position as a prep/server/cashier at Poland High School. Effective 1/3/2024.
3. The Board approves the following classified employees for the 2023-2024 school year.
  - Karen Ewsichek - 2.75-hour cafeteria - Effective 1/22/24
  - Steven Volovar - 5-hour sweeper cleaner - Effective 1/22/24
  - Tonya Mentzer - 8-hour sweeper cleaner - Effective 1/3/24
4. The Board accepts the resignation of Tracy Kaschak as the After School Director effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.
5. The Board accept the resignation of Janet Donnadio from her cafeteria position as a prep/server/cashier at Poland High School effective 1/19/2024.
6. The Board approve the request for unpaid parental leave from certified PMS employee Taylor Marino. The leave would include the remainder of the 2023-24 school year extending into and including all of the 2024-25 school year.
7. The Board approve extended time for the high school counselors to cover administrative duties in the absence of the guidance secretary, outside of their current contractual workday not to exceed 37.50 hours each; equivalent to up to 5 days.
 

Elizabeth Calderon  
Michael Vagas  
James Morocco
8. The Board approves the following individual for the 2023-2024 Volunteer Position. The individual will have all required credentials on file, including BCI & FBI, prior to working with any Poland student:

Sarah Henry - Poland Players

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

**Superintendent's Recommendations: Craig Hockenberry**

Moved by Mrs. Elia and seconded by Mr. Riddle to approve the following Curriculum/Instruction recommendations as presented: **Resolution #2024-11.**

**Curriculum/Instruction**

1. The Board approves the partnership with Kent State University's College Credit Plus (CCP) program for the upcoming 2024-2025 academic year.

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

**Superintendent's Recommendations: Craig Hockenberry**

Moved by Mr. Sabrin and seconded by Mr. Warren to approve the following 1-2 Athletics recommendation as presented: **Resolution #2024-12.**

**Athletics**

1. The Board approves the following recommendations for the 2023-2024 Volunteer Coaching Positions. The coaches will have all required credentials on file, including BCI & FBI, prior to working with any Poland student athlete.
  - Liam Morrison - Lacrosse
  - Jonathon Arnette - Wrestling
  - Payton Slaina - Softball
2. The Board approves the supplemental contract for the following individual for the 2023-2024 school year as per salary schedule for the assignment designated; all required reports are on file:
  - Justin Blasko - Assistant Boys Lacrosse

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

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Facilities – A lengthy discussion was held regarding district facilities.
  - Supt. Hockenberry provided a recap of prior facility discussions.

- Discussed a two (2) campus model and explained the district is receiving quotes for necessary upgrades to utilize spaces that are currently inaccessible.
- Dr. Dinopoulos asked each board member for their ideas moving forward:
  - Mr. Riddle – Expressed idea to address the name of village school, estimates for necessary upgrades, and a financial plan is needed to move forward. Wants two facilities to be pristine and 21<sup>st</sup> century learning space.
  - Mr. Warren – Expresses the need to prioritize the immediate projects within our current facilities. Two campus model.
  - Mr. Sabrin - In favor of two campus model and keeping Dobbins as preschool and administrative offices. Priority to make sure grade spans and curriculum align.
  - Mrs. Elia - In favor of two campus model as long as 7/8 grade have adequate space at PSHS.
  - Dr. Dinopoulos – Expresses the consensus is two-campus – Need costs for renovations at PSHS and the village campus. The traffic issue must be addressed. Requested Dr. Hoffmaster will gather information from teachers regarding possible 6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade campus.
  - Mr. McKenzie - Answered architect and engineering questions and also answered possible grant and OFCC questions.
  - Supt. Hockenberry – Expressed the need of direction from Board for North and Union buildings.
  - Mr. Riddle - Would like to keep North and utilize the space and possible partnerships.
  - Dr. Dinopoulos – Expressed the need to set a deadline regarding decision on both the North and Union properties.
  - A possible work session in February at connector was discussed with a tour prior to the start of the meeting.

## REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

**Foundation Liaison** – Mr. Warren – Poland Foundation has a new website. On March 7<sup>th</sup> Annual recognition banquet at Holy Family. Tickets are available.

**Legislation Liaison** – Mr. Sabrin – No Report.

**Student Achievement Liaison** – Mrs. Elia – Reporting on the following:

- Congratulations to Senior Katie Biggs, who won a Silver Key Award for her six-piece portfolio for the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. Katie will be honored with her peers at a ceremony on Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, at YSU.
- Speech Team - Junior Erika Casey advanced to the finals in Informative Speaking, and Senior Liam Burk placed 5<sup>th</sup> in Humor.

**Adjourn – Resolution #2024-13**

Mr. Riddle moved, and Mr. Sabrin 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