

Regular Meeting Poland Board of Education held February 14, 2024

The Regular meeting of the Poland Board of Education was held on Wednesday, February 14, 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.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

-Stephanie Volpini-Hann – 7365 Indian Trail, Poland – Addressed the Board with concerns regarding the effectiveness of detentions, and intention of a decision; disciplinary of youth. Expressed concerns of issues at the high school in regard to 12–13-year-olds. Concerned with bullying incidents and want to create a better environment. Stating the district has a responsibility to protect all children, IEP or not.

Treasurer/CFO Recommendations: Janet Muntean

Moved by Mr. Riddle and seconded by Mr. Sabrin to approve the following 1-4 Financial recommendations as presented: **Resolution #2024-14.**

Financials

1. The Board approves the minutes of the Regular meeting of January 17, 2024, and the Work Session meeting of February 7, 2024. The Board asked that the minutes of January 17, 2024, under Information Items to clarify the comments made in regard to both North and Union Properties discussion.
2. The Board approves the Financial Report of January 2024 as submitted.
3. The Board authorizes the Treasurer to set up Special Trust Fund #007 for revenue and expenditures related to the Kenneth K. Fox Family Trust Donation. After some discussion, the Board would like the proportionate share of interest allocated each month.
4. The Board approves the support of The Fair School Funding Plan Workgroup which was established on behalf of Ohio Schools and contributes 30 cents/per pupil per year.

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

In the absence of Superintendent Hockenberry, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Maria Hoffmaster presented the Superintendent's recommendations for approval as follows:

Superintendent's Recommendations: Craig Hockenberry - (Dr. Hoffmaster)

Moved by Mrs. Elia and seconded by Mr. Warren to approve the following 1-2 HR/Staffing recommendations as presented; **Resolution #2024-15.**

HR/Staffing

1. The Board approves the following substitute for the 2023-2024 school year according to the wage rate for the assignment designated; all required reports are on file, unless noted.
Nicole Monus - Prep/Server/Cashier Sub
2. The Board accept the following certified retirement:
Susan Flasco - 1st Grade - Effective end of the 2023-2024 School Year

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

Superintendent's Recommendations: Craig Hockenberry -Not Included In Consent – (Dr. Hoffmaster)

Approval of Amended Compensation and Benefit Guidelines for Administrators and Non-Bargaining Unit Employees – Resolution #2024-16

Mr. Warren moved, and Mr. Sabrin seconded with all members present voting aye to approve the amended Compensation and Benefits Guidelines for Administrators and Non-Bargaining Unit Employees as previously presented to the Board and on file in the Treasurer's office. Motion passed 5-0.

Superintendent's Recommendations: Craig Hockenberry – (Dr. Hoffmaster)

Moved by Mr. Riddle and seconded by Mrs. Elia to approve the following 1-2 Curriculum/Instruction recommendations as presented: **Resolution #2024-17.**

Curriculum/Instruction

1. The Board approves certified staff members to perform after school tutoring from February 26 - March 27, 2024 for 3rd Grade students who are identified as requiring additional support based on the 3rd grade Fall Ohio State Test. Payment will be issued according to the Board approved tutoring rate.

2. The Board approves the field trip for the Speech and Debate Team to attend the 2024 State Tournament at Wooster High School departing February 29, 2024 and returning March 2, 2024. All Chaperones will have their BCI Background checks, list attached. The cost per Participant is \$270.

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

Superintendent's Recommendations: Craig Hockenberry – (Dr. Hoffmaster)

Moved by Mrs. Elia and seconded by Mr. Riddle to approve the following 1 Operations recommendation as presented: **Resolution #2024-18.**

Operations

1. The Board approves the Schools and Libraries Universal Services (E-Rate) for 2023-2024. This resolution authorizes filing of the Form 470 applications for the funding year 2023-2024 and the payment of the applicant's share upon approval of funding and receipt of services.

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

Superintendent's Recommendations: Craig Hockenberry – (Dr. Hoffmaster)

Moved by Mr. Warren and seconded by Mr. Riddle to approve the following 1-2 Athletics recommendation as presented: **Resolution #2024-19.**

Athletics

1. The Board approves the resolution authorizing the continued membership in the Ohio High School Athletic Association for the 2024-2025 school year.
2. The Board approves the following individual for the 2023-2024 Volunteer Coaching Position. The coach will have all required credentials on file, including BCI & FBI, prior to working with any Poland student athlete.
Austin Kupec - Asst. Baseball Coach

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS - None

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Foundation Liaison – Mr. Warren – Reminder the Annual Recognition Banquet is March 7, 2024, and the deadline to get a ticket is February 21, 2024.

Legislation Liaison – Mr. Sabrin – Mr. Sabrin reported on the following:

- Governors School Bus Working Group
- Joint Committee on Property Tax Review and Reform
- HB 378 – Surviving spouses of service men; full homestead exemption
- HB 380 – Portion of Interstate 70 as a memorial highway
- HB 387 – Regarding existing academic distress commissions
- HB 386 – State income tax phase out on certain non-business income
- SB 219 – Changes to educator license grade bans
- SB 216 - State income tax phase out on certain non-business income

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

- The following students participated in the Ohio Music Education Association's Solo and Ensemble contest on Saturday, January 20th: Zoe Baird, Connor Blumel, Kate Blumel, Morgan Brammer, Caden Buck, Lauren Coss, Ana Csernik, Alyssa Davis, Ava Day, Dom Dinard, Emma Ebie, Helen Faur, Hanna Goshorn, Ethan Ho, Katelyn Hupp, Nathan Hupp, Samantha LaHart, Cole Lewis, Antonio Medina, Michele Moore, Sara White, Dylan Young

Poland Seminary High School was well represented at the event, earning either Superior or Excellent ratings (the two best possible ratings) in each of our 15 events.

- Owen Puhl has received a National Semi-Finalist Scholarship from the National Honor. Owen has also been recognized as a Finalist for the National Merit Scholarship Program. The selection of 7,140 Merit Scholarship winners from the group of more than 15,000 Finalists is now in progress. In March, he will be notified if he is selected as a scholarship recipient.
- The following sophomore students were selected based upon their leadership to attend the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Conference this June at John Carroll University: Delaney Demetrios, Margaux Malloy, Aidyn Vanches, Sean Zura

At 6:32 p.m. Mr. Warren moved, and Mr. Sabrin seconded with all members present signaling aye to enter 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.

Reconvene and Adjourn – Resolution #2024-20

At 8:10 p.m., Mr. Riddle moved, and Mr. Sabrin seconded with all members present voting aye to reconvene and adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned.

Treasurer

President

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