

# January 2021 Board of Education Regular Meeting

## Pioneer Career and Technology Center Board of Education Meeting

Held Remotely

Wednesday, January 13, 2021

7:00pm

**Present:** Mrs. Robyn Almanson, Board Member; Mr. Mike Grady, Board Member; Mr. Bill Hope, Board Member; Mr. John Kime, Board Member; Mr. Dennis Long, Board Member; Mrs. Margie Prater, Board Member; Mr. Richard Prater, Board Vice-President; Mr. Royden Smith, Board Member; Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President; Mrs. Mary Jean Theaker, Board Member; Gregory Nickoli, Superintendent; Linda Schumacher, Treasurer; Kowalski Kris, Director of Operations, High School; Mary Lee Barr, Interim Administrator; Jim Calhoon, Assistant Director, High School; Sandy Grau, EAP President

**Absent:** Mrs. Mary Dixon, Board Member

### 1 ROLL CALL

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mrs. Robyn Almanson, Board Member	X		
Mr. Mike Grady, Board Member	X		
Mr. Bill Hope, Board Member	X		
Mr. John Kime, Board Member	X		
Mr. Dennis Long, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Margie Prater, Board Member	X		
Mr. Richard Prater, Board Vice-President	X		
Mr. Royden Smith, Board Member	X		
Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President	X		
Mrs. Mary Jean Theaker, Board Member	X		

### 2 ADOPT RESOLUTION TO SUSPEND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

**Minutes:**

Superintendent Nickoli explained that this is just for our virtual meetings due to COVID.

No further questions or discussion. Sent to vote.

**Motioned:** Mrs. Robyn Almanson

**Seconded:** Mr. John Kime

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mrs. Robyn Almanson, Board Member	X		
Mr. Mike Grady, Board Member	X		
Mr. Bill Hope, Board Member	X		
Mr. John Kime, Board Member	X		
Mr. Dennis Long, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Margie Prater, Board Member	X		
Mr. Richard Prater, Board Vice-President	X		
Mr. Royden Smith, Board Member	X		
Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President	X		
Mrs. Mary Jean Theaker, Board Member	X		

**Attachments:**

[Resolution 01.21 Suspend Public Participation.pdf](#)

### 3 APPROVE TO ADD AN ADDENDUM TO ADD ITEM 11 TO THE JANUARY 2021 AGENDA

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

**Minutes:**

TreasurerSchumacher explained that the CRA for Niss Aviation had just been received earlier in the day and the City of Mansfield Economic Development Director wants this passed as soon as possible. This is why we added the addendum to the meeting. She explained this is new construction at the Mansfield Airport and Crestview Schools have also approved this CRA.

No further questions or discussion. Sent to vote.

**Motioned:** Mrs. Margie Prater

**Seconded:** Mr. Richard Prater

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mrs. Robyn Almanson, Board Member	X		
Mr. Mike Grady, Board Member	X		
Mr. Bill Hope, Board Member	X		
Mr. John Kime, Board Member	X		
Mr. Dennis Long, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Margie Prater, Board Member	X		
Mr. Richard Prater, Board Vice-President	X		
Mr. Royden Smith, Board Member	X		

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President	X		
Mrs. Mary Jean Theaker, Board Member	X		

## 4 CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

### Minutes:

Superintendent Nickoli pointed out that we have the consent agenda includes recognition of a large steel donation from Mark Wigginton, Sky Climber, LLC.

No further questions or discussion. Sent to vote.

**Motioned:** Mr. Mike Grady

**Seconded:** Mr. Royden Smith

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mrs. Robyn Almanson, Board Member	X		
Mr. Mike Grady, Board Member	X		
Mr. Bill Hope, Board Member	X		
Mr. John Kime, Board Member	X		
Mr. Dennis Long, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Margie Prater, Board Member	X		
Mr. Richard Prater, Board Vice-President	X		
Mr. Royden Smith, Board Member	X		
Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President	X		
Mrs. Mary Jean Theaker, Board Member	X		

### 4.1 Approve December 2020 Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

#### Attachments:

[Dec. 2020 Board Mtg. Minutes.pdf](#)

### 4.2 Approve Membership in Professional Related Organizations

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

#### Attachments:

[Membership in Professional Organizations 2021.pdf](#)

### 4.3 Approve Bricker & Eckler, LLP as Legal Consultants to the Board of Education

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

Recommendation of Superintendent Gregory D. Nickoli that employment of the law firm of Bricker & Eckler, LLP, 100 S. Third St., Columbus, OH 43215-4291, as legal consultants to the Pioneer Career and Technology Center; A Joint Vocational School District; Board of Education.

#### 4.4 Approve The Cullimore Law Firm as Construction Consultant

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

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Recommendation of Superintendent Gregory D. Nickoli that employment of Desmond Cullimore of The Cullimore Law Firm, 3664 Hickory Rock Drive, Powell, OH; as Construction consultant for the Pioneer Career and Technology Center; A Joint Vocational School District; Board of Education, et. al vs Vaughn Industries, et al, Case No 2018 CV 0686; be approved.

#### 4.5 Adopt Resolution for Approval of Purchase of Meals/Amenities to Further the Interests of the District

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

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**Attachments:**

[Resolution 02.21 Meals.Amenities.pdf](#)

#### 4.6 Adopt Resolution of Appreciation for Donation

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

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**Attachments:**

[Resolution 03.21 Donation.pdf](#)

#### 4.7 Accept Donations

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

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Recommendation of Superintendent Gregory D. Nickoli that the following donations be accepted:

- **Brent Ekin, Elliott Machine Works, Inc., Galion;** Generous donation of assorted welding electrodes with an approximate value of \$715. This donation will be used for educational purposes in our High School and Adult Education Welding programs.
- **Rick Evans, Richland County EMA, Mansfield;** generous donation of various office supplies including pens, pencils, binder clips, rubberbands, masks, hand sanitizer, 3-ring binders and surge protectors. This donation will be very beneficial to our staff and students alike.
- **Dawn Wright-Smith; The Blackbaud Giving Fund; Your Cause, Charleston, SC;** generous monetary donation of \$90. This donation will be deposited in the Pioneer Alumni fund which is used for annual student scholarships.

## 5 FINANCIAL REPORT

Linda Schumacher, Treasurer

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**Minutes:**

Treasurer Schumacher reported as follows:

On January 5, it was published that Pioneer has received the Ohio auditor of State's award for our clean audit. We also received notice that the State will be taking back our audit for FY21. Not very welcoming news. I tried to ask to be put back out for bid, but they did not grant the request. My reasoning was that we always have our

audit completed and submitted by November 1. Her reply was that she would make note of this and schedule our audit so we can have it done by November 1. We will see.

The new software is going well. Reports are still challenging, but getting better. NCOCC had some issues with printing W-2s and 1099s, but I believe they have everything worked out.

Moving to the Monthly Financials, there are no changes in Investments. You can see the interest rates for the bank accounts on the investment schedule. Luckily, we still have some long-term investments that yielded some decent interest in the Portfolio account this month.

The remainder of the financials have nothing that stands out. If you look at expenses on the General Fund, you will see they are in line with our appropriations for the year.

This month we must submit the County Budget to Richland County for the FY22. First, I would like to take a look at the valuations for Pioneer and the effective tax rates for Pioneer. First are the effective rates, they are down a little because valuations are up as you can see in the next graph. Total revenue is up slightly mainly due to a slight increase in PUPP valuation. This budget is still based on the assumption of not collecting any additional PUPP taxes from Rover pipeline. When you get a chance, please take a look at the comparison graphs for FY20 and FY21. These will give you a better picture of where we might be headed.

Finally, the County Budget itself. Nothing new. The first page shows the estimated tax revenues that we discussed in the graphs. The remainder is the normal budgeting we submit to the County.

**Motioned:** Mr. Royden Smith

**Seconded:** Mrs. Mary Jean Theaker

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mrs. Robyn Almanson, Board Member	X		
Mr. Mike Grady, Board Member	X		
Mr. Bill Hope, Board Member	X		
Mr. John Kime, Board Member	X		
Mr. Dennis Long, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Margie Prater, Board Member	X		
Mr. Richard Prater, Board Vice-President	X		
Mr. Royden Smith, Board Member	X		
Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President	X		
Mrs. Mary Jean Theaker, Board Member	X		

**Attachments:**

[Schedule A.B.pdf](#)

[Tax Valuations.pdf](#)

[Dec.2020 Financial Report.pdf](#)

## 6 EAP REPRESENTATIVE

Sandy Grau, EAP President

## CORRESPONDENCE

## 7 Gregory Nickoli, Superintendent

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### **Minutes:**

None

## 8 LEGISLATIVE LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Mike Grady, Board Member

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### **Minutes:**

None

## 9 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Gregory Nickoli, Superintendent

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### **Minutes:**

Superintendent Nickoli reported as follows:

I would like to congratulate our reappointed Board Members. Mr. John Kime has been reappointed by the Bucyrus City Schools Board of Education and Ms. Mary Jean Theaker has been reappointed by the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center Board of Governors. We welcome you back for another three years and we greatly appreciate your service to Pioneer.

January is Board of Education Appreciation Month, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of our students and staff. You are to be commended for the progress that Pioneer has made toward increasing student learning and improving student achievement. Also, in recognition of that service is a certificate presented by the Ohio School Boards Association signed by Randy Smith, OSBA President and Rick Lewis, OSBA Executive Director.

Our staff and teachers welcomed our students back to face-to-face instruction on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. It was quite heartwarming to see the reactions of our students as they walked through the doors on the first day back. Mr. Bill Dichtl, our Graphic Arts Instructor came up with the idea to put a sticker with a welcoming comment (we missed you, welcome back, etc.) on the outside of every students' locker. As you might recall from the December Board Meeting, we were in Remote Learning from December 1 through December 18 on the advice of the City of Shelby Health Department since Richland County was designated Level 4 – Purple on the Ohio Public Health Advisory System during that time.

We have started the process for scheduling a vaccination clinic here at Pioneer for our staff. As you may recall, school staff are a part of Phase 1B of Ohio's Covid-19 vaccination rollout plan. It is my understanding that we will have the Moderna vaccine available to our staff sometime during February. This is a voluntary process and, to assist the City of Shelby Health Department in determining how many doses to bring to Pioneer, we are surveying our employees to gauge the number of folks interested in participating.

As was mentioned at our December Board Meeting, the Ohio ACTE Legislative Seminar is scheduled for February 9-11. The event will be conducted virtually this year and visits to our legislators will be arranged by the conference organizers and conducted as a group. This is a very important opportunity to connect with those legislators who are returning to office but more importantly to educate new Senators and Representatives as to the value of CTE to Ohio's workforce development efforts.

Prospective students will tour our labs virtually on January 20<sup>th</sup> through February 25<sup>th</sup>. Pioneer will send a small team to each of our Partner High Schools to share all of the great opportunities available at Pioneer. We still

intend to offer Open House opportunities but in order to do so safely, we will conduct multiple Open Houses scheduled throughout the month so that students and their families can visit Pioneer just after they take our virtual tours.

All personnel items are common for this time year.

**Attachments:**

[Jan.2021 Superintendents Report.pdf](#)

## 10 PERSONNEL REPORT

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

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Recommendation of Superintendent Gregory D. Nickoli that the following personnel recommendations be approved:

- Accept resignation of Part-time Classified personnel.

**Minutes:**

No further questions or discussion. Sent to vote.

**Motioned:** Mr. Richard Prater

**Seconded:** Mr. Dennis Long

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mrs. Robyn Almanson, Board Member	X		
Mr. Mike Grady, Board Member	X		
Mr. Bill Hope, Board Member	X		
Mr. John Kime, Board Member	X		
Mr. Dennis Long, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Margie Prater, Board Member	X		
Mr. Richard Prater, Board Vice-President	X		
Mr. Royden Smith, Board Member	X		
Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President	X		
Mrs. Mary Jean Theaker, Board Member	X		

**Attachments:**

[Jan.2021 Personnel Recommendations.pdf](#)

## 11 ACCEPT COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA COMPENSATION AGREEMENT WITH NISS AVIATION FBO, LLC

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

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**Minutes:**

No further questions or discussion. Sent to vote.

**Motioned:** Mrs. Mary Jean Theaker

**Seconded:** Mrs. Robyn Almanson

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mrs. Robyn Almanson, Board Member	X		
Mr. Mike Grady, Board Member	X		
Mr. Bill Hope, Board Member	X		
Mr. John Kime, Board Member	X		
Mr. Dennis Long, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Margie Prater, Board Member	X		
Mr. Richard Prater, Board Vice-President	X		
Mr. Royden Smith, Board Member	X		
Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President	X		
Mrs. Mary Jean Theaker, Board Member	X		

**Attachments:**

[Addendum.Jan.Reg. 2021 Board Meeting Agenda.pdf](#)

## 12 ADJOURN MEETING

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

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**Motioned:** Mr. John Kime

**Seconded:** Mr. Richard Prater

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mrs. Robyn Almanson, Board Member	X		
Mr. Mike Grady, Board Member	X		
Mr. Bill Hope, Board Member	X		
Mr. John Kime, Board Member	X		
Mr. Dennis Long, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Margie Prater, Board Member	X		
Mr. Richard Prater, Board Vice-President	X		
Mr. Royden Smith, Board Member	X		
Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President	X		
Mrs. Mary Jean Theaker, Board Member	X		