

October 2023 Regular Board of Education Meeting

Pioneer Career and Technology Center Board of Education Meeting

Pioneer CTC Board of Education Conference Room

Monday, October 16, 2023

7:00pm

Present: Mrs. Robyn Almanson, Board Member; Mr. Mike Grady, Board Member; Mr. Bill Hope, Board Member; Mrs. Morgan Jones, Board Member; Mr. Bill McFarland, Board Member; Mr. Spencer Shipman, Board Member; Mr. Royden Smith, Board Member; Mrs. Erin Stine, Board Member; Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President; Mrs. Mary Jean Theaker, Board Member; Gregory Nickoli, Superintendent; Linda Schumacher, Treasurer; Kowalski Kris, Director of Business Affairs; Clay Frye, Director of Operations; Jolene Young, Asst. Director, High School

Absent: Sandy Grau, EAP President; Mr. Dennis Long, 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		
Mrs. Morgan Jones, Board Member	X		
Mr. Bill McFarland, Board Member	X		
Mr. Spencer Shipman, Board Member	X		
Mr. Royden Smith, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Erin Stine, Board Member	X		
Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President	X		
Mrs. Mary Jean Theaker, Board Member	X		

2 PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

3 MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

4 CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Royden Smith

Seconded: Mr. Bill McFarland

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mrs. Robyn Almanson, Board Member	X		
Mr. Mike Grady, Board Member	X		
Mr. Bill Hope, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Morgan Jones, Board Member	X		
Mr. Bill McFarland, Board Member	X		
Mr. Spencer Shipman, Board Member	X		
Mr. Royden Smith, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Erin Stine, Board Member	X		
Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President	X		
Mrs. Mary Jean Theaker, Board Member	X		

4.1 Approve September 18, 2023 Board of Education Meeting Minutes

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

Result: Approved

Attachments:

[Sept. 2023 Board Mtg. Minutes.pdf](#)

4.2 Approve Contract with Mansfield City Schools for Tutor for Ohio Health Mansfield Hospital Home Instruction

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

Recommendation of Superintendent Gregory D. Nickoli that we approve the contract with Mansfield City Schools for home instruction for students at OhioHealth Mansfield Behavioral Health Unit.

Result: Approved

Attachments:

[Mfd. City Home Instruction OH.Health Mfd..pdf](#)

4.3 Accept Grants

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

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

- Carl D. Perkins - \$358,988.61
- Public School Preschool - \$102.000

Result: Approved

4.4 Accept Donations

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

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

- **Ms. Lisa Heiser, Crestline**; generous donation of scrubs and clothing items with a value of \$500 for the Pioneer Sharing Closet.
- **Pepperidge Farms, Willard, OH**; generous donation of snacks with a value of \$400 for Pioneer's Sharing Closet for students in need.
- **Village of Crestline**; generous monetary donation of \$400. This monetary donation will be deposited in the Rotary fund for the Performing Arts program and used for educational supplies/activities for the students in this program.
- **Ms. Dawn Wright-Smith, Blackbaud Giving Fund, Charleston, SC**; generous monetary donation of \$30 for the Pioneer Alumni Endowment Fund. This fund is used for annual student scholarships.

Result: Approved

4.5 Approve Student Participation in Competitive Events

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

Recommendation of Superintendent Gregory D. Nickoli that the students be approved to participate in events as outlined on attached document.

Result: Approved

Attachments:

[Oct. 2023 Student participation in events.pdf](#)

5 FINANCIAL REPORT

Linda Schumacher, Treasurer

Minutes:

Treasurer Schumacher reported as follows:

The auditors will be here next week for 3 days and hopefully they will be close to being done when they leave.

Interest is still really good. We were told in a meeting last week that mortgage rates should reach 8% by year-end. Economists don't believe investment rates will go much higher. 57% of economists are now saying the US will be in a recession in July of 2024. Of course, they said we would be in a recession by now, and it hasn't happened, but they are still saying recession is inevitable.

As you see, the GEER grant and the SWSF fund both now have 0 balances. They are done. The Homeless Grant has a negative balance showing funds to be drawn down. We are actually going to record the expenses from Mike Grimwood's purchase card and are asking if we can give Mike a stipend for his work on the "Ready Room". If agreed, we will place the stipend on November's Board agenda for your approval. When everything is posted for the "Ready Room", we will have spent about half of the \$16,000 grant which is still much lower than what we had planned to spend on the "Ready Room". We are open for suggestions. It must be spent by June 30, 2024.

We received the Final #1 foundation report for FY23 and ODE is telling us the Final #2 for FY23 will be issued in November. We have received the Foundation Calculation for FY24. This should include all adjustments to the formula for FY24. Originally, ODE was telling us that the traditional schools would be receiving their update in October, so the CTE's figured we would get ours by December. Surprise, the CTE's received ours in October,

also. So when we get the Final #2 for FY23, we will give the full comparison of FY23's state funding compared to the estimated FY24 state foundation funding.

We have been told that the Sports Gaming monies, like the Lottery monies will help to fund ODE to pay for school funding. Those monies will not be issued separately to the schools. It will be thrown all into one pot.

It looks as though we may have under-estimated personnel and benefits. We will wait to see how it goes in the next few months.

That is all for this month's financials. I will let Mr. Grady talk about legislative actions.

Attachments:

[Sept. 2023 Financial Report.pdf](#)

6 RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Gregory Nickoli, Superintendent

7 EAP REPRESENTATIVE

Sandy Grau, EAP President

Minutes:

Meghan Townley attended as EAP representative.

8 PUBLIC INPUT

Gregory Nickoli, Superintendent

Board Policy Section 0164

9 CORRESPONDENCE

Gregory Nickoli, Superintendent

10 REPORT ON 2023-2024 BOARD GOALS

Clay Frye, Director of Operations

Minutes:

Pioneer recently hosted an Associate School Principal meeting in the Pioneer Room. Topics for principals included updated student graduation pathways for all seniors at Pioneer that are tracked and shared with home schools, updates on Work Based Learning, Quality Program Review process and Honors Diploma Updates. Student Services provided information on Live and Learn and Mrs. Young shared information with principals covering discipline and attendance of students.

Associate School Counselors met at Pioneer with Mr. Burtscher and the Student Services Department this month as well.

Pioneer will host "Pastries for Parents" on October 19th at 8:00am. Parents and guardians will be welcomed in the Arena with coffee and pastries and a brief program about Pioneer and what we offer students. At 8:30am parents and guardians will be released to visit their students in lab to see first hand what their student works on in lab.

Students have been participating in exciting real-world experiences recently.

Medical Students held a blood drive in partnership with the American Red Cross. In early November, the medical students will visit a blood bank and medical facility.

Carpentry students traveled to Ridgefield to spend a day at the Carpenter's Union learning firsthand what it takes to complete the journeyman's program.

Criminal Justice and Homeland Security will visit Ashland University on October 17th to hear from many different criminal justice departments and programs from around Ohio.

Culinary Arts students prepared lunch for the Associate School Principal's meeting and they will be working with Chef Burke to prepare the meal for our Fall Advisory Committee Dinner on October 23rd.

Pioneer will send over 40 students to the Fall SkillsUSA Leadership conference in Columbus.

11 PRESENTATION

Dan Burtscher, Student Services Coordinator

Review Pioneer CTC's School Report Card

12 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

Mrs. Robyn Almanson, Board Member

Attachments:

[October 2023 Student Achievement.pdf](#)

13 LEGISLATIVE LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Mike Grady, Board Member

14 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Gregory Nickoli, Superintendent

Minutes:

Superintendent Nickoli reported as follows:

A requirement for our Student Wellness & Success Funds is that we establish a planning partnership with at least two community partners. We have elected to partner with the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center and Catalyst Life Services who provides our mental health supports. Both have been outstanding partners for several years and we greatly value the services they provide to our students.

As previously reported, enrollment is very strong this school year. Our only program on the RIF list this year is our Meat & Animal Science Program which will continue to be combined. This has been the case for many years due to the nature of the work done in the lab.

I am asking that you approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Galion City Schools for Career

Coaching services. We have hired Mr. Mike Follett, a retired teacher from the Plymouth-Shiloh Local Schools to serve the students of Galion in this capacity. I believe Mr. Follett will do an outstanding job in this capacity and we are very fortunate to have him serve the staff and students of the Galion City Schools.

October 19	Pastries with Parents
October 21	Strategic Planning Core Team Meeting
October 23	All-Advisory Committee Dinner Meeting
Oct 29 – Nov 8	8 th Grade Tours
November 15	Ralph Phillips Business Partner of the Year Dinner
November 10	Veteran's Day Celebration
November 12-14	Ohio School Boards Association Capital Conference & Trade Show

I am asking that you accept the resignation of Mindy Owen as our Payroll Clerk contingent on her hiring as the Superintendent's Secretary. Mindy started at Pioneer as our Student Services Secretary before moving to the Board Office. I am so pleased that she is excited about taking on this new challenge and know that she will do an outstanding job.

I am also recommending that you approve three (8) Dock Days for Ms. Melanie Studer, Family and Consumer Science Instructor at Colonel Crawford. She is asking for unpaid leave to follow her son's college basketball team on two trips. The first is a trip to Miami in December. She will use her Personal Leave for three days and is then asking for the remainder of the time to be unpaid.

All other items are common for this time of year.

Attachments:

[Oct. 2023 Superintendent s report.pdf](#)

15 PERSONNEL REPORT

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

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

- Approve Maternity Leave of Certificated personnel.
- Approve Dock Days of Certificated personnel.
- Approve Conference Period Pay for Certificated Personnel
- Approve revision to Career Coach contract.
- Approve employment of Substitute Instructor
- Accept resignation of Classified personnel.
- Approve employment of Classified personnel.
- Approve stipend contracts for Classified personnel.
- Approve employment of Adult Education personnel.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mrs. Robyn Almanson

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		
Mrs. Morgan Jones, Board Member	X		
Mr. Bill McFarland, Board Member	X		
Mr. Spencer Shipman, Board Member	X		
Mr. Royden Smith, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Erin Stine, Board Member	X		
Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President	X		
Mrs. Mary Jean Theaker, Board Member	X		

Attachments:

[October 2023 Personnel Recommendations.pdf](#)

16 ADOPT RESOLUTION 18-23 TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY PARTNER FOR STUDENT WELLNESS AND SUCCESS FUNDS

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

Recommendation of Superintendent Gregory D. Nickoli that we adopt Resolution 18-23 establishing Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center as a community partner for the student wellness and success funds.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mrs. Erin Stine

Seconded: Mr. Mike Grady

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mrs. Robyn Almanson, Board Member	X		
Mr. Mike Grady, Board Member	X		
Mr. Bill Hope, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Morgan Jones, Board Member	X		
Mr. Bill McFarland, Board Member	X		
Mr. Spencer Shipman, Board Member	X		
Mr. Royden Smith, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Erin Stine, Board Member	X		
Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President	X		
Mrs. Mary Jean Theaker, Board Member	X		

Attachments:

[Student Wellness Plan 2023-24.pdf](#)

[Resolution 18.23 Student Wellness and Success Funds.pdf](#)

17 ADOPT RESOLUTION 19-23 REDUCTION IN FORCE

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

Recommendation of Superintendent Gregory D. Nickoli that Resolution 19-23 concerning Reduction in Force be adopted.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mrs. Robyn Almanson

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		
Mrs. Morgan Jones, Board Member	X		
Mr. Bill McFarland, Board Member	X		
Mr. Spencer Shipman, Board Member	X		
Mr. Royden Smith, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Erin Stine, Board Member	X		
Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President	X		
Mrs. Mary Jean Theaker, Board Member	X		

Attachments:

[Resolution 19-23 Reduction in force.pdf](#)

18 APPROVE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR CAREER COACH PROGRAM AT DISTRICT SCHOOL

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

Recommendation of Superintendent Gregory D. Nickoli that the attached Memorandum of Understanding be approved for the Career Coach Program housed within our Partner School Districts.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Mike Grady

Seconded: Mr. Spencer Shipman

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mrs. Robyn Almanson, Board Member	X		
Mr. Mike Grady, Board Member	X		
Mr. Bill Hope, Board Member	X		

Mrs. Morgan Jones, Board Member	X		
Mr. Bill McFarland, Board Member	X		
Mr. Spencer Shipman, Board Member	X		
Mr. Royden Smith, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Erin Stine, Board Member	X		
Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President	X		
Mrs. Mary Jean Theaker, Board Member	X		

Attachments:

[FY24 Career Coach MOU -Galion.pdf](#)

19 APPROVE TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH CITY OF ONTARIO

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

Recommendation of Superintendent Gregory D. Nickoli that the following tax abatement agreements with the City of Ontario be approved:

- For construction of a new Holiday Inn Express and Suites Hotel, Lexington Springmill Rd. near Rt. 30.
- Jaiy Krishan LLC, for development of project on Walker Lake Rd., Ontario, OH.
- Ordinance No. 23-12; for improvement to certain parcels in City of Ontario for public use.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Bill Hope

Seconded: Mr. Spencer Shipman

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mrs. Robyn Almanson, Board Member	X		
Mr. Mike Grady, Board Member	X		
Mr. Bill Hope, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Morgan Jones, Board Member	X		
Mr. Bill McFarland, Board Member	X		
Mr. Spencer Shipman, Board Member	X		
Mr. Royden Smith, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Erin Stine, Board Member	X		
Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President	X		
Mrs. Mary Jean Theaker, Board Member	X		

Attachments:

[Holiday Inn Express tax abatement.pdf](#)

[Jaiy Krishan LLC.hotel project tax abatement.pdf](#)

20 ADJOURN MEETING

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Mike Grady

Seconded: Mrs. Erin Stine

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mrs. Robyn Almanson, Board Member	X		
Mr. Mike Grady, Board Member	X		
Mr. Bill Hope, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Morgan Jones, Board Member	X		
Mr. Bill McFarland, Board Member	X		
Mr. Spencer Shipman, Board Member	X		
Mr. Royden Smith, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Erin Stine, Board Member	X		
Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President	X		
Mrs. Mary Jean Theaker, Board Member	X		