

January 2024 Board of Education Organizational Meeting

Pioneer Career and Technology Center Board of Education Meeting

Pioneer CTC Board of Education Conference Room

Monday, January 22, 2024

6:00pm

Present: Sandy Grau, EAP President; Gavyn Bazley, Treasurer; Ben Blughbaugh, Board Member; Mrs. Robyn Almanson, Board Member; Mr. Mike Grady, Board Member; Mr. Bill Hope, Board Member; Mrs. Morgan Jones, Board Member; Mr. Dennis Long, Board Member; Mr. Bill McFarland, Board Member; Mr. Royden Smith, Board Member; Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President; Mrs. Mary Jean Theaker, Board Member; Gregory Nickoli, Superintendent; Kowalski Kris, Director of Business Affairs; Clay Frye, Director of Operations; Jolene Young, Asst. Director, High School

Absent: Mrs. Erin Stine, Board Member

1 PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Douglas Theaker, Board President Pro Tem

2 MOMENT OF SILENCE

Douglas Theaker, Board President Pro Tem

3 ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEW AND RE-APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

Gavyn Bazley, Treasurer

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

- **Ben Blubaugh** - Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center - January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2025

RE-APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

- **Morgan Jones** - Bucyrus City Schools - January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2026
- **Mary Jean Theaker** - Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center - January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2026

4 ROLL CALL

Douglas Theaker, Board President Pro Tem

Royden Smith arrived after Role Call.

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Ben Blughbaugh, Board Member	X		
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. Dennis Long, Board Member	X		
Mr. Bill McFarland, Board Member	X		
Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President	X		
Mrs. Mary Jean Theaker, Board Member	X		

5 ELECTION OF PIONEER BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESIDENT

Douglas Theaker, Board President Pro Tem

Chair received nominations for the Office of President.

_____ moved the nomination of _____ for the office of President. _____ moved that nominations be closed.

_____ was elected President of the Pioneer Career and Technology Center; a Joint Vocational School District Board of Education 2024.

Minutes:

Mike Grady moved the nomination of Douglas Theaker for the office of President. Bill Hope moved that the nominations be closed. Morgan Jones seconded the motion. Douglas Theaker was elected President of the Pioneer Career and Technology Center, a Joint Vocational School District, Board of Education for 2024.

Douglas Theaker thanked the Board and stated he was honored to preside over the best district and career center in the state.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Mike Grady

Seconded: Mrs. Morgan Jones

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Ben Blughbaugh, Board Member	X		
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. Dennis Long, Board Member	X		
Mr. Bill McFarland, Board Member	X		
Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President	X		
Mrs. Mary Jean Theaker, Board Member	X		

6 ELECTION OF PIONEER DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION VICE PRESIDENT

Douglas Theaker, Board President

Chair received nominations for the Office of Vice President.

_____ moved the nomination of _____ for the office of Vice President.

_____ moved that nominations be closed.

_____ was elected Vice President of the Pioneer Career and Technology Center; a Joint Vocational School District Board of Education 2024.

Minutes:

Bill Hope moved the nomination of Dennis Long for the office of Vice President. Mike Grady seconded the motion. Dennis Long was elected Vice President of the Pioneer Career and Technology Center, a Joint Vocational School District, Board of Education for 2024.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Bill Hope

Seconded: Mr. Mike Grady

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Ben Blughbaugh, Board Member	X		
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. Dennis Long, Board Member	X		
Mr. Bill McFarland, Board Member	X		
Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President	X		
Mrs. Mary Jean Theaker, Board Member	X		

7 ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO BOARD PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT

Gavyn Bazley, Treasurer

8 ESTABLISH PIONEER BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING TIME AND PLACE

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

Recommendation of Superintendent Gregory D. Nickoli that the Regular meeting of the Pioneer Career and Technology Center; a Joint Vocational School District; Board of Education be held at _____ on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Pioneer Career and Technology Center Board of Education Conference room.

Minutes:

Discussion was held and it was decided that the Regular Meeting for the Pioneer Career and Technology Center, A Joint Vocational School District, Board of Education will be held at 6 pm on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Pioneer Career and Technology Board of Education Conference room.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mrs. Robyn Almanson

Seconded: Mrs. Mary Jean Theaker

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Ben Blughbaugh, Board Member	X		
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. Dennis Long, Board Member	X		
Mr. Bill McFarland, Board Member	X		
Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President	X		
Mrs. Mary Jean Theaker, Board Member	X		

9 APPOINT LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

_____ nominated _____ for Legislative Liaison. _____ seconded and moved that nominations be closed. _____ was appointed Legislative Liaison.

Minutes:

Dennis Long nominated Mike Grady for Legislative Liaison. Robyn Almanson seconded and moved that nominations be closed. Mike Grady was appointed as Legislative Liaison for 2024.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Dennis Long

Seconded: Mrs. Robyn Almanson

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Ben Blughbaugh, Board Member	X		
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. Dennis Long, Board Member	X		
Mr. Bill McFarland, Board Member	X		
Mrs. Erin Stine, Board Member	X		

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

10 APPOINT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LIAISON

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

_____ nominated _____ for Student Achievement Liaison.
 _____ seconded and moved that nominations be closed. _____ was appointed as Student Achievement Liaison.

Minutes:

Bill Hope nominated Robyn Almanson for Student Achievement Liaison. Mike Grady seconded and moved that nominations be closed. Robyn Almanson was appointed as Student Achievement Liaison for 2024.

Result: Approved

11 APPOINT FINANCIAL AUDIT COMMITTEE

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

Recommendation of Superintendent Gregory D. Nickoli that _____, _____ and _____ be appointed as the Financial Audit Committee.

Minutes:

Douglas Theaker, Bill Hope, and Dennis Long were appointed as the Financial Audit Committee for 2024.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Bill Hope

Seconded: Mrs. Robyn Almanson

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Ben Blughbaugh, Board Member	X		
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. Dennis Long, Board Member	X		
Mr. Bill McFarland, Board Member	X		
Mr. Royden Smith, Board Member	X		
Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President	X		
Mrs. Mary Jean Theaker, Board Member	X		

APPOINT ROUTINE ANNUAL BUSINESS

12 Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

Minutes:

No questions or discussion. Sent to vote.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Bill McFarland

Seconded: Mrs. Morgan Jones

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Ben Blughbaugh, Board Member	X		
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. Dennis Long, Board Member	X		
Mr. Bill McFarland, Board Member	X		
Mr. Royden Smith, Board Member	X		
Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President	X		
Mrs. Mary Jean Theaker, Board Member	X		

12.1 Authorize Treasurer to pay outstanding bills.

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

that Treasurer; Gavyn Bazley, be authorized to pay outstanding contractual obligations for the year 2024 when due, including such items as utilities, bonded debt, salaries and all other obligations, including invoices for supplies, equipment and services.

12.2 Authorize Treasurer to invest interim monies

that Pioneer Career and Technology Center; a Joint Vocational School District Board of Education Treasurer, Gavyn Bazley, be authorized to invest interim and inactive deposits up to \$25,000,000 when surplus is available at the Park National Bank; and/or PNC Bank; and/or US Bank, NA, Shelby Branch, Shelby, OH; and/or United Bank; and/or Farmers Citizens Bank, Bucyrus, OH; and/or Huntington Bank, Mansfield, OH; and/or STAR OHIO, State Treasurers Investments Pool, Columbus, OH; and/or Richland Bank, Division of Park National Bank, and, in all allowable investments under ORC 135.03, 135.08, 135.14, 135.032, 135.142 and 135.145 including certificates of deposits with FDIC insurance with any bank domiciled in Ohio and subject to inspection by the Ohio Superintendent of Financial Institutions.

12.3 Request Advance Payment on Current Collection of Taxes

that the Auditors of Richland, Crawford, Huron, Morrow, Ashland, Wyandot, Marion and Seneca counties be requested to issue an order to the Treasurers of Richland, Crawford, Huron, Morrow,

Ashland, Wyandot, Marion and Seneca counties to pay the Treasurer of all Pioneer Career and Technology Center; a Joint Vocational School District Board of Education all funds as may be available for distribution to the General Fund and to the Bond Retirement Fund; this warrant being an advance payment of the current collection of taxes due Pioneer Career and Technology Center; a Joint Vocational School District from the February and August 2024 settlements.

12.4 Authorize Treasurer to prepare Blanket Certificates

that Treasurer, Gavyn Bazley, may prepare so called "blanket" certificates for a sum not exceeding \$350,000 against any specific line item account over a period not extending beyond the end of the current fiscal year. The Blanket Certificate may, but need not, be limited to a specific vendor.

12.5 Authorize Treasurer to Waive Notice Period for Tax Abatement Proposals

Pioneer Career and Technology Center School District, Board of Education moves to authorize the Treasurer of Pioneer Career and Technology Center to waive all or part of any notice period for any tax abatement proposals and to execute and deliver any related compensation agreements in connection with the same and providing compensation to the Pioneer Career and Technology Center at the same rate and under the same terms received by the applicable city, local or exempted village school district, together with each other terms as the Treasurer shall determine are not materially adverse to the Pioneer Career and Technology Center.

12.6 Approve Board of Education Expenses (Service Fund)

that an amount of \$15,000 be approved to fund 001-2310-433/434, in accordance with R.C. 3315.15 ORC.

12.7 Appoint Purchasing Agent

that the Director of Business Affairs, be appointed Purchasing Agent for the Pioneer Career and Technology Center; a Joint Vocational School District for calendar year 2024 and that in accordance with ORC Section 3313.51 shall be designated as the name required on each check should the Treasurer become incapacitated.

12.8 Authorize Employment of Personnel

that Gregory D. Nickoli, Superintendent be authorized during periods when the Board is not in session to make offers of employment directly to candidates for either teaching or non-teaching positions on behalf of the Board and to acknowledge acceptance of such offers on behalf of this Board, subject to subsequent vote of ratification by the Board; provided however, that upon ratification of this Board the employment shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the employee's acceptance of the Superintendent's offer; however, that Board of Education shall not be required to employ or continue to employ an individual who has not provided a criminal records check satisfactory to the Board or who had not satisfied any other prerequisite to employment created by law or Board policy.

12.9 Authorize Acceptance of Resignations

that Gregory D. Nickoli, Superintendent be authorized, on behalf of the Board, to accept resignations which have been submitted by employees during times when this Board is not in session, subject to

ratification by this Board; provided, however, that upon ratification by this Board, such resignations shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent's acceptance.

12.10 Approve Authorization for Superintendent to Apply for Federal and State Grants

that Gregory D. Nickoli, Superintendent, be authorized to apply for any federal and state grants appropriate for Pioneer Career and Technology Center.

12.11 Approve Board Member Training Reimbursement

Pioneer New Board Member training, OSBA training or other education - related training workshops, to exclude the OSBA Annual Capital Conference, for Board member training reimbursements when eligible.

13 ADJOURN MEETING

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Mike Grady

Seconded: Mrs. Morgan Jones

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Ben Blughbaugh, Board Member	X		
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. Dennis Long, Board Member	X		
Mr. Bill McFarland, Board Member	X		
Mr. Royden Smith, Board Member	X		
Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President	X		
Mrs. Mary Jean Theaker, Board Member	X		