

January 2025 Board of Education Organization Meeting

Pioneer Career and Technology Center Board of Education Meeting

Pioneer CTC Board of Education Conference Room

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

6:00pm

Present: Gavyn Bazley, Treasurer; Mr. Ben Blubaugh, Board Member; Grant Brocwell, EAP Representative; Mr. Chris Rothhaar, 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. 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: Sandy Grau, EAP President; Mr. Bill McFarland, Board Member; 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

- **Chris Rothhaar** - Willard City Schools - January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2027

RE-APPOINTED BOARD MEMBERS

- **Robyn Almanson** - Crestline Ex. Village - January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2027
- **Dennis Long** - Galion City Schools - January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2027
- **Bill Hope** - Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center - January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2027
- **Douglas Theaker** - Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center - January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2027

4 ROLL CALL

Douglas Theaker, Board President Pro Tem

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Ben Blubaugh, Board Member	X		
Mr. Chris Rothhaar, 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. 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.

Dennis Long moved the nomination of Doug Theaker for the office of President. Bill Hope moved that nominations be closed.

Doug Theaker was elected President of the Pioneer Career and Technology Center; a Joint Vocational School District Board of Education 2025.

Result: Approved

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Ben Blubaugh, Board Member	X		
Mr. Chris Rothhaar, 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. Douglas Theaker, Board President	X		
Mrs. Mary Jean Theaker, Board Member	X		

6 ELECTION OF PIONEER DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

Chair received nominations for the Office of Vice President.

Bill Hope moved the nomination of Dennis Long for the office of Vice President. Mike Grady moved that nominations be closed.

Dennis Long was elected Vice President of the Pioneer Career and Technology Center; a Joint Vocational School District Board of Education 2025.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Bill Hope
Seconded: Mr. Mike Grady

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Ben Blubaugh, Board Member	X		
Mr. Chris Rothhaar, 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. 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 6:00pm on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Pioneer Career and Technology Center Board of Education Conference room.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Mike Grady
Seconded: Mr. Ben Blubaugh

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Ben Blubaugh, Board Member	X		
Mr. Chris Rothhaar, 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. Douglas Theaker, Board President	X		
Mrs. Mary Jean Theaker, Board Member	X		

9 APPOINT LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

Dennis Long nominated Mike Grady for Legislative Liaison. Morgan Jones seconded and moved that nominations be closed. Mike Grady was appointed Legislative Liaison.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Mike Grady

Seconded: Mrs. Morgan Jones

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Ben Blubaugh, Board Member	X		
Mr. Chris Rothhaar, 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. Douglas Theaker, Board President	X		
Mrs. Mary Jean Theaker, Board Member	X		

10 APPOINT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT LIAISON

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

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

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Mike Grady

Seconded: Mr. Bill Hope

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Ben Blubaugh, Board Member	X		
Mr. Chris Rothhaar, 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. Douglas Theaker, Board President	X		
Mrs. Mary Jean Theaker, Board Member	X		

11 APPOINT FINANCIAL AUDIT COMMITTEE

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

Recommendation of Superintendent Gregory D. Nickoli that Doug Theaker and Bill Hope be appointed as the Financial Audit Committee.

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Dennis Long

Seconded: Mrs. Robyn Almanson

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Ben Blubaugh, Board Member	X		
Mr. Chris Rothhaar, 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. Douglas Theaker, Board President	X		
Mrs. Mary Jean Theaker, Board Member	X		

12 APPOINT ROUTINE ANNUAL BUSINESS

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Mike Grady

Seconded: Mrs. Morgan Jones

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Ben Blubaugh, Board Member	X		

Mr. Chris Rothhaar, 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. 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 2025 when due, including such items as utilities, bonded debt, salaries and all other obligations, including invoices for supplies, equipment and services.

Result: Approved

12.2 Authorize Treasurer to invest interim monies

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

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.

Result: Approved

12.3 Request Advance Payment on Current Collection of Taxes

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

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 2025 settlements.

Result: Approved

12.4 Authorize Treasurer to prepare Blanket Certificates

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

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.

Result: Approved

12.5 Authorize Treasurer to Waive Notice Period for Tax Abatement Proposals

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

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.

Result: Approved

12.6 Approve Board of Education Expenses (Service Fund)

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

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

Result: Approved

12.7 Appoint Purchasing Agent

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

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 2025 and that in accordance with ORC Section 3313.51 shall be designated as the name required on each check should the Treasurer become incapacitated.

Result: Approved

12.8 Authorize Employment of Personnel

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

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.

Result: Approved

12.9 Authorize Acceptance of Resignations

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

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.

Result: Approved

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

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

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

Result: Approved

12.11 Approve Board Member Training Reimbursement

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

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.

Result: Approved

13 ADJOURN MEETING

Mr. Douglas Theaker, Board President

Result: Approved

Motioned: Mr. Mike Grady

Seconded: Mr. Bill Hope

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Mr. Ben Blubaugh, Board Member	X		
Mr. Chris Rothhaar, 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. Douglas Theaker, Board President	X		
Mrs. Mary Jean Theaker, Board Member	X		

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. Public participation is governed by Board Bylaw 0169.1 - Public Participation at Board Meetings.