

Special Meeting Poland Board of Education held October 28, 2020

A Special meeting of the Poland Board of Education was held on Wednesday, October 28, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

President, Mr. Riddle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Members present for roll call and answering their names were Ms. Colucci, Dr. Dinopoulos, Mr. Polis, Mr. Riddle and Mr. Warren

PRESENTATION: Poland Township Trustees

Mr. Eric Ungaro, Mr. Edward Kempers, and Officer Steve Kent, on behalf of the Poland Township Trustees presented Mr. Janofa with a special award in appreciation of his leadership to the Poland Schools and expressed how positive the relationship between the two parties have developed over the past eight years under his leadership.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – Received via email to mzura@polandschools.org during virtual broadcast.

- Michelle Elia – 59 Orchard Drive, Poland – Wanted to publicly thank Mr. Purins for driving to Columbus for the Cross Country State Meet; much appreciated by the students.
- George Chammas – 1871 Cover Drive, Poland - Expressed Mr. Janofa's leadership attributes and what a role model he is for the students and faculty members of Poland.

In attendance:

- Eddie Muransky – 8730 Raintree Run - Thanked Mr. Janofa and Board and expressed concern and disappointment on how Monday nights Board of Education meeting was handled. Specifically comments and reactions of the community thereafter.
- Judy Nittoli – 8640 Four Seasons Trail – Regarding Mr. Janofa's retirement resignation and why two board members did not want to renew Mr. Janofas contract.
- John Medina – 3621 Peddlers Ct. – Expressed the character of Mr. Janofa and how the pandemic was handled regarding PPE equipment. Elaborated on the research he put into the kind of PPE equipment the Poland Schools were protecting our staff and students with.

Mr. Polis moved and Mr. Warren seconded to extend public participation; however, no others came forward to address the board.

BOARD OF EDUCATION /RECOMMENDATION**Approval to Assign David Janofa as Special Assistant to the Superintendent – Resolution #2020-171**

Mr. Polis moved and Mr. Warren seconded with all members present voting aye to approve the resolution Assigning David Janofa as Special Assistant to the Superintendent. Motion passed 5-0.

Whereas, the Board has accepted the resignation of Superintendent David Janofa, effective February 1, 2021, for purposes of retirement; and

Whereas, Mr. Janofa has indicated his desire to assist the District with the leadership transition precipitated by his forthcoming retirement date; and

Whereas, Mr. Janofa has offered to facilitate the seamless transition by accepting an assignment to an administrative position supportive to the interim Superintendent;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Board assigns David Janofa to the position of Special Assistant to the Superintendent for the period beginning November 1, 2020 and ending on January 31, 2021, and Mr. Janofa agrees to accept his reassignment to said position under the terms and conditions of his current contract of employment, which shall include the ability to work remotely, and shall otherwise remain in full force and effect until his retirement on February 1, 2021.

Approval to Employ Interim Superintendent – Resolution #2020-172

Mr. Warren moved and Ms. Colucci seconded with all members present voting aye to approve the resolution Employing Interim Superintendent, Dr. Edwin Holland, effective November 1, 2020, for the period ending July 31, 2021. Motion passed 5-0.

Whereas, the Board is desirous of employing the services of Dr. Edwin Holland Interim Superintendent for the period beginning November 1, 2020, and ending July 31, 2021; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Board hereby employs Dr. Edwin Holland, Interim Superintendent, effective November 1, 2020, for the period ending July 31, 2021, and authorizes and directs the Board President and Treasurer to execute a contract of employment with Dr. Edwin Holland, Interim Superintendent on behalf of the Board, on such terms and conditions as have been agreed to by the parties.

At 7:43 p.m., Mr. Polis moved and Ms. Colucci seconded with all members present signaling aye to enter into executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal of a public employee or official.

Reconvene to Special Session and Adjourn – Resolution #2020-173

At 8:15 p.m., Mr. Polis moved and Dr. Dinopoulos seconded with all members present voting aye to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned.

Treasurer

President