

Work Session of Poland Board of Education held October 14, 2019

A Work Session of the Poland Board of Education was held on Monday, October 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at Union Elementary.

President, Mr. Lavorini called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Members present for roll call and answering their names were Dr. Dinopoulos, Mr. Lavorini, Mr. Mr. Riddle and Mrs. Zedaker. Absent: Mr. Shovlin.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Mr. Michael Masucci, Principal Union Elementary – Mr. Masucci thanked the Board for the continued partnership with Youngstown State University with the Counselor Graduate Assistant Program. He explained how an intricate part of this assistant's hours at Poland Union Elementary is working in direct correlation with the partnership with Chik-Fil-A. Our local Chik-Fil-A donated 1,500 gift cards to be given as rewards for students who encourage and express positive behavior.
- Mr. Mark Zura, Special Services Director – Mr. Zura reviewed the district's 2018-2019 Special Education Annual Rating. He explained the 2017-2018 data is what is used to obtain the rating. The 2019 Rating Calculation, "Meets Requirements" which is the highest possible rating. The Compliance and Performance Indicators were reviewed. Mr. Zura explained how a newly implemented electronic system for compliance and accountability was put into place beginning the FY20 school year. Mr. Zura thanked the Board for the recently purchased Map Screener which is also newly implemented this school year. This tool has already proved to be very valuable in obtaining data on all students in order to assist them and provide individualized results in order for better achievement results.

INFORMATION:

- PSHS Concert Choir to join PSHS Band at Universal Studios, Florida in April 2020 – Superintendent, Mr. Janofa explained that the PSHS Concert Choir has been invited to join the PSHS upcoming band trip to Universal Studios. This recommendation will be on the regularly scheduled October board agenda.
- Refunding Deal Amortization Schedule – Treasurer, Mrs. Muntean provided the Board with the finalized amortization schedule from Huntington Public Capital with the recent closing on the district's refunding debt. The district received a fixed 2.65% rate and now only has one (1) outstanding debt payment. The district paid off all existing notes held with Chemical Bank, Farmer's National Bank and US Bank. Treasurer Muntean explained the district can now move forward with many district capital projects and examine the next steps with vacant district facilities.
- North Property – Janet Muntean & David Janofa – Superintendent Janofa and Treasurer Muntean provided the Board with information they received on the processes involved with the potential sale of North Elementary Property. Currently,

the first steps are to work with both title and surveying companies. Further information will be provided as it is obtained.

- Stadium Update/Contract – Mr. Janofa presented recently obtained information on the Turf/Track Renovation Project to the Board. After discussion, the board advised to move forward with awarding this contract in order for all paperwork to be submitted and to guarantee this project to begin immediately following the spring track season.
- BASA Conversation – Mr. Janofa shared with the Board information from the recent BASA conference he attended.
- Poland Group Liability Insurance – As per prior board request, Mr. Janofa and Mrs. Muntean obtained the complete list of current Poland Parent Support Groups. After discussion and recommendation from Treasurer Muntean, these groups will no longer be billed to offset the cost of liability insurance and the previous board action will be rescinded at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

DISCUSSION:

- Home Schooling – Mr. Janofa explained to the Board that Home Schooling processes which in years past had always been performed by the Mahoning County Educational Service Center will no longer be provided free of charge. Moving forward, the district will need to decide if Home Schooling will be done in house at the district level or contract with the MSESC.

At 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Zedaker moved and Mr. Riddle seconded with Dr. Dinopoulos and Mr. Lavorini signaling aye to enter into Executive Session for preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with employees. Absent: Mr. Shovlin.

At 8:25 p.m. Mr. Riddle moved and Dr. Dinopoulos seconded with Mrs. Zedaker and Mr. Lavorini voting aye to adjourn the meeting. Absent: Mr. Shovlin.

Meeting adjourned.

Treasurer

President

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