

Work Session Poland Board of Education held February 8, 2023

A Work Session of the Poland Board of Education was held on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in the Dobbins Board of Education Room, Poland, Ohio.

President, Dr. Dinopoulos called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Informational: Janet Muntean, CFO/Treasurer

- RFP Timeline - Food Service Management – Treasurer Muntean provide a recap of the food service department including the financial status of the cafeteria (006) fund prior to awarding a contract to The Nutrition Group, explaining that the current contract will expire in June of 2023, and shared a tentative timeline in which the next RFP for Food Service Management would need to be conducted.
- Ohio Education Policy Institute (OEPI) Membership – Treasurer Muntean provided information to the Board on what the OEPI is as well as her opinion on the benefits of the district becoming a member. Formal action will take place at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
- North Demolition Resolution Discussion - Follow Up from January Meeting Questions – Treasurer Muntean provided a brief explanation of a question that was asked at the January 2023 meeting regarding a resolution that was passed back in April, 2021 in regards to the process to dispose of North Elementary. Mrs. Muntean explained that the resolution that was passed by a 4-1 vote on April 26, 2021 was a resolution to proceed with starting the bid process. The recommendation was brought forth by Interim Superintendent Edwin Holland. Mrs. Muntean explained that during this time, the district was transitioning to a New Superintendent and also bringing on staff a much-needed Director of Operations. Mrs. Muntean explained that to her knowledge the district would have spent approximately \$10,000 just to contract with an architect to start the paperwork. With the cost and timing of staffing changes at that time, the authorization to move forward with the bid process to dispose of North Elementary did not take place. The district was not legally bound to move forward with this resolution, as the board would've been required to formally accept a bid and award a contract for such service.

Informational: Craig Hockenberry, Superintendent

- Preschool Number updates from Jan. 28 Open House – Superintendent Hockenberry explained that all current preschool units are filled and there is currently a waitlist. Future recommendations will be forthcoming based on numbers.

- RFP regarding Technology – Superintendent Hockenberry updated the Board on the recent RFP for Technology Services. He explained that three (3) companies responded. They have been scored and interviews will be held on February 23, 2023. He anticipates a recommendation will be ready in March. Meanwhile, the Vinson group is handling transition services.
- Kindergarten Registration coming in March 4 and 11. – Superintendent Hockenberry reminded everyone of the upcoming dates for kindergarten registration and expressed how important these registration numbers will be for future planning.
- Saturday, February 11, 2023 Board Retreat (Planning/Preparation) – Superintendent Hockenberry briefly reviewed a tentative draft of agenda for the Winter Board Retreat planned for Saturday, February 11, 2023.

Mrs. Elia commented on the recently approved school calendar and suggested to consider moving graduation for next year due to the date in which school ends.

At 6:48 p.m. Mrs. Elia moved, and Mr. Polis seconded with all members present signaling aye to move to executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal of a public employee or official and matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or rules or state statutes. As well as to discuss the potential sale of district property.

At 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Elia was excused from executive session.

Reconvene and Adjourn Work Session

At 8:06 p.m., Mr. Polis moved, and Ms. Colucci seconded with Dr. Dinopoulos and Mr. Warren voting aye to adjourn the meeting. Absent: Mrs. Elia. Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned.

Treasurer

President