

Work Session Poland Board of Education held March 13, 2024

A Work Session of the Poland Board of Education was held on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., in the Dobbins Board of Education Room, 3030 Dobbins Road, 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 Mr. Sabrin, Dr. Dinopoulos, Mr. Riddle, and Mr. Warren. Absent: Mrs. Elia.

Presentations:

Operations Update – Matt McKenzie

- Vans – The district has two (2) vans that need replaced with an approximate cost of \$60,450. which will come out of the General Fund. The forecasted fleet/district vehicles were reviewed.
- Ovens – There will be oven replacements in the cafeteria totaling \$24,000. This expenditure will be charged to the 006 – Food Service Fund.
- PI Fund – An overview of the current (003) Permanent Improvement (PI) fund was presented. Current Fund balance approximately \$3.7 million with \$137,000 encumbered. The PI Levy generates approximately \$385,000. Annually and transfers from the General Fund are forecasted.
- Upcoming Projects

PSHS

- Paving Project – Approximately \$1.1 million
- ADA Platform and Ramps - \$185,300.00
- Hot Water Tank Replacement
- Continue Installation of Door Access Controls
- Building BDA – First Responder Amplifier

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Gym Enhancements
- Classroom Remodel for 2024 additional teacher space
- Building BDA – First Responder Amplifier
- Fire Alarm Equipment Replacement

MCKINLEY

- Classroom Remodel for 2024 additional teacher space
- Building BDA – First Responder Amplifier

UNION

- Boiler Feed Water Tank Replacement

- **GPD Group**

PSHS SITE

- Discussed understanding of current district challenges including:
 - Enrollment continues to grow – Larger Kdg. Classes
 - Overcrowding

- 7th/8th Students at Seminary share many spaces with grades 9-12
- 7th/8th Grade “wing” need additional spaces
- Option A – Four (4) classrooms and dining/flex space – Approximately \$3.4 million
- Option B – Add independent 6th-8th Grade Wing – 56,165 square feet. Two story wing, Cost per square foot approximately \$430.00 = approximately \$24 million. Option B results in relocated 78 parking spaces with additional cost of \$156,000.

MCKINLEY/PMS SITE

- Discussed overcrowding and accessibility issues.
- Ramp/Connection Space - Minimum \$2.4M
- Two (2) elevators - \$150,000 each = \$300,000 for two
- Reconfigure Renovate basement space – Approximately \$4M

Superintendent - Craig Hockenberry

- Nursing Staffing Levels Discussion – No Discussion at this time
- Class size reduction - PAUSE Adding a Grade. 7 and Grade 8 teacher for FY25.
- In Kind Donation Project – Poland Graduate intent to donate a portion of upgrades to Athletic Complex (locker rooms) and expand for wrestling. Discussions are taking place for remaining in-kind donation for remaining portion of potential project.
- Kindergarten Enrollment Number 113 enrolled during kindergarten registrations. Since then, an additional 10 students have enrolled = 123 students currently enrolled. (Prior information revealed there were 225 - 4-year-olds in Poland Boundaries throughout 9 preschools.)

Treasurer - Janet Muntean

- FY23 Audit Complete – Treasurer Muntean thanked everyone expressing that the Audit Process involves all employees throughout all district departments.
- Tax Rates and Amounts - Tax Year 2023 - Calendar Year 2024 – Treasurer Muntean reviewed the districts current valuation and explained that the Tax Rates and Amounts will be voted on at the next meeting.

President Larry Dinopoulos – A brief discussion was held regarding the GPD presentation and district facilities.

- Jeff Sabrin – PMS/MCK very big ask – Option B at the PSHS makes the most sense right now for long term solution.
- Larry Warren – Ideally renovating and additions; however, the challenge to figure out what community will support
- Gregg Riddle – Against 6th-8th, two story wing. Most important thing right now is in the village.

- Larry Dinopoulos – Believes separate 6-8 wing at the PSHS is a long-term solution. Moving the 6th grade frees up necessary space. Elevators would still be needed at the PMS/McKinley Site.

At 7:51 p.m., Mr. Riddle moved, and Mr. Sabrin seconded with Mr. Warren and Dr. Dinopoulos voting aye to enter executive session to consider matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or rules or state statutes. Absent: Mrs. Elia. Motion passed 4-0.

Reconvene and Adjourn Work Session

At 9:19 p.m., Mr. Riddle moved, and Mr. Warren seconded with Mr. Sabrin and Dr. Dinopoulos voting aye to reconvene and adjourn the meeting. Absent: Mrs. Elia. Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned.

Treasurer

President