

### **Special Meeting Poland Board of Education held May 1, 2024**

A special meeting of the Poland Board of Education was held on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., in the Dobbins Board Room, 3030 Dobbins Road, Poland, Ohio 44514.

President, Mr. Warren 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, Mrs. Elia, and Mr. Warren.

President, Mr. Warren, reminded the public of the purpose of the Special Meeting was to discuss district facilities.

#### **Superintendent - Craig Hockenberry**

- Update/Recap on Facilities – Superintendent Hockenberry gave an update/recap on facilities to date including the following:
  - Strategic Plan – Specifically page 4 of the plan regarding facilities, the consolidation of buildings, which had already taken place and the new vs renovating.
  - 166 Private meetings about facilities were held. Discussions took place and options were presented; thus, the results of those discussions led to a Bond Issue attempt.
  - Mahoning County property reevaluation information was released prior to Bond try.
  - A Bond Issue opposition group formed.
  - Alternative plan was developed since levy failure was eminent.
  - The district has been realigned historically since the 70's.
  - Pricing was obtained for additions and renovations to existing schools being utilized.
  - Prior proposals from Architects, GPD, were explained.
  - Unusable space was asked to be investigated with costs to make the space usable.
  - Forging the Bulldog Future Plan was discussed.
  - Class size reduction plans were discussed at grades K-6
  - Grades 7-8 class sizes remain an issue and complex due to space and specials needed.
  - Plans to enhance the learning space in the village have begun. Bids were recently opened.
  - North and Union buildings being vacant are a major obstacle in developing a facilities master plan.
  - Reviewed the costs associated with vacant buildings.
  - North is now in condition to potentially lease and there are interested parties.
  - Union is deteriorating rapidly.

A lengthy open discussion was held regarding facilities by all-in attendance.

At 6:21 p.m. Mr. Sabrin excused himself to attend Senior activities at the stadium.

At 7:04 Mr. Sabrin rejoined the meeting.

Mrs. Elia wrote options on the whiteboard as discussions took place. Some notes include the following:

**Option 1: (CH) Craig Hockenberry Option**

K-3 McKinley

4-6 PMS

7-8 North

9-12 PSHS

Pros of Option 1

- 7/8<sup>th</sup> out of the high school
- block schedule
- superior learning space

Cons of Option 1

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade not with 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Elementary at MS building
- Need gym at North.
- Lose HS bus.
- More \$ to run.
- 3 Campus
- Teacher travel

**Option 2**

PreK-K Dobbins

1-2 Union

3-5 McKinley

6-8 PMS

9-12 PSHS

Pros of Option 2

- 7/8<sup>th</sup> out of the high school
- 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade together

Cons of Option 2

- 5 campus
- More \$ to run.
- Reno – Union/North
- Union significant repairs
- Village traffic
- Teacher travel
- Lose HS bussing.

**Option 3**

K-1 North  
2-5 McKinley  
6-8 PMS  
9-12 PSHS

Pros of Option 3

- 7/8<sup>th</sup> out of the high school
- 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade together

Cons of Option 3

- Lot of kids at the village campus
- 3 campus

**Option 4**

K-2 McKinley  
3-5 PMS  
6-8 New facility at HS - Bond  
9-12 PSHS

Pros of Option 4

- 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade together
- Long term
- No reno North & Union
- 2 campus

Cons of Option 4

- Cost to build \$24M
- Bond

**Option 5**

- Status Quo
- Do Northing

Enrollment Figures were made available during the discussion.

McKinley Elementary School

K 135  
1 140  
2 144  
3 125  
Total 544

Poland Middle School

4 126

5 129

6 130

Total 385

Poland Seminary High School

7 143

8 142

9 140 (Valley STEM 11)

10 122 (Valley STEM 7)

11 119 (MCCTC 23)

12 134 (MCCTC 18)

Total 800

Dobbins Early Learning Center 78

Option 23: 3

TOTAL ENROLLMENT: 1,810

**Adjournment – Resolution (#2024-45)**

Mr. Riddle moved and Dr. Dinopoulos seconded with all members present voting aye to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned.

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Treasurer

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President