

Work Session Poland Board of Education held September 11, 2024

A Work Session of the Poland Board of Education was held on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., in the Dobbins Board Room, 3030 Dobbins Road, Poland, Ohio.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

A moment of silence was held to commemorate 9/11.

Members present for roll call and answering their names were Mr. Sabrin, Dr. Dinopoulos, Mr. Riddle, Mrs. Elia, and Mr. Warren.

Craig Hockenberry, Superintendent

- Clarified the miscommunication on social media regarding the charter busses and Poland busses on Friday nights trip to Fireland High School in Oberlin, Ohio, regarding transportation of players, cheerleaders and band.

Permanent improvement funding

- Discussion was held regarding the May forecast 90 days vs 120 days cash on hand and the importance of funding capital projects out of the district's permanent improvement fund.
- Treasurer Muntean explained the importance of the PI fund and the Forging the Bulldog Future Plan Update to determine the cost of upcoming projects and the timeline of projects.
- Treasurer Muntean introduced the need to establish a new Cash Balance Policy and the several reasons why this is important; more information to follow.

North update

Community Behavior Consulting

- Letter of intent was presented and discussed.
- Amount of space needed and costs.
- Approximately 5-6 rooms
- Current timeline for need is March 2025

MCBDD

- A letter of intent is being finalized
- 5-6 rooms are needed
- Ability to share space
- March 2025 is a good target date.

Open discussion and follow up questions:

- Non-binding offers are forthcoming.
- What does sharing space look like?
- What does any increase in the cost of utilities look like?

- Get commercial square footage lease rent comparisons.
- Length (term) of lease?

Union update

- Industrial cleaning
- Storage reduction
- Leak repairs
- Painting
- Deteriorating wood/trim
- Removal of baseball dugout and fencing

Open discussion and follow up questions:

- Any other known interest in Union property?
- Need approximate cost to update Union?
- Get legal involved to quiet the deed? And find out What are district options?

Enrollment Figures

Dobbins Early Learning Center: **88**

McKinley Elementary: **552**

Poland Middle School: **380**

Poland Seminary **743**

Option 23: **3**

MCCTC: **32**

Valley STEM: **19**

HOMESCHOOL: ***56**

Dr. Maria Hoffmaster, Assistant Superintendent – In Dr. Hoffmaster’s absence, these items will be presented next month.

- Federal Programs
- District Report Card Ratings

Megan Roemer, Director of Transportation

- ZONAR/GPS – Tablets on buses. Routes are uploaded and re-syncs every night as changes are made – Provides ground traffic control if a bus breaks down.
- App – Stop Finder – tracks drop off and pick up of students
- New Buses/Vans – Handicapped accessible bus has come in.
- Van needs are increasing – Special needs and smaller student groups where a bus is too large is increasing. Discussion to move forward with utilizing the OSC bids already completed to purchase new vans.
- State of Transportation – Several special need concerns are arising.
- Bus Stops – All safe and monitored.
- Upgraded routing software – more efficient.
- Ridership at Seminary- Specifically has increased with 7th/8th and afternoon routes.

Matt McKenzie, Director of Operations

- Reviewed district web page where to find and see updates of all upgrades and projects.
- Summer Project Completion- Reviewed and showed finished projects.
- Forging the Bulldog Future Plan was discussed and will be presented next month.
- Prioritize of upcoming projects –
 - PSHS Roof
 - Continuation of updating the middle school – Projects needed to access unusable space
- GPD-Evaluation of Elevator and future projects at Poland Middle School
 - Needs of district are currently being evaluated
 - GPD presentation slated for October if all information is collected
 - Possible bidding in December 2024 or January 2025
 - Is partnering with the OFCC an option for upgrades and/or renovations?
 - Director of Operations currently working with GPD and Bill Prenosil on district funding options.

Approval to Enter Into Executive Session – Resolution #2024-90

At 7:44 p.m., Mr. Riddle moved, and Mr. Sabrin seconded with all members present voting aye to enter 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. Motion passed 5-0.

Reconvene and Adjourn – Resolution #2024-91

At 8:40 p.m., Mr. Riddle moved, and Mr. Sabrin seconded with all members present voting aye to reconvene the work session and adjourn. Motin passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned.

Treasurer

President