

Work Session Poland Board of Education held October 15, 2018

A work session of the Poland Board of Education was held on Monday, October 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Middle School/McKinley Connector

President, Mrs. Zedaker 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. Riddle, Mr. Shovlin and Mrs. Zedaker.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Dr. Douglas Hiscox – Mahoning Valley Business Advisory Council – Dr. Hiscox explained to the Board what the Mahoning Valley Business Advisory Council (BAC) is, who represents the BAC, and what the vision and mission is of the BAC. The action plan of the BAC is a required reporting component to the Ohio Department of Education. The plan was adopted by the BAC on August 22, 2018.

DISCUSSION

- Jonathan Pera – E-Rate Network Replacement – Mr. Pera, Technology Director, explained to the Board that the district is eligible to receive a significant discount equivalent to 40% of the total cost of replacing all or certain areas of the district's aging network. The E-rate program is based off free and reduced lunch percentages. E-rate offers two (2) types of funding categories: 1) Internet (transporting) and 2) Cabling-Switches-Routers. Mr. Pera explained this offer will expire at the end of FY19.
- Jonathan Pera – Raptor System – Mr. Pera, Technology Director, explained to the Board how the New Raptor System which will enhance school security will work. The final components of the system are being tested and will be up and running shortly.
- Janet Muntean- Board Meeting Documentation Options – Treasurer, Janet Muntean provided handouts to the Board from Blue Sky Meeting, Board Docs, and BoardPaq. These companies are only a few of the technology options available for online access to Board Meeting Documentation. Treasurer Muntean asked that the Board review the materials for further discussion at a later date. She emphasized that this option continues to move the district forward in continuing to find ways to reduce unnecessary printing expenses and improve transparency.
- David Janofa & Janet Muntean – District Capital Projects – Superintendent Janofa and Treasurer Muntean discussed with the Board concerns with District Capital Projects and a plan going forward to pay for such projects. Currently within the five-year forecast a plan

is not in place. Treasurer Muntean expressed that one proactive approach is to project within the forecast a transfer of monies to the Permanent Improvement Fund from the General Fund to complete necessary projects as encouraged during the Strategic Planning Process. However, the five-year forecast which will be presented and adopted at the regularly scheduled meeting in October does not reflect this approach at this time. The Board of Education will discuss this topic at a later date and develop a plan moving forward.

At 7:37 p.m., Mr. Lavorini moved and Dr. Dinopoulos seconded with all members signaling aye to enter into Executive Session to discuss legal matters which are the subject of pending or imminent court action.

Reconvene and Adjournment

At 8:19 p.m., Mr. Riddle moved and Mr. Lavorini seconded with all members voting aye to reconvene and adjourn the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned.

Treasurer

President