

# **Erik Polkowski**

## **Akron Central School Board of Education**



### **Past**

- First elected to board in 2018
- Serving second year as board Vice President
- Member of Build Team for current Capital Improvement Project. This project addresses upkeep and improvements to the current assets on campus. Items included:
  - Heating and cooling units in majority of HS
  - Roofing repair and replacement to over 60% of buildings
  - Removal of existing boilers and modifications to domestic hot water
  - Security cameras and blue light emergency notification system
  - Bathroom abatement and repair in ES classrooms
  - ES office and medical suite demolition, redesign and replacement
  - Exterior door replacement
  - Site drainage, collection and removal for dampness abatement in MS
  - Removal and replacement of site stone retaining walls in disrepair
  - Sidewalk and pedestrian access improvements
  - Performance Gym bathroom additions
  - Bus garage improvements with upgraded fuel island and delivery system
- ACS Board representative to ECASB Legislative team
  - Team is comprised of representatives from Erie county school boards
  - Part of representative team that has meet in person and through other communications with each of the districts elected officials, on the county, state and federal levels. This team has advocated on behalf of WNY districts as a collective and individual districts, both in their local office and in Albany.
  - Participant in ECASB Legislative Breakfasts
- Recipient of 2020 ECASB Shining Star Award
- ACS Board representative on Superintendent and HS Principal candidate search interview panels
- Established and maintain a relationship with Genesee County Economic Development Center to monitor solar development and STAMP projects.
- Attended various WNY school leadership functions including legal conference, NYS Foundation Aid workshops, School Leadership Roundtable Discussions

### **Future**

- Increase advocacy to state and local agencies to adjustment requirements to allow for a return to full time in person instruction at all levels by fall 2021.
- Development of resources and programs to identify and correct instructional gaps in educational understanding of students due to the pandemic of 2020.
- Addition of swimming in Physical Education
- Introduction of AV Club and other clubs/organizations to benefit student development, opportunities and mental health.
- Capital Improvement Project for design and construction of turf athletic fields for school and community use
- Introduction or collaborations for a return to Agricultural programming/clubs
- Investigate and develop relationships with other districts for collaborative learning and programing
- Advocacy for improvement and accessibility to regional broadband internet access
- Creation of an annual HS Reality check program through networking of community involvement
- Expand collaboration as a liaison between ECASB and the Niagara Orleans School Board Association
- Create and develop a position of a student representative to serve as a liaison between student government with a one-year appointment to school board
- Work with superintendent to establish a parent/student/guidance workshop for HS juniors for post-graduation planning