

Organizational Meeting Poland Board of Education held January 8, 2025

The Organizational meeting of the Poland Board of Education was held on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., in the Dobbins Board Room, 3030 Dobbins Road, Poland, Ohio 44514

Call to Order by Larry Warren.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Mr. Sabrin, Dr. Dinopoulos, Mr. Riddle and Mr. Warren. Mrs. Eli-Absent.

As senior Boar Member, and Poland tradition, Dr. Dinopoulos served as temporary chairperson.

Election of Officers for the Board of Education for Calendar Year 2025

President – Resolution #2025-01

As temporary chairperson, Dr. Dinopoulos asked for nominations for the office of President for CY25. Mr. Riddle expressed his willingness to serve as President. There were no other nominations.

Mr. Sabrin moved, and Dr. Dinopoulos seconded that the Poland Local Board of Education approves Mr. Riddle to serve as President of the Board for calendar year 2025. Mr. Sabrin, Mr. Riddle, Dr. Dinopoulos, and Mr. Warren voted aye. Mrs. Elia-Absent. Motion passed 4-0.

Treasurer, Janet Muntean Administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Riddle, 2025 School Board President for the January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025, term.

Vice President – Resolution #2025-02

President, Mr. Riddle asked for nominations for the office of Vice President for CY25. Dr. Dinopoulos nominated Mr. Sabrin for Vice President. There were no other nominations. Mr. Sabrin accepted the nomination.

Dr. Dinopoulos moved, and Mr. Warren seconded that the Poland Local Board of Education approves Mr. Sabrin to serve as Vice President of the Board for calendar year 2025. Dr. Dinopoulos, Mr. Warren, Mr. Riddle and Mr. Sabrin voted aye. Mrs. Elia-Absent. Motion passed 4-0.

Treasurer, Janet Muntean Administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Sabrin, 2025 School Board Vice President, for the January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025, term.

Public Participation – None

Acceptance to Re-adopt Existing Bylaws and Policies for the Poland Local School District – Resolution #2025-03

Dr. Dinopoulos moved, and Mr. Sabrin seconded with Mr. Warren and Mr. Riddle voting aye to adopt existing bylaws and policies for the organization and operation of this Board and this School District and shall be bound to follow such bylaws and policies. (R.C. 3313.20). Mrs. Elia-Absent. Motion passed 4-0.

Board Members were given the opportunity to remove any item from the consent agenda and to be considered separately, there were no comments.

Approval of Consent Agenda – Resolution #2025-04

Dr. Dinopoulos moved, and Mr. Warren seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- a. Authorizing that the Poland Board of Education to remain a member of the Ohio School Boards Association for 2025. This is the 70th consecutive year of membership in OSBA for Poland. The Poland School Board was a charter member of OSBA in 1955. Annual Membership Dues for 2025 are \$6,073.
- b. Approval to Participate in OSBA Legal Assistance Fund Consultant Services for 2025.

Whereas, the Poland Board of Education wishes to support the efforts of other boards of education to obtain favorable judicial decisions; and

Whereas, the Ohio School Boards Association Legal Assistance Fund has been established for this purpose; and

Therefore, the Board hereby resolved to participate in the OSBA LAF for calendar year 2025 and authorizes the Treasurer to pay LAF \$250.

- c. Confirmation of Board Member's compensation continues at \$125. Not to exceed 12 meetings per year for all Board members.
- d. Authorizing that the Poland Local Board of Education authorize the Treasurer to establish the Service Fund of the Board of Education of Poland School District at \$4000 as provided in ORC 3315.15.
- e. Approval of continuance of a faithful performance bond for CY2025 per ORC requirements for the Board President, Vice President, and Superintendent in the amount of \$50,000 and for the Treasurer in the amount of \$100,000.
- f. Authorizing the Board members in accordance with R.C.3313.202 to participate in the Board's major medical, prescription, dental and vision plans. Board members must pay 100% of the premium cost for selected coverage.
- g. Approval of the Vindicator as the Official District Newspaper for CY2025.

- h. Approval of YSN as the Sports Broadcasting Network for Poland Athletics for CY2025.
- i. Authorizing the Treasurer to convene a meeting of the District's Record Commission (Board President, Superintendent and Treasurer) when deemed necessary to review district records in accordance with ORC 149.41 procedures during CY2025.
- j. Authorizing the Treasurer and President to sign all notes/documents for the benefit of the district as needed and to have access to the Board's bank safety deposit box. The Vice President to be authorized to act accordingly in the absence of the President for CY2025.
- k. Authorizing Farmers National Bank to accept the President and Vice President on all checks for CY2025 in the absence of the Treasurer.
- l. Authorizing the Treasurer to pay bills when due, within the limits of the appropriations.
- m. Authorizing the Treasurer to make necessary appropriation modifications, as the need arises throughout CY2025 in order to keep all of the budgetary accounts in balance.
- n. Resolve that all banks that have an office in Ohio and that maintain FDIC insurance are designated as acceptable depositories for the Poland School District for the purpose of purchasing certificates of deposit.
- o. Authorize the Treasurer to request tax advances from the Mahoning County Auditor Officer in accordance with Section 321.34 of the Revised Code.
- p. Authorize the Treasurer to obtain amended certificates of estimated resources when the treasurer determines that it is necessary according to ORC 5705.36.
- q. Authorize the Treasurer to establish rates of reimbursement for expenses incurred by a district employee while traveling on prior-approved school business as follows and/or according to board policy. Mileage: IRS Rate per mile/personal automobile use \$.70 per mile effective 1/1/2025.
- r. Authorize the Treasurer to establish the following Petty Cash/Change funds if needed:
Imprest (revolving type) Petty Cash Fund for the following amounts:
Petty Cash:
 - Board Office - \$75.00
 - Athletics - \$3500.00
- s. Adoption of a resolution appointing Janet Muntean, Treasurer, as custodian of public records and as the designee for public records training for each board member and hereby directing her, as such, to attend public record training sessions on behalf of the board as required by law. The public office shall require that employee, Treasurer, to acknowledge receipt of the copy of the public records policy.

- t. Authorize the Treasurer in CY2025 to invest excess funds known as interim monies, with a financial institution that is eligible for deposit of public funds. Said investments shall be reported in writing monthly to the Board.
- u. Authorize the Superintendent of Poland School District to sign documents for the district as needed and as appropriate for CY2025.
- v. Authorize the Superintendent of Poland School District to act as purchasing agent for the Board of Education.
- w. Authorize the Superintendent, on behalf of the Poland School Board, to accept resignations that have been submitted by employees during the times when the board is not in session, subject to ratification by the board, such resignations shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the Superintendent's acceptance.
- x. Authorize the Superintendent, during periods when the Poland School Board is not in session, to make offers of employment directly to candidates for either teaching or nonteaching positions on behalf of the Poland School Board, subject to the subsequent vote or ratification by the board; provide however, that upon ratification by the board, the employment shall be deemed effective as of the date and time of the employee's acceptance of the Superintendent's offer.
- y. Authorize the Superintendent, or designee, to apply for appropriate state and federal funds for Title I-TA & Neglected, Title II-A, Title III LEP, IDEA-B, ECSE, and other funds as needed or as they become available.
- z. Approval of the following as District Attorney's for CY2025.
 - Ennis Britton Co., LPA - General Counsel
 - Gingo & Bair Law, LLC - General Counsel & Special Education
 - Squire Patton Boggs (US), LLP - Bond and Construction Counsel
 - Weston Hurd, LLP - Special Education & General Counsel
- aa. Approve the Superintendent to make In Lieu of Decisions to make determinations that student transportation is impractical as needed throughout the school year.
- bb. Authorize that the Poland Board of Education remains a member of the Ohio Education Policy Institute for 2025. Annual Membership Dues for 2025 are \$1000.

Resolved that the Poland Local Board of Education approves the Consent Agenda Items a through bb as presented. Motion passed 4-0. Mrs. Elia–Absent.

Superintendent Non-Consent Item**Additional District Compliance Officer – Resolution #2025-05**

Dr. Dinopoulos moved, and Mr. Sabrin seconded with Mr. Warren and Mr. Riddle voting aye to appoint Mr. Doug McGlynn in addition to Dr. Maria Hoffmaster, and Mr. Matt Beard to serve as Compliance Officers. Mrs. Elia-Absent. Motion passed 4-0.

Treasurer Non-Consent Item**Approve Resolution to Submit Question of Levy Renewal – Resolution #2025-06**

Dr. Dinopoulos moved, and Mr. Warren seconded with Mr. Sabrin and Mr. Riddle Voting aye to approve of a Resolution Determining to Submit to the Electors of the School District the Question of the Renewal of an Existing Tax Levy Pursuant to Sections 5705.03 and 5705.194 to 5705.197 of the Revised Code. Mrs. Elia-Absent. Motion passed 4-0.

WHEREAS, at an election on March 17, 2020 (extended to April 28, 2020), the School District's voters approved the renewal of an existing tax levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation in order to raise the amount of \$1,369,748 each calendar year for a period of five years for the purpose of providing for the emergency requirements of the School District; and

WHEREAS, the authority to levy that \$1,369,748 tax expires with the levy on the 2025 tax list for collection in calendar year 2026; and

WHEREAS, this Board declares that the revenue that will be raised by all tax levies which this Board is authorized to impose, when combined with state and federal revenues, will be insufficient to provide for the emergency requirements of the School District, and that it is therefore necessary to renew all of the existing \$1,369,748 tax levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of providing for the emergency requirements of the School District, for a period of five years, commencing with a levy on the tax list for the year 2026 to be first distributed to this Board in calendar year 2027; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 5705.03(B) of the Revised Code, in order to submit the question of a tax levy pursuant to Sections 5705.194 to 5705.197 of the Revised Code, this Board must certify to the Mahoning County Auditor a resolution requesting that the County Auditor make certain certifications as described in Section 5705.03(B)(2) of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 5705.03(B)(1), the resolution of this Board as described immediately above must state all of the following, as applicable to the levy: (a) the proposed rate of the tax, expressed in mills for each one dollar of taxable value, or the dollar amount of revenue to be generated by the proposed levy; (b) the purpose of the tax; (c) whether the tax is an additional levy, a renewal or a replacement of an existing tax, a renewal or replacement of an existing tax with an increase or a decrease, a reduction or decrease of an existing tax, or extension of an existing tax to additional territory; (d) the Section of the Revised Code authorizing the submission of the question of the tax; (e) the term of years of the tax or that it is for a continuing period of time; (f) that the tax is to be levied upon the entire territory of the School District; (g) the date of the election at which the question of the tax shall appear on the ballot; (h) that the ballot measure shall be submitted to the entire territory of the School District; (i) the tax year in which the tax will first be levied and the calendar year in which it will be first collected; and (j) each county in which the School District has territory; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 5705.03(B)(2), upon receipt of a certified copy of a resolution of this Board as described above, the County Auditor is to certify each of the following, as applicable to the levy: (a) the total current tax valuation of the School District; (b) the number of mills for each one dollar of taxable value that is required to generate a specified amount of revenue; (c) either of the following, calculated using the tax list for the current year, and if this is not determined, the estimated amount submitted by the County Auditor to the County Budget Commission: (i) if the levy is to renew, renew and increase, renew and decrease, reduce or decrease, or extend to additional territory an existing levy that is subject to reduction under Section 319.301 of the Revised Code, the levy's estimated effective rate, calculated using the rate described in Section 5705.03(B)(2)(b) or (d), expressed in dollars, rounded to the nearest dollar, for each one hundred thousand dollars of the County Auditor's appraised value, or (ii) for all other levies, the levy's rate, described in Section 5705.03(B)(2)(b) or (d), expressed in dollars, rounded to the nearest dollar, for each one hundred thousand dollars of the County Auditor's appraised value; (d) the dollar amount of revenue, rounded to the nearest dollar, that would be generated by a specified number of mills for each one dollar of taxable value; and (e) an estimate of the levy's annual collections, rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars, which shall be calculated assuming that the amount of the tax list of the School District remains throughout the life of the levy the same as the amount of the tax list for the current year, and if this is not determined, the estimated amount submitted by the County Auditor to the County Budget Commission; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 5705.195 of the Revised Code, upon receipt of a certified copy of a resolution of this Board as described above, the County Auditor is to certify the annual levy, expressed in dollars for each one hundred thousand dollars of the County Auditor's appraised value, as well as in mills for each one dollar of taxable value, throughout the life of the levy which will be required to produce the annual amount set forth in the resolution, assuming that the amount of the tax list of the School District remains throughout the life of the levy the same as the amount of the tax list for the current year (or, if that amount is not determined, the estimated amount submitted by the County Auditor to the County Budget Commission); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Poland Local School District, County of Mahoning, Ohio, that:

Section 1. Definition. As used in this Resolution and in accordance with Section 5705.03(B)(1)(a) of the Revised Code, "mills" refers to mills for each one dollar of taxable value.

Section 2. Board Declarations. This Board finds, determines and declares that (i) the revenue that will be raised by all tax levies which this Board is authorized to impose, when combined with state and federal revenues, will be insufficient to provide for the emergency requirements of the School District, (ii) it is necessary to renew all of an existing \$1,369,748 tax levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the purpose of providing for the emergency requirements of the School District, (iii) it intends to submit the question of the renewal of that levy to its electors at an election on May 6, 2025, as authorized by Sections 5705.194 through 5705.197 of the Revised Code, and (iv) the School District has territory only in the County of Mahoning. If approved, that tax will be levied upon the entire territory of the School District for a period of five years, commencing in tax year 2026, for first collection in calendar year 2027.

Section 3. Request for Certifications. This Board requests the Mahoning County Auditor to certify to it the certifications set forth in Sections 5705.03(B)(2) and 5705.195, as applicable to the proposed renewal levy.

Section 4. Certification and Delivery of Resolution to County Auditor. The Treasurer is authorized and directed to deliver or cause to be delivered a certified copy of this Resolution to the Mahoning County Auditor.

Section 5. Compliance with Open Meeting Requirements. This Board finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board and of any of its committees concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were held, in meetings open to the public in compliance with the law.

Section 6. Captions and Headings. The captions and headings in this Resolution are solely for convenience of reference and in no way define, limit or describe the scope or intent of any Sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs or clauses hereof.

Section 7. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

Board Committee Appointments for 2025

Presidential committee appointments for CY2025 are:

Mr. Sabrin, as Legislative Liaison with OSBA
 Dr. Dinopoulos, as Impartial Hearing Officer
 Mr. Warren, as Board's representative to the Foundation
 Mrs. Elia, as Student Achievement Liaison with OSBA
 Dr. Dinopoulos, as Liaison to Evaluation Review Committee (ERC)

Adjourn – Resolution #2025-07

Dr. Dinopoulos moved, and Mr. Warren seconded with Mr. Sabrin and Mr. Riddle voting aye to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Elia – Absent. Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned.

Treasurer

President