

Regular Meeting Poland Board of Education held January 22, 2025***Mission Statement******Educate, empower and inspire every student at every opportunity.***

Chief Gooden read the Mission Statement.

The Regular meeting of the Poland Board of Education was held on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at Dobbins Board of Education Room, 3030 Dobbins Road, Poland, Ohio 44514.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION - Commendations to Board Members

- The Nutrition Group will be providing our Board with Dinner

PRESENTATIONS/INFORMATIONAL-

- Lawn Comparisons: Matt McKenzie/Craig Hockenberry – Discussion regarding the lawn comparisons took place. After much discussion, the following recommendation was added.

Authorization to Rebid Lawn Services – Resolution #2025-08

Dr. Dinopoulos made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sabrin, to rebid district lawn services subject to legal compliance. Motion passed 4-0. Absent: Mrs. Elia.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

-Jason Smith – 1911 Peachtree Ct., Poland, Ohio – Addressed the board with concerns regarding the district current lawn and landscaping services. Specifically, length of bid/contract, licenses required for spraying and concerns with mulching.

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

Treasurer/CFO Recommendations: Janet Muntean

Moved by Dr. Dinopoulos and seconded by Mr. Warren to approve the following 1-3 Financial recommendations as presented: **Resolution #2025-09.**

Financials

1. The Board approves the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 12, 2024, Regular Meeting and January 8, 2025, Organizational Meeting.
2. The Board approves the Financial Report of December 2024 as submitted.
3. The Board approves the following donations:
 - Shail Imports/Jewelers - Interact Club - \$100.00

Roll call: Dr. Dinopoulos, Mr. Warren, Mr. Sabrin, and Mr. Riddle present voting aye. Absent: Mrs. Elia. Motion passed 4-0.

Treasurer/CFO Requests Not Included in Consent

Approve Resolution to Proceed with Submission of Existing Levy Renewal – Resolution #2025-10

Mr. Sabrin moved and Dr. Dinopoulos seconded with Mr. Riddle and Mr. Warren voting aye to approve the Resolution Determining to Proceed with the Submission of the Electors of the School District of the Question of the Renewal of an Existing Tax Levy, Pursuant to Sections 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, pursuant to Sections 5705.194 through 5705.197 of the Revised Code, the last collection of which will occur in calendar year 2026; and

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2025, this Board adopted Resolution No. 2025-06 declaring it necessary to submit to the electors of the School District the question of renewing 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, as described below, a copy of which resolution was certified to the Mahoning County Auditor; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with that Resolution and Sections 5705.03(B) and 5705.195 of the Revised Code, on January 10, 2025, the Mahoning County Auditor certified (on DTE 140M) that (i) the estimated property tax millage required to produce the stated revenue (\$1,369,748), assuming the tax valuation of the School District remains constant throughout the life of the levy, is calculated to be 2.26 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$79 for each \$100,000 of the County Auditor's appraised value, and (ii) the total taxable value of the School District used in calculating the estimated property tax millage rate is \$607,377,350;

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

Section 1. Determination to Proceed. This Board hereby determines to proceed with the submission to the electors at an election to be held on May 6, 2025, of the question of renewing 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 and duplicate for tax year 2026 for first collection in calendar year 2027), at the annual tax rate as is necessary to raise that amount, which rate is currently estimated by the Mahoning County Auditor to be 2.26 mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$79 for each \$100,000 of the County Auditor's appraised value.

Section 2. Certification and Delivery of Materials to Board of Elections. The Treasurer be and is hereby directed to deliver or cause to be delivered (i) a certified copy of Resolution No. 2025-06 referred to in the second preamble to this Resolution, (ii) the certificate (on DTE 140M) of the Mahoning County Auditor referred to in the third preamble to this Resolution and (iii) a certified copy of this Resolution, to the Mahoning County Board of Elections before the close of business on Wednesday, February 5, 2025. This Board hereby requests that the Board of Elections give notice, prepare the ballots, and make other necessary arrangements for the submission of this question to the electors of the School District, all in accordance with law.

Section 3. 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 4. 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 5. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

Superintendent's Recommendations: Craig Hockenberry

Moved by Dr. Dinopoulos and seconded by Mr. Warren to approve the following 1-5 consent agenda recommendations as presented: **Resolution #2025-11.**

HR/Staffing

1. The Board approves the following non-teaching individual to be placed on the approved substitute list for the 2024-2025 school year.
Jim Serich - Sub Van Driver - Effective 12/16/2024
2. The Board approve Kathleen Way as an After School Sub at a rate of \$15.00 per hour /Part-Time. Effective 12/18/2024.

Student Services

3. The Board adopt the Special Education Model Policies and Procedures that were released by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce and directs all staff in the district to use and comply with the Model Policies. The Board further authorizes the Superintendent to notify the DEW of the Board's adoption of the Model Policies through the DEW's Monitoring System by uploading a copy of this Board resolution on or before March 30, 2025, and by November 30 for each subsequent school year.

Operations

4. The Board approves the following additional students in lieu of Transportation - Exhibit A per resolution adopted August 2024.
 - Parent, Amy DeSantis - Impractical due to distance
 - Parent, Julie Gentile - Impractical due to distance
 - Parent, Melissa Ladesic - Impractical due to distance

Athletics

5. The Board approves the following individual to fill the position listed for the 2024-2025 school year and be awarded the applicable supplemental and/or pupil activity contract. All required documents on file:
 - Jennifer Stefancin - Flag Line/Majorette Advisor

Roll call: Mr. Sabrin, Dr. Dinopoulos, Mr. Riddle and Mr. Warren are present voting aye. Absent – Mrs. Elia. Motion passed 4-0.

Superintendent Not Included in Consent

OPERATIONS

Approval of Lease Agreement with Community Behavior Consulting LLC – Resolution #2025-12

Mr. Sabrin moved, and Mr. Warren seconded with Mr. Riddle voting aye to approve the following resolution authorizing the execution of a lease agreement with Community Behavior Consulting LLC. Dr. Dinopoulos voted no, making the comment that he was committing to a decision made years ago which was to tear down North. Absent-Mrs. Elia. Motion passed 3-1.

WHEREAS, this Board is the owner of certain real property known as North Elementary School located at 361 Johnston Place, Poland, Ohio, 44514; and

WHEREAS, the property is not presently needed for school purposes and cannot be advantageously sold; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to lease a portion of the property to Community Behavioral Consulting, L.L.C. in accordance with the Lease Agreement currently on file with the Board.

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

Section 1. Approval and Execution of Lease Agreement. The President or Vice-President and Treasurer of this Board are hereby authorized to sign, acknowledge and deliver, in the name of and on behalf of the School District, the Lease Agreement with Community Behavioral Consulting, L.L.C. substantially in the form now on file with the Treasurer. The form of the Lease Agreement is approved with such changes therein that are not materially inconsistent with this Resolution and not substantially adverse to the School District and that are permitted by law and shall be approved by the Treasurer. The approval of such changes, and that such changes are not materially inconsistent with this Resolution and not substantially adverse to the School District, shall be conclusively evidenced by the signing of the Lease Agreement.

Section 2. Approval and Execution of Related Documents. The President or Vice-President and Treasurer of this Board and the Superintendent, or such other School District officials as shall be designated by those officials, as appropriate, are each authorized and directed to sign any certificates or documents and to take such other actions as are desirable, advisable, necessary or appropriate, to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Resolution.

Section 3. Prior Acts Ratified and Confirmed. Any actions previously taken by School District officials or agents of this Board in furtherance of the matters set forth in this Resolution are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed.

Section 4. Compliance with Open Meeting Requirements. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Board of Education concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken, and that all deliberations of this Board of Education that resulted in such formal actions were held in meetings in compliance with the law.

Section 5. 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. Reference to a Section means a section of this Resolution unless otherwise indicated.

Section 6. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately upon its adoption.

Approval of Lease Agreement with Turning Point Residential, Inc. – Resolution #2025-13

Mr. Sabrin moved, and Mr. Warren seconded with Mr. Riddle voting aye to approve the following resolution authorizing the execution of a lease agreement with Turning Point Residential, Inc. Dr. Dinopoulos voted no, making the comment that he was committing to a decision made years ago which was to tear down North. Absent-Mrs. Elia. Motion passed 3-1.

WHEREAS, this Board is the owner of certain real property known as North Elementary School located at 361 Johnston Place, Poland, Ohio, 44514; and

WHEREAS, the property is not presently needed for school purposes and cannot be advantageously sold; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to lease a portion of the property to Turning Point Residential Inc. in accordance with the Lease Agreement currently on file with the Board.

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

Section 1. Approval and Execution of Lease Agreement. The President or Vice-President and Treasurer of this Board are hereby authorized to sign, acknowledge and deliver, in the name of and on behalf of the School District, the Lease Agreement with Turning Point Residential Inc. substantially in the form now on file with the Treasurer. The form of the Lease Agreement is approved with such changes therein that are not materially inconsistent with this Resolution and not substantially adverse to the School District and that are permitted by law and shall be approved by the Treasurer. The approval of such changes, and that such changes are not materially inconsistent with this Resolution and not substantially adverse to the School District, shall be conclusively evidenced by the signing of the Lease Agreement.

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POLAND BOARD OF EDUCATION

Approval of Revised/New Policies – Resolution #2025-14

Dr. Dinopoulos moved and Mr. Sabrin seconded with Mr. Warren and Mr. Riddle voting aye to approve the Poland Board of Education Revised/New Policies, listed below, as presented for the second and final reading. The 1st reading was presented on December 12, 2024. The policy update was completed using the services of NEOLA and will be available online. Absent-Mrs. Elia. Motion passed 4-0.

- 0100 - Definitions (Revised)
- 1130 - UGG/EDGAR Revisions Conflict of Interest (Revised)
- 0142.1 - Oath (Revised)
- 0151 - Organizational Meeting (Revised)
- 0152 - Officers (Revised)
- 0155 - Presiding Officer (Technical Correction)
- 0163 - Presiding Officer (Technical Correction)
- 0164 - Notice of Meetings (Revised)
- 0165 - Board Meetings (New)
- 0165.1 - Regular Meetings (Rescind)
- 0165.2 - Special Meetings (Rescind)
- 0166 - Agendas (New)
- 0167.2 - Executive Session (Renumbered)
- 0167.7 - Use of Personal Communication Devices (Renumbered/Revised)
- 0173 - Board Officers (Rescind)
- 2265 - (Special Update) Protections of Individual Beliefs, Affiliations, Ideals, or Principles of Political Movements and Ideology
- 3113 - UGG/EDGAR Revisions Conflict of Interest (Revised)
- 4113 - UGG/EDGAR Revisions Conflict of Interest (Revised)
- 4120.08 - Employment of Personnel for Co-Curricular/Extra-Curricular Activities (Revised)
- 4121 - Criminal History Record Check (Revised)
- 5131 - Student Transfers (Revised)
- 5200 - Attendance (Revised)
- 5500 - Student Conduct (Revised)
- 5780 - Student/Parent Rights (Revised)
- 6110 - UGG/EDGAR Revisions Grant Funds
- 6111 - UGG/EDGAR Revisions Internal Controls
- 6112 - UGG/EDGAR Revisions Cash Management of Grants
- 6114 - UGG/EDGAR Revisions Cost Principles - Spending Federal Funds
- 6144- Investments
- 6320 - Purchasing and Bidding (Revised)
- 6325 - UGG/EDGAR Revisions Procurement - Federal Grants/Funds
- 6550-UGG/EDGAR Revisions Travel Payment & Reimbursement/Relocation Costs
- 7310 - UGG/EDGAR Revisions Disposition of Surplus Property
- 7450 - UGG/EDGAR Revisions Property Inventory
- 7530.02 - Staff Use of Personal Communication Devices (Revised)
- 7540.03 - Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety (Revised)
- 7540.04 - Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety (Revised)
- 7540.09 - Artificial Intelligence ("AI") (New)
- 8310 - Public Records (Revised)
- 8500 - Food Services
- 9160 - Public Attendance at School Events (Revised)

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS - None**REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

Foundation Liaison – Mr. Warren – Poland Foundation Annual Recognition Banquet is Upcoming on March 18, 2025, at Holy Family. Invitations are forthcoming. 2025 Distinguished Honorees are: Tracy Kaschak, PMS Teacher, Mike Zembower, Alumnus and Brian Banfield, Athletic Director. A walk-a-thon is being planned, more information to come.

Legislation Liaison – Mr. Sabrin – Reported on the following:

- 136 General Assembly Began - Budgets
- 2026 Budget due to be signed by July 1st.

Student Achievement Liaison – Mrs. Elia – Absent.

Approval to Enter into Executive Session – Resolution #2025-15

At 7:02 p.m., Dr. Dinopoulos moved, and Mr. Sabrin seconded with Mr. Riddle and Mr. Warren voting yea to enter into executive session to prepare for, conduct, or review a collective bargaining strategy and to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official. Absent-Mrs. Elia. Motion passed 4-0.

Reconvene to Regular Session and Adjourn the Meeting – Resolution #2025-16

At 8:11 p.m., Mr. Warren moved, and Dr. Dinopoulos seconded with Mr. Sabrin and Mr. Riddle signaling aye to reconvene to regular session and adjourn the meeting. Absent-Mrs. Elia. Motion passed 4-0.

Meeting adjourned.

Treasurer

President