

Regular Meeting Poland Board of Education held March 12, 2025***Mission Statement******Educate, empower and inspire every student at every opportunity.***

Officer Lewis read the Mission Statement.

The Regular meeting of the Poland Board of Education was held on Wednesday, March 12, 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, Mrs. Elia, Mr. Riddle and Mr. Warren.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

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

Superintendent's Consent Recommendations: Craig Hockenberry

Moved by Mr. Warren and seconded by Mr. Sabrin to approve the following 1-3 consent agenda recommendations as presented: **Resolution #2025-29.**

HR/Staffing

1. The Board accepts the retirement of the following classified employees for the 2025-26 School Year. All necessary paperwork on file.
Darlene Brown - Bus Driver Effective 7/1/2025
James Gahagan - Bus Driver Effective 7/1/2025

Curriculum/Instruction

2. The Board approves the partnership with Youngstown State University College Credit Plus (CCP) program for the upcoming 2025-26 school year. The Memorandum Youngstown State University was reviewed by the Boards Legal Counsel.

Operations

3. The Board approves the following students *in lieu of* Transportation due to distance.
Parent, Olivia Finley (Grayson Wagner) - Heartland Christian
Parent, Olivia Finley (Remington Wagner) - Heartland Christian

Roll call: All Members present voting aye. Motion passed 5-0.

Superintendent Not Included in Consent

OPERATIONS

Approval of Resolution with Ohio Schools Council to Advertise and Receive Bus Bids – Resolution #2025-30

Dr. Dinopoulos moved and Mr. Sabrin seconded with all members present voting aye to approve the following resolution with Ohio Schools Council (OSC) to advertise and receive bids for school bus chassis and bodies. Motion passed 5-0.

Whereas, the Poland Local Schools' Board of Education wishes to advertise and receive bids for the purchase of up to 3 – seventy-two (72) passenger conventional school bus chassis and bodies.

Therefore, Be It Resolved the Poland Local Schools' Board of Education wishes to participate and authorizes the Ohio Schools Council to advertise and receive bids on behalf of said Board as per the specifications submitted for the cooperative purchase of up to 3 – seventy-two (72) passenger conventional school bus chassis and bodies.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- Treasurer Muntean provided the Board with a copy of the Ballot Proof for the upcoming May 2025 Election in which the district's Emergency Levy Renewal will appear. She also explained that factual information regarding the upcoming levy renewal will be posted to the district website.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS -

- Foundation – Mr. Larry Warren – Mr. Warren reported on the upcoming Foundation Banquet. A fundraiser is currently being planned to benefit the PSHS Auditorium Upgrades. The next Foundation meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2025.
- Legislation – Mr. Jeff Sabrin – No report.
- Student Achievement - Mrs. Michelle Elia – Mrs. Elia reported on the following:

Congratulations to the PSHS Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band for their outstanding performances at the Ohio Music Education Association District 5 Large Group Adjudicated Event on March 7th and 8th.

On Friday, the Wind Ensemble earned a “Superior,” or “1,” the highest possible rating in class A. This rating qualifies the PSHS Wind Ensemble for the OMEA State Adjudicated Event.

The Symphonic Band gave an excellent performance in Open Class on Saturday morning. The band performed in “Festival Participation,” meaning they did not receive a rating, but they received very positive feedback from all four judges, including a guest clinician.

The Italian National Honor Society Inductees include:

Katherine Liddle	Isabella Di Pasqua
Sabrina Metzinger	Nikki Holm

The Spanish National Honor Society Inductees for the 2024-2025 school year:

Anthony Battaglia	Lola Beight	Brooklyn Bilkie
Delaney Cozart	William Craven	Dulci DiGregorio
Rowan Downie	Addison Draa	Alyssa Flament
Emerson Gomon	Alexa James	Rashmeet Kaur
Maya Kessler	Erin Kim	Liya Lu
Lillian McDonald	Owen McKenzie	Peyton Miller-McAdams
Mia Peluso	Collin Rodger	Gurpreet Singh
Douglas Stoudt Jr.	Olivia Thomas	Elliana Thompson
Xander Thornton	Andreas Tsikouris	Skevos Tsikouris
Carmine Tukalo	Ian Vandervort	Harper Vesey
Emelyn Whorten	Sean Zura	

Physics Olympics 2025 Participants:

Grace Ayres	Quin Bulick	Brad Burgoyne	Julia Clark
Anjolena Faunda	Adriana Marantis	Joey Varone	

The National Honor Society Inductees for the 2024-2025 school year include:

Maya Anzevino	Zoe Baird	Anthony Battaglia
Lola Beight	Travis Berry	Tyler Bertilacci
Brooklyn Bilkie	Kate Blumel	Hailey Canfield
Alex Cook	Lauren Cordek	Lauren Coss
William Craven	Alyssa Davis	Delaney Demetrios
Dulci DiGregorio	Rowan Downie	Addison Draa
Sofia Elia	Alyssa Flament	Emerson Gomon
Alyson Gromen	Cameron Hackstedde	Jacob Hayes
Yianni Hazimihalis	Kennedy Henderson	Nikki Holm
Tyler Iberis	Avery Jakubovic	Rashmeet Kaur
Dylan Kelty	Maya Kessler	Erin Kim
Lucas Knez	Stephen Kopkash	Melina Livosky
Liya Lu	Margoux Malloy	Lillian McDonald

Owen McKenzie	Sabrina Metzinger	Peyton Miller
Stefan Milosevic	Nicholas Nolfi	Jacob O'Bruba
Anna Pratt	Mia Peluso	Emma Puhl
Collin Rodgers	Elizabeth Rutana	Gurpreet Singh
Julia Snyder	Douglas Stoudt Jr.	Olivia Thomas
Elliana Thompson	Xander Thornton	Skevos Tsikouris
Carmine Tukalo	Reagan Turner	Harper Vesey
Emelyn Whorten	Panormitis Xipolitas	Joseph Zuccaro
Sean Zura		

There were two (2) outstanding performances from Liya Lu and Alyssa Davis. Kate Harrell and the seniors led wonderful speeches explaining the pillars of NHS.

Adjourn the Meeting – Resolution #2025-31

At 6:19 p.m., Mr. Warren moved, and Dr. Dinopoulos seconded with all board members present signaling aye to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned.

Treasurer

President

3/12/2025