

Regular Meeting Poland Board of Education held March 26, 2025***Mission Statement******Educate, empower and inspire every student at every opportunity.***

Mrs. Fox from the Poland Historical Society read the Mission Statement.

The Regular meeting of the Poland Board of Education was held on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, at Little Red School House, 4515 Center 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.

PRESENTATIONS

- Dr. Hoffmaster - Academic Plan Update
- Matt McKenzie - Union/North and Summer Facilities Projects Update
- Superintendent Hockenberry - District Update
 - District enrollment figures
 - Kindergarten enrollment figures 2025-2026
 - Federal Department of Education
 - Ohio Budget Process
 - Emergency levy May 6
 - College Credit Plus (CCP)
 - Governor's Merit Scholarship
 - Special Education figures & exploration with the Eastern Ohio ESC
 - Student discipline figures 2024-25
 - Certificated STAFFING ROUND I, ROUND II, and ROUND III FINAL
 - Staffing levels (Bus drivers, Cooks, and Custodians)
 - PEA & OAPSE contract negotiations
 - OSBA Honor Business Honor Roll
 - Important announcements

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.

Treasurer/CFO Requests of Consent: Janet Muntean

Moved by Dr. Dinopoulos and seconded by Mr. Sabrin to approve the following 1-3 consent agenda recommendations as presented: **Resolution #2025-32.**

Financials

1. The Board approves the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 19, 2025, and March 12, 2025.
2. The Board approves the Financial Report of February 2025 as submitted.
3. The Board approves the following donations:
 - Elizabeth & Erik Birmingham - \$1000.00 to Kindness Club

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

TREASURER'S REQUEST/RECOMMENDATION- Not included in Consent Agenda:**Approval of Amounts and Rates Tax Year 2024- Calendar Year 2025 – Resolution #2025-33**

Mr. Sabrin moved and Dr. Dinopoulos seconded with all members present voting aye to approve the resolution accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor for the Tax Year 2024 - Calendar Year 2025. Motion passed 5-0.

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY
THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES
AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR
(CITY, VILLAGE OR LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION)**

Revised Code Sections 5705.34-5705.35

WHEREAS, This Board of Education in accordance with the provisions of law has previously adopted a Tax Budget or has been granted the authority by the Mahoning County Budget Commission to waive this requirement for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, The Budget Commission of Mahoning County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within, the ten mill limitation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of Education of the Poland School District, Mahoning County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said School District the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:

SCHEDULE A

SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX
APPROVED BY BUDGET COMMISSION AND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATED

TAX RATES

Fund	Amount Approved by Budget Commission Inside 10 Mill Limitation	Amount to Be Derived from Levies Outside 10 Mill Limitation	County Auditor's Estimate of Tax Rate to be Levied Inside 10 Mill Limit	County Auditor's Estimate of Tax Rate to be Levied Outside 10 Mill Limit
General	\$ 2,793,934	\$ 9,606,040	4.60	28.10
Emergency (\$1,068,055)		\$ 1,068,983		1.76
Emergency (\$1,369,748)		\$ 1,372,672		2.26
Emergency (\$2,181,867)		\$ 2,186,557		3.60
Emergency (\$2,297,755)		\$ 2,301,959		3.79
Permanent Improvement		\$ 402,348		1.00
Total	\$ 2,793,934	\$ 16,938,559	4.60	40.51

Superintendent's Consent Recommendations: Craig Hockenberry

Moved by Mr. Warren and seconded by Mrs. Elia to approve the following 1-5 consent agenda recommendations as presented: **Resolution #2025-34.**

HR/Staffing

1. The Board accepts the resignation of the following classified employee for the 2025-2026 School Year. All necessary paperwork on file.
Richard Coy - Bus Driver Effective 3/3/2025
2. The Board approve the following individual as a long-term substitute teacher pending all on-boarding and required documents on file; Effective date 3/24/2025.
Chrissie Broderick

Operations

3. The Board approves that the Poland Board of Education *Prohibits* the enrollment of students from adjacent or other districts unless tuition is paid in accordance with Section 3317.08 of ORC (*or as it pertains to the Collective Bargaining Agreements.*)

Athletics

4. The Board approves the following individual to fill the volunteer athletic position for the 2024-25 school year all required credentials on file.
Daniel Daily - Track and Cross-Country Coach
5. The Board approves the following individuals to fill the positions listed for the 2025-2026 school year and be awarded the supplemental pupil activity contract. All required documents are on file.
Cara Bornemiss - Varsity Volleyball Coach
Ally Nittoli - JV Volleyball Coach

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

Approval to Enter into Executive Session – Resolution #2025-35

At 7:29 p.m., Mr. Sabrin moved, and Mr. Warren seconded with all members present voting aye to enter into executive session to consider the employment of a public employee. President Riddle stated that further action will be taken after executive session. Motion passed 5-0.

At 7:45 p.m., Dr. Dinopoulos moved, and Mrs. Elia seconded with all members voting aye to close executive session.

Approval to Reconvene to Regular Session – Resolution #2025-36

At 7:50 p.m., Mr. Warren moved, and Dr. Dinopoulos seconded with all members present voting aye to reconvene to the regular session. Motion passed 5-0.

ITEMS NOT INCLUDED IN CONSENT

OPERATIONS

Approval of Master Services Agreement with Forward Edge, LLC. – Resolution #2025-37

Mrs. Elia moved, and Mr. Sabrin seconded with all members present voting aye to approve the Master Services Agreement Addendum between the Board of Education and Forward Edge, LLC, as previously distributed, effective the date of this resolution. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval to Accept Payment from Forward Edge LLC for School Employees Retirement System (SERS) Contributions Owed for Forward Edge Employee(s) – Resolution #2025-38

Mr. Warren moved, and Mrs. Elia seconded with all members present voting aye to approve the Letter of Agreement between the Board of Education and Forward Edge, LLC, as previously distributed, to accept payment from Forward Edge for contributions due and owed to the School Employees Retirement System for Forward Edge employee(s). Motion passed 5-0.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- April 23rd BOE Meeting Discussion - A discussion was held about whether to have the April 23rd Board of Education meeting. This date occurs during Poland's spring break and Superintendent Hockenberry noted that he will not be available. The appropriate notice will be sent to meet the public requirements that the April 23, 2025, Board of Education Meeting will be cancelled. The Board of Education will meet on April 16, 2025.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS -

- Foundation – Mr. Larry Warren – Mr. Warren reported that the recent Foundation Banquet was a success. Walk for the Future Fundraiser will be held on May 23, 2025. The Fundraiser is for Grades 2-6 and the proceeds will go toward the Auditorium Renovations.
- Legislation – Mr. Jeff Sabrin – Mr. Sabrin reported on the DeWine Budget and the numerous policy changes currently in both the House and the Senate.
- Student Achievement - Mrs. Elia announced the winners of the McKinley Zaner Bloser Handwriting Contest.
 - 1st Grade Winners – Autumn Liguore and Madison Paine
 - 2nd Grade Winner – Lucia Beatty
 - 3rd Grade Winner for Cursive – Millie Gischow

Adjourn the Meeting – Resolution #2025-39

At 7:58 p.m., Dr. Dinopoulos moved, and Mr. Sabrin seconded with all board members present signaling aye to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned.

Treasurer

President