

Poland Local Schools

Board of Education Regular Meeting/Work Session Minutes

Wednesday, November 5, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

Dobbins Board of Education Room, 3030 Dobbins Rd., Poland, Ohio 44514

Mission Statement

Educate, empower and inspire every student at every opportunity.

Read by student, Renzo Tukalo

I. Call to Order

A. The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Riddle.

B. Roll Call:

- Mr. Sabrin – here
- Dr. Dinopoulos – here
- Mrs. Elia – here
- Mr. Riddle – here
- Mr. Warren – here

Also present: Jeanette Medina, Treasurer/CFO; Maria Hoffmaster, Asst Superintendent; Matt McKenzie, Director of Operations; Patrice Almasy, Secretary to the Superintendent, Attorney Matthew Sagone – Squire, Patton, Boggs LLP (virtually); Erin Memo – incoming board member; Troy Polis – incoming board member

II. Public Participation

A. No public participation

III. Treasurer/CFO’s Recommendations

Motion to approve the financial items as presented (#2025-131):

A. Minutes of Regular Meeting/Work Session October 8, 2025, and Extended Board Meeting October 22, 2025

Motion by Dr. Dinopoulos, Seconded by Mrs. Elia. Motion carried 5-0

IV. Superintendent's Recommendations

Motion to approve items 1- 4 as presented in the agenda (#2025-132):

A. Approval of HR/Staffing recommendations – items 1-2

B. Approval of Operational item in lieu of transportation – item 3

C. Approval of Athletics recommendations for volunteer coaches – item 4

Motion by Mr. Warren, Seconded by Mr. Sabrin Motion Carried 5-0.

V. Discussions – Levy Update/Options for Union

A. Mr. McKenzie led a brief discussion on legislation updates and provided sample operational millage-based resolutions should emergency levies remain prohibited by current legislation. Board members expressed desire to wait until November 2026 election to see what legislative changes transpire and provide ample time to communicate such changes to the public.

B. Mr. McKenzie reported on the costs of maintaining the Union building and facilitated a discussion on the options for the building, with Mr. Sagone of Squire Patton Boggs LLP, giving legal advice. Auctioning the building was ruled out, but starting an RFQ with an approved political subdivision was considered a viable option. No other options were discussed as the meeting concluded.

VI. Executive Session

Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss the employment or promotion of a public employee (#2025-133).

Motion by Dr. Dinopoulos, Seconded by Mr. Warren. Motion Carried 5-0.

The Board entered Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. and returned at 8:10 p.m.

VII. Reconvene to Regular Session

Motion by Dr. Dinopoulos, Seconded by Mr. Warren. Motion Carried 5-0. (#2025-134).

Motion carried 5-0

VIII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. (#2025-135)

Motion by Dr. Dinopoulos, Seconded by Mr. Warren. Motion Carried 5-0.

IX. Announcements

A. November 19, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. will be a regular meeting at Dobbins

Approved by the Board of Education on: _____

President, Board of Education: _____ Date: _____

Treasurer / CFO: _____ _ Date: _____