

Poland Local Schools

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 4, 2026 – 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”

I. Call to Order

- A. The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Polis.
- B. Roll Call:
 - Mrs. Erin Memo – present
 - Mr. Troy Polis – present
 - Mr. Gregg Riddle – present
 - Mr. Jeff Sabrin – absent
 - Mr. Larry Warren – present

Also present: Andy Tommelleo, Interim Superintendent; Jeanette Medina, Treasurer/CFO; Maria Hoffmaster, Deputy Superintendent; Matt McKenzie, Director of Operations; Patrice Almasy, Secretary to the Superintendent.

II. Public Participation

- A. No public participation

III. Treasurer/CFO's Requests of Consent

Motion to approve the financial items as presented in the agenda. (#2026-21)

- A. APPROVE the Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of January 7, 2026

Motion by Mr. Riddle, seconded by Mr. Warren. Motion carried 4-0.

IV. Superintendent's Requests of Consent

Motion to approve items 1-5 as presented in the agenda. (#2026-22)

- A. HR/Staffing recommendations – item 1
- B. Curriculum recommendations – items 2-3
- C. Athletics recommendations – item 4
- D. New Business recommendations – item 5

Motion by Mr. Riddle, Seconded by Mrs. Memo. Motion carried 4-0.

V. Superintendent's Requests Not Included in Consent

HR/Staffing

Motion to approve item 1 as presented in the agenda. **(#2026-23)**

- A. APPROVE the following certified Administrative Contract as reviewed by the Board and on file in the Treasurer's Office:
 - Kim Martig - Director of Student Services

Motion by Mr. Riddle, Seconded by Mr. Warren. Motion carried 4-0.

Operations

Motion to approve item 1 as presented in the agenda. **(#2026-24)**

- A. APPROVE the school calendar for the 2026-2027 School Year

Discussion – Due to a later than usual Labor Day, students will begin school before the holiday, but this calendar allows time off for the Canfield Fair. The calendar closely aligns with university calendar for CCP students and assists with early assessments and more instructional time before testing for all students.

Motion by Mr. Warren, Seconded by Mrs. Memo. Motion carried 3-0, with Mr. Polis voting nay.

VI. Poland Board of Education

Motion to approve the Poland Board of Education Revised/New Policies as presented on the agenda for the second and final reading. The first reading was on January 21, 2026. The policy update was completed using the services of NEOLA and will be available online. **(#2026-25)**

Motion by Mr. Riddle, Seconded by Mr. Warren. Motion carried 4-0.

VII. Informational Items

A. Update on the Superintendent Search - Mr. Polis met with Dr. Hostetler of the ESCEO to finalize the search process. The position will be posted February 9 – February 23. The board proposes to interview 8-10 top candidates on March 2 and March 3. Second interviews for the top 3-4 candidates will take place on March 10. Mr. Polis will bring a motion to move our February 18th meeting to February 25th to allow for the review of all applicants in executive session.

VIII. Reports/Presentations

- Foundation - Mr. Warren – Raffle tickets are available online at the Poland Foundation website to help support Mini Grants for teachers
- Legislation – Mr. Riddle – Mr. Riddle is learning more about our Budget Commission which now has more authority over school levy monies.
- Student Achievement – Mr. Polis
 - Sophomore students Aurelia Cook, Brooke Hallquist, Ben Horn and Avery Smith were nominated to attend the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar at John Carroll University this June for a weeklong immersive experience to develop leadership skills, service learning and civic engagement.
 - PAWsitive Leaders Club joined with Poland Village and Township Police to participate in the Ronald McDonald House pop tab collection. All donations go directly to helping children and their families.
 - Second and third graders participated in Buckle Up with Brutus, a program developed by the Ohio Traffic Safety Office, SADD and The Ohio State University, and taught by Poland Village and Township Police, to learn about traffic safety.

IX. Motion to Reschedule Next Board Meeting

Motion by Mr. Riddle, seconded by Mr. Warren to move the February 18, 2026 meeting to February 25, 2026 to align with the needs of the superintendent search. **(#2026-26)**

Motion carried 4-0.

X. Adjourn Meeting

Motion by Mr. Riddle, seconded by Mrs. Memo to adjourn meeting. **(#2026-27)**

Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

XI. Announcement

The next scheduled regular session will be held on February 25, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Approved by the Board of Education on: _____

President, Board of Education: _____ Date: _____

Treasurer/CFO: _____ Date: _____