

Poland Local Schools BOE

Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 11, 2026 – 6:00 p.m.

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

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.

II. Election of Treasurer Pro Tempore

A. Motion by Mr. Sabrin, seconded by Mrs. Memo to appoint Gregg Riddle as Treasurer Pro Tempore in absence of Treasurer, Jeanette Medina. **(#2026-49)**.

Motion carried 5-0.

B. Roll Call:

- Mrs. Erin Memo – present
- Mr. Troy Polis – present
- Mr. Gregg Riddle – present
- Mr. Jeff Sabrin – present
- Mr. Larry Warren – present

Also present: Dr. Andy Tommelleo, Interim Superintendent; Dr. Maria Hoffmaster, Assistant Superintendent; Matt McKenzie, Director of Operations;

III. Presentations

A. Superintendent Tommelleo - District Update

1. Kindergarten enrollment for 26-27 is currently 112 students. An additional 20 are expected to enroll before the start of the next school year.
2. Retirements/Resignations are opening new positions; Hiring will take place internally first for certificated employees in three rounds.
3. OSBA Business Honor Roll Nominees are Cadence Care, The Nutrition Group, Poland Village Police and Dr. Michael Black

IV. Public Participation

A. Poland citizens Darlene Petrolla and Missy McCormick expressed concern that students were attending Lifewise Academy, a religion-based program, during the school day. Superintendent Tommelleo responded that changes in Ohio law permit released time for courses in religious instruction upon parent request (ORC 3313.6022), and that Poland is abiding by the doctrines of the code. He reported that this program is not advertised nor are any costs paid by the district, including transportation.

V. Revision of Agenda

A. Mr. Riddle motioned, Mrs. Memo seconded to remove the minutes of the February 25, 2026 regular meeting from the Treasurer's Consent Agenda to be considered separately for a revision. **(#2026-50)**

Motion carried 5-0.

B. Motion by Mr. Riddle, seconded by Mr. Sabrin to revise commentary in XI. Informational Items – Union RFQ Update of February 25, 2026 minutes to specify that a meeting will be held in April with all interested parties. **(#2026-51)**

Motion carried 5-0.

C. Motion by Mr. Riddle, seconded by Mrs. Memo to accept the revised minutes of the February 25, 2026 meeting. **(#2026-52)**

Motion carried 5-0.

VI. Treasurer/CFO's Requests of Consent

Motion to approve the financial items as presented in the agenda. **(#2026-53)**

A. APPROVE the Special Meetings of March 2, 2026 and March 3, 2026

Motion by Mr. Sabrin, seconded by Mrs. Memo.

Motion carried 5-0.

VII. Superintendent's Requests of Consent

Motion to approve items 1-6 as presented in the agenda. **(#2026-54)**

- A. HR/Staffing recommendations – items 1-4
- B. Curriculum recommendations – item 5
- C. Operations recommendations – item 6

Motion by Mr. Warren, seconded by Mr. Sabrin. Motion carried 5-0.

VIII. Reports/Presentations

- Foundation – Mr. Warren – The 32nd annual Poland Schools Foundation Recognition Banquet will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2026 at the Holy Family Parish Center.
- Legislation – Mr. Riddle – The Ohio Senate adopted HCR 22 which encourages students in grades one through twelve to read the U.S. Declaration of Independence in the classroom during the 25-26 school year in celebration of its 250th anniversary.

IX. Executive Session

Motion to enter Executive Session to consider the employment of a public employee (#2026-55).

Motion by Mr. Warren, seconded by Mrs. Memo. Motion Carried 5-0.

The Board entered Executive Session at 6:27 p.m. and returned at 7:17 p.m.

X. Reconvene to Regular Session

Motion to reconvene to regular session (#2026-56)

Motion by Mr. Warren, seconded by Mrs. Memo. Motion carried 5-0.

XI. Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn meeting (#2026-57)

Motion by Mr. Warren, seconded by Mrs. Memo. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

XII. Announcement

The next scheduled regular session will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Little Red School House.

Approved by the Board of Education on: _____

President, Board of Education: _____ Date: _____

Treasurer/CFO: _____ Date: _____

