

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
PORTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL CORPORATION**

DATE 9-12-19
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Ms. Johanna Williams – 6:30 p.m.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Welcome Visitors

Board members present were: Ms. Johanna Williams, Mrs. Lilann Sgouros, Dr. Natalie Wargo, Mrs. Laura Chavez and Mrs. Mary Harlow. Also present were: Superintendent, Dr. Stacey Schmidt; Assistant Superintendent, Ben Parrish; Board Attorney, Cheryl Zic; Deputy Treasurer, Linda Bult; Assistant to the Business Office, Kathleen Smith and Secretary to the Superintendent, Linda Dusek. There were seven (7) patrons present in the audience.

2. **AGENDA ADJUSTMENT**

Dr. Schmidt added a Business Agenda item 5H. Approval of Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy to the agenda.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA – Dr. Schmidt**

- A. Personnel Report
- B. Board Minutes
- C. Claim Docket

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of the consent agenda consisting of payroll claims and accounts payable vouchers, approval of the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting held on July 11, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., and approval of the following items listed on the Personnel Report waiving the readings and pending clear background searches:

- Accept the resignation of **Stephanie Flaris** as a 6th Grade Reading Teacher at Boone Grove Middle School effective as of July 15, 2019.
- Accept the resignation of **Sarah Pistorio** as the Guidance Counselor at Boone Grove Middle School effective as of July 29, 2019.
- Accept the resignation of **Jacob Gholston** as the Varsity Baseball Coach and the Middle School Baseball Coach effective as of June 29, 2019.
- Approve **Kristine Corrado** as a 6th Grade Reading Teacher at Boone Grove Middle School as per contract with a Bachelor Degree and 6 years of experience.
- Approve **Christina Kegebein** as the IDOE State Reporting BGE Library Aide beginning on August 5, 2019 with compensation of \$10.32 per hour for approximately 26.5 hours per week for approximately 195 days per school year.
- Approve **Ron Saunders** as the Middle School Softball Coach for the 2019-2020 school year with compensation as per the 2019-2020 ECA Salary Contract.
- Approve **Mark VanderMolen and George Pate** as Middle School Softball Volunteer Assistant Coaches for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Approve **Lori Flesvig** as a Volunteer Cross Country Assistant Coach for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Accept the resignation of **Erin Barton** as the Art Teacher at Boone Grove Middle Elementary School effective as of August 6, 2019.
- Accept the resignation of **Shannon Bara** as the Study Hall In-School Suspension Supervisor at Boone Grove Middle School effective as of August 2, 2019.
- Accept the resignation of **Stacey Hoover** as an Aide at Porter Lakes Elementary School effective as of July 30, 2019.
- Approve **Krystal Kuehl** as an Alternative School Instructor for New Horizons Learning Center for the 2019-2020 school year beginning on August 12, 2019 as per contract with an Emergency Permit Bachelor Degree and zero (0) years of experience.
- Approve **Kaitlyn Bontrager** as the Pre-School Aide at Porter Lakes Elementary School beginning on Wednesday, August 14, 2019 with compensation of \$10.22 per hour for 21 hours per week and 180 school days.
- Approve **Tina Finlay** as a cafeteria worker for the 2019-2020 school year beginning on August 12, 2019 with compensation of \$8.55 per hour.
- Approve **Ann Weir** as a cafeteria worker for the 2019-2020 school year beginning on August 12, 2019 with compensation of \$8.55 per hour.
- Approve **Bridgette Mozham** as a cafeteria worker for the 2019-2020 school year beginning on August 12, 2019 with compensation of \$8.55 per hour.

- Approve **Kelly Kraus** as the In-School Detention Study Hall Supervisor at Boone Grove Middle School for the 2019-2020 school year beginning on August 14, 2019 with compensation of \$70.00 per day.

Dr. Wargo made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of payroll claims and accounts payable vouchers, approval of the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting held on July 11, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. and approval of the items listed on the Personnel Report waiving the readings and pending clear background searches; seconded by Mrs. Harlow. Motion carried 5-0.

4. **FINANCIAL REPORT – Dr. Schmidt**

- Appropriation summary
- Fund Report
- Investments

Dr. Schmidt referred to the appropriation summary, the fund report and investment summary provided in the board packet and asked for questions from the board; none were heard.

5. **BUSINESS**

A. Permission to Advertise 2020 Budget Information – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt gave a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed 2020 budget. Dr. Schmidt reviewed the upcoming budget process in which she will request permission to advertise the 2020 budget; the budget will be posted online at Gateway at the end of August; a budget hearing will be held at the September board meeting and the 2020 budget will be adopted at the October board meeting. Dr. Schmidt also reviewed the budget changes for the State of Indiana starting in 2019 when major funds were repealed through legislations. There are now two major funds, the Education Fund and Operations Fund. In the Education Fund, dollars per student are received and expenses are aligned to instruction; such as teacher salaries, principals' salaries, special education, supplies and equipment, extra-curricular and anything classroom related. The Operations Fund relates to transportation, bus replacement, capital projects, the business office, Human Resources, Superintendents' salaries, custodial salaries, etc. Others remaining funds are Debt Service Fund, School Pension Debt Fund and Rainy Day Fund. Dr. Schmidt answered questions from the board and then requested permission to advertise the 2020 Budget information. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to grant permission to advertise the 2020 Budget as requested by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Permission to Move Forward with Solar Project – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt said after discussing the solar project and making preparations for cite work, it is time to discuss financing which is just under \$1,000,000 for this project. Dr. Schmidt said granting permission to move forward with the solar project would include securing financing. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to grant permission to move forward with the solar project; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Adoption of Resolution #0819-209 – Bond Resolution – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt said now that the board has granted permission to move forward with the solar project, the next step is securing financing. Dr. Schmidt said this project will cost just under \$1,000,000 in actual equipment and installation costs and adding the cost for issuance of financing is expected not to exceed \$1,200,000. Bond Resolution #0819-209 allows the district to move forward with the financing process. Following approval of the bond resolution, a public appropriation hearing will be held at the next board meeting on September 12. Dr. Schmidt asked for questions from the board and heard none. Mrs. Harlow made a motion to adopt Bond Resolution #0819-209 as recommended by Dr. Schmidt and as presented in the Board packet; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Accept Bid for BGE/BGMS iPad Airs – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt said bids were accepted last year for the sale of BGE BGMS iPad Airs and they were not picked up by the company awarded the bid. Regardless of many repeated attempts to contact this company, the bidding process has begun again. Dr. Schmidt recommended acceptance of the highest bid received at \$80.00 per iPad for the purchase of BGE BGMS iPad Airs. Dr. Wargo made a motion to accept the highest bidder for the purchase of the BGE BGMS iPad Airs at \$80.00 per iPad as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 5-0.

E. Approve Additional Transfer Students for the 2019-20 School Year – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt said a list of out of district students requesting to transfer to our district is provided in the board packet and recommended acceptance of these transfer students for the 2019-2020 school year. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to accept the transfer students as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Harlow. Motion carried 5-0.

F. Accept Donations – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended acceptance of the extremely generous donations as provided in the board packet. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to approve the donations listed in the board packet as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 5-0.

G. Approve Fundraisers – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of two fundraisers provided in the board packet. Dr. Wargo made a motion to approve the fundraisers as requested by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 5-0.

H. AGENDA ADJUSTMENT: Approval of Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt said after meeting with APTED to review and discuss the current Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy, APTED did not request any changes. The approved Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy must be uploaded by September 15 to ensure our teachers are eligible to receive this grant. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to approve the Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy as presented by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Harlow. Motion carried 5-0.

6. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Parrish gave a presentation highlighting the new teachers to the district and sharing in excitement for the new school year. The new teachers are: Justine McGinley, Biology Teacher at BGHS; Tara Beere, Chemistry Teacher at BGHS; Arianna Amelse, English Teacher at BGHS; David Bock, English Teacher at BGHS; Krystal Kuehl, Alternative School Instructor; Dylan Broshar, 6th Grade Math Teacher at BGMS; Kristine Corrado, 6th Grade Reading Teacher at BGMS and Chris Psimos, 3rd Grade Teacher at PLE. Mr. Parrish noted that there are currently two open certified positions yet to be filled: the Art Teacher at BGMS/BGE and the BGMS Guidance Counselor.

7. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Schmidt said New Teacher Orientation Day was held on August 5th followed by a new teacher luncheon sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce at the Lighthouse Restaurant. Dr. Schmidt wished a Happy Birthday to board member, Mary Harlow, on August 13th, Mr. Parrish on August 18th, Jamie Srncic on August 20th and Jim Rosinia on September 1st. Dr. Schmidt finished by showing a video of the work being done on the front entrance project at the high school.

8. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS - NONE**9. SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Mr. Corman thanked the board for their support of the new front entrance project at the high school. Mr. Corman also shared that the high school is currently looking at a grant for a Jewelers Rehab Program to connect behavior and focus on mental health and opportunities to rehab with positive benefits. Jewelers, e-cigarettes and vaping are a wide-spread problem, which is why they are looking at piloting a program modeling a relationship and a positive attitude while connecting with students.
- Mr. Lichtenberger thanked the custodians and staff at BGMS who helped with registration. Open House will be held on August 13 for 6th grade and on August 15 for Grades 7th and 8th.
- Mr. Ivanyo said registration at BGE went well with 17 to 18 new students; Open House for 4th Grade will be held on August 13 and Open House for 5th Grade will be held August 15. BGE student pictures will be taken on August 21.
- Mr. Donnell said registration at PLE went well and enrollment numbers are up with 40 new students in K-3 and Preschool is up to 55 students.

10. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - NONE**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Chavez made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mrs. Harlow. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

This meeting is a meeting of the School Board for the purpose of conducting the School Corporation's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There will be a time for public participation, as indicated by the agenda. The meeting site is fully accessible. Any person requiring further accommodation should contact the superintendent.