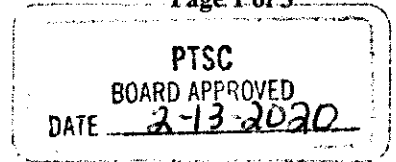


**MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
PORTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL CORPORATION**



\*\*\*The following is a partial transcript of the meeting. A recording of the actual meeting is available at the Administration Office and is kept on file for approximately 5 months after the date of the meeting. Approval of this transcript as official minutes will be at the next regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mrs. Lilann Sgouros, Vice-President – 6:29 p.m.
  - A. Pledge of Allegiance
  - B. Welcome Visitors

Board members present were: Mrs. Lilann Sgouros, Dr. Natalie Wargo, Mrs. Laura Chavez and Mrs. Mary Harlow; Ms. Johanna Williams was absent. Also present were: Superintendent, Dr. Stacey Schmidt; Assistant Superintendent, Ben Parrish; Business Manager/Treasurer, Kathleen Smith; Deputy Treasurer, Linda Bult; and Secretary to the Superintendent, Linda Dusek. There were approximately 15 present in the audience.
2. **AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS** – None
3. **PRESENTATION – Student Council – BGE – Mrs. Amanda McKee and Ms. Wendy Holland**  
Mrs. McKee and Ms. Holland shared a video and Student Council Members: Presley Cannon, Kyler Hixon and Mya Wargo shared what happens during their Student Council meetings and announced their upcoming plans and events.
4. **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**
  - A. **Oath of Office – None**
  - B. **Election of Officers**
    1. **President**  
Mrs. Sgouros asked for a motion from the Board for President of the Board of School Trustees. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to appoint Dr. Natalie Wargo as President of the Board of School Trustees; seconded by Mrs. Harlow; Motion carried 4-0. Dr. Wargo then took her seat as the Board President and presided over the remainder of the meeting.
    2. **Vice-President**  
Dr. Wargo asked for a motion from the Board for Vice-President of the Board of School Trustees. Mrs. Harlow made a motion to appoint Mrs. Lilann Sgouros as Vice-President of the Board of School Trustees; seconded by Mrs. Chavez; Motion carried 4-0.
    3. **Secretary**  
Dr. Wargo asked for a motion from the Board for Secretary of the Board of School Trustees. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to appoint Mrs. Laura Chavez as Secretary of the Board of School Trustees; seconded by Mrs. Harlow; Motion carried 4-0.
  - C. **Determination of Member Compensation**  
Dr. Schmidt said the annual stipend of \$2,000 for board compensation was set in 2010 and recommended that the annual stipend for board compensation for 2020 to remain as status quo. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion for the annual stipend for board compensation for 2020 to remain as status quo as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 4-0.
  - D. **Determination of Meeting Dates and Times**  
Dr. Schmidt recommended that the monthly meeting dates for the Board of School Trustees shall continue to be scheduled on the second Thursday of each month beginning at 6:30 p.m. and Executive Sessions will be advertised as needed. Dr. Schmidt noted one exception will be for the August board meeting, which we be held on Thursday, August 20, 2020. Mrs. Harlow made a motion to approve the monthly board meeting dates to be continue to be scheduled on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. with the exception of the August board meeting, which will be held on Thursday, August 20, 2020 and Executive Sessions will be advertised as needed; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 4-0.
  - E. **Appointment of Corporation Treasurer**  
Dr. Schmidt said typically the Corporation Treasurer is also the Business Manager; therefore, Dr. Schmidt recommended that Kathleen Smith be appointed as the Corporation Treasurer. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to appoint Mrs. Kathleen Smith as the Corporation Treasurer as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 4-0.
  - F. **Appointment of Corporation Deputy Treasurer**  
Dr. Schmidt said our current Corporation Deputy Treasurer, Linda Bult, does a fabulous job and recommended that Linda Bult shall continue as the Corporation Deputy Treasurer. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to appoint Linda Bult as the Corporation Deputy Treasurer; seconded by Mrs. Harlow. Motion carried 4-0.

**G. Appointment of Board Attorney**

Dr. Schmidt said Crist, Sears and Zic has served our as legal representation with compensation for Attorney Cheryl Zic at \$200 per hour for a partner and compensation of \$165 per hour for an associate. Mrs. Harlow made a motion to retain the services of Christ, Sears and Zic as legal representation; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 4-0.

**H. Disclosure Statements**

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of the disclosure statements as provided in the board packet. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to approve the disclosure statements as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Harlow. Motion carried 4-0.

**5. 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 Thursday, December 12, 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 **Jennifer Higgins** as Custodian at Boone Grove High School effective as of December 18, 2019.
- Accept the request of **Ashley Stechly**, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher at Porter Lakes Elementary School, for a Leave of Absence beginning on or around February 22, 2020 until the end of the 2019-2020 school year.
- Approve **Savannah Tilford** as a 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading Teacher at Boone Grove Middle School beginning on January 6, 2020 with compensation as per contract with a Bachelor Degree and zero (0) years of experience.
- Approve **Shannon Bara** has the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Basketball Coach for the 2019-2020 school year with compensation as per the 2019-2020 ECA Salary Schedule.
- Approve **Kelly Kraus** has the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Basketball Coach for the 2019-2020 school year with compensation as per the 2019-2020 ECA Salary Schedule.
- Approve **Bryan Hill** has the JV Boys' Basketball Coach for the 2019-2020 school year with compensation as per the 2019-2020 ECA Salary Schedule.

Mrs. Chavez 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 Thursday, December 12, 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 4-0.

**6. FINANCIAL REPORT – Dr. Schmidt**

- A. Appropriation summary
- B. Fund Report
- C. 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.

**7. BUSINESS****A. Approve the Second Reading of the 2020 – 2021 District Calendar – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt said after reviewing the proposed 2020-2021 District Calendar presented at the last board meeting, she is now recommending approval of the second reading of the 2020-2021 District Calendar. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to approve the second reading of the 2020-2021 District Calendar as presented in the board packet; seconded by Mrs. Harlow. Motion carried 4-0.

**B. Approve the Second Reading of the 2021 – 2022 District Calendar – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt said after reviewing the proposed 2021-2022 District Calendar presented at the last board meeting, she is now recommending approval of the second reading of the 2021-2022 District Calendar. Mrs. Harlow made a motion to approve the second reading of the 2021-2022 District Calendar as presented in the board packet; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 4-0.

**C. Approve Fundraisers – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of the fundraisers presented in the board packet. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to approve the fundraisers as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 4-0.

**D. Accept Donations – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt said she is extremely thankful for all of the generous donations we receive from our community. The donations received are: two donations designated for students needing assistance with their school lunch accounts; a donation designated for the Builders Club at BGMS and an extremely generous memorial donation for BGHS in honor of Mr. Gabey's wife and her passion and love for Arts and Humanities. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to graciously accept these generous donations as presented by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Harlow. Motion carried 4-0.

**E. Accept Transfer Students – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt recommended acceptance of three transfer requests for enrollment at the beginning of the second semester as provided in the board packet. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to accept the transfer students for enrollment at the beginning of the second semester as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Harlow. Motion carried 4-0.

**8. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Mr. Parrish**

New Horizons Update: Mr. Parrish reported 463 total credits issued after the first semester and 19 students have finished. Mr. Parrish announced this month's Personnel Profile is Mrs. Jessica McGinley, who is in her eight year teaching Algebra II and PreCalculus at BGHS. Mrs. McGinley is a graduate of BGHS and Manchester College. Mr. Parrish said he is proud when Boone Grove graduates return home after finishing college to work at PTSC. Mrs. McGinley is a fantastic person and a fantastic teacher and another fine example of the awesome people we have at PTSC.

**9. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt wished a Happy Birthday to Mike Skoda on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Schmidt invited the Board to the annual Academic Breakfast at BGHS on March 11 at 6:30 a.m. Dr. Schmidt reported that PLE is working hard on writing a grant and Mr. Donnell will be reporting on the details. Dr. Schmidt reported on updated legislative news.

**10. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

Dr. Wargo said that her professional job is more of one on one conversation and she is nervous sitting in this position as President. Dr. Wargo also acknowledged that her mom was the first President of this school board. It gives her pride to serve as she also sees her own daughter speak during the board presentation tonight and it makes her wonder, "what if".

**11. SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Corman reported that the high school is gearing up for the PCC Banquet and the Cheer/Dance Competition coming up at Morgan Township. Mr. Corman said he is excited that a former employee, Kerri Schludecker, will be an upcoming featured speaker. Mr. Corman commended Mrs. Jessica McGinley for always working with the kids and making them feel special. Mr. Corman also shared how inspirational Mr. Gabey is with just his presence and that he recently helped with making the Boys and Girls Track teams successful again.

- Mr. Lichtenberger said there is an ISMA Concert at KVHS on February 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Mr. Ivanyo reported that the Science Bowl will be held on January 28 and Bingo Night at BGE will be held on January 31.
- Mr. Donnell reported that Mrs. Mucha received a \$2,500 grant from Walmart for stem activities throughout the rest of this year.

**12. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None****13. ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Chavez made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mrs. Harlow. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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