

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

PTSC
BOARD APPROVED
DATE 3-12-2020

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Dr. Natalie Wargo, President – 6:32 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Welcome Visitors

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

2. **AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS** - None

3. **PRESENTATION: “PLE Says Thank You” – Mr. Donnell**

Mr. Donnell shared a very touching video of PLE Students saying goodbye to Lt. Jeremy Chavez and thanking him for all of his help at PLE as the head SRO. Dr. Schmidt also shared a video honoring Lt. Chavez for 18 years of dedicated service at Porter Township Schools. There was a brief break for refreshments.

4. **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 Board of Finance Meeting held on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 6:25 p.m., approval of the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting held on Thursday, January 9, 2020 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 **Timothy Creech** as a Social Studies Teacher at Boone Grove High School and his resignation from the following ECA positions: Social Studies Department Head, Social Studies Academic Team, Varsity Cross Country Coach and Boys' Varsity Track & Field Coach effective as of February 3, 2020 and Varsity Wrestling Coach at the end of the 2019-2020 season.
- Accept the resignation of **Kylie Komenda** as the Middle School Boys' Volleyball Coach for the 2019-2020 school year as of November 6, 2019.
- Accept the resignation of **Tom Trapana** as the Girls' Varsity Assistant Track and Field Coach for the 2019-2020 school year effective as of February 4, 2020.
- Accept the retirement request of **Ken Snow** as Science Teacher at Boone Grove High School effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year.
- Accept the request of **Brittney Birky** for a Leave of Absence beginning on approximately March 12, 2020 until the end of the 2019-2020 school year.
- Accept the request of **Joey Knoop**, 2nd Grade Teacher at Porter Lakes Elementary School, for a Leave of Absence beginning on January 6, 2020 for up to twelve (12) weeks.
- Accept the request of **Kylie Komenda**, PE/Health Teacher at Boone Grove Middle School, for a Leave of Absence beginning on approximately May 8, 2020 until October 26, 2020.
- Approve **Angela Vale** as a part-time Assistant to the Business Office beginning on January 21, 2020 with compensation of \$14.50 per hour not to exceed an average of 30 hours per week.
- Approve **Lindsay Norrick** as a full-time Custodian at Boone Grove High School beginning January 20, 2020 with compensation of \$11.25 per hour.
- Approve **Annie Blanchard** as the Yearbook Sponsor at Boone Grove Elementary School for the 2019-2020 school year with compensation as per the 2019-2020 ECA Salary Schedule.
- Approve **Robert Minder** as the Middle School Wrestling Coach for the 2019-2020 school year with compensation as per the 2019-2020 ECA Salary Schedule.
- Approve **Tara Beere** as the Girls' Varsity Tennis Coach for the 2019-2020 school year with compensation as per the 2019-2020 ECA Salary Schedule.
- Approve **Michael Siwy** as the JV Baseball Coach for the 2019-2020 school year with compensation as per the 2019-2020 ECA Salary Schedule.
- Approve **Tom Trapana** as the Boys' Varsity Track and Field Coach for the 2019-2020 school year with compensation as per the 2019-2020 ECA Salary Schedule.

- Approve **John Chant** as the Boys' and Girls' Varsity Assistant Track and Field Coach for the 2019-2020 school year with compensation as per the 2019-2020 ECA Salary Schedule.
- Approve **Dylan Broshar** as the Middle School Boys' and Girls' Track and Field Coach for the 2019-2020 school year with compensation as per the 2019-2020 ECA Salary Schedule.
- Approve **Christine Dixon** as the Middle School Boys' Volleyball Coach for the 2019-2020 school year with compensation as per the 2019-2020 ECA Salary Schedule.
- Approve **Gary Steinhilber** as a Boys' Varsity Basketball Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Approve **Mackenzie Cantwell** as a Girls' Basketball Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Approve **Daniel Stombaugh, Lynn Strohl and Shane Hillier** as Varsity Baseball Volunteer Assistant Coaches for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Approve **Dan Voudrie** as a 6th Grade Girls' Basketball Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Approve **George Pate** as a Varsity Softball Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Approve **Shelby Kerr** as a temporary 2nd Grade Teacher at Porter Lakes Elementary School, beginning on January 13, 2020 for up to twelve (12) weeks with compensation as per contract.
- Approve **Timothy Young** as a Social Studies Teacher at Boone Grove High School beginning on February 24, 2020 with compensation as per contract with a master's degree and zero (0) years of experience.
- Accept the resignation of **Lt. Jeremy Chavez** as the Lead SRO for Porter Township School Corporation effective as of February 12, 2020.
- Approve **Detective Sgt. Matthew Boone** as the Lead SRO for Porter Township School Corporation effective as of February 13, 2020 with a compensation increase to \$32.00 per hour.
- Accept the request of **Tiffani Kreiger**, Cafeteria Worker, for two unpaid leave of absence days for March 4, 2020 and March 5, 2020.
- Approve **Brent Jeffries** as a Middle School Girls' Basketball Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Approve **Logan Dixon** as a Middle School Boys' Volleyball Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2019-2020 school year.

Mrs. Chavez made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of payroll claims and accounts payable vouchers, approval of the minutes of the Board of Finance Meeting held on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 6:25 p.m., approval of the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting held on Thursday, January 9, 2020 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. Sgouros. Motion carried 3-0.

5. **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.

6. **BUSINESS**

A. Permission to Apply for a Common School Loan – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt said throughout the year there are opportunities to apply for Common School Loans and requested permission in advance to apply for a Common School Loan when the opportunity arises. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to grant permission to apply for a common school loan as needed when the opportunity arises; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 3-0.

B. Approve EMCOR Solar Project Contract – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of the agreement with EMCOR as presented in the board packet subject to final legal review and approval by the superintendent. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to approve the EMCOR Solar Project Contract as presented by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 3-0.

C. Accept Transfer Student – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt requested acceptance of one freshman who has requested transfer student status during the posted open application window. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to accept the transfer student as recommended and presented by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 3-0.

D. Approve Overnight Field Trip – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of an overnight field for the Key Club at Boone Grove High School to attend their district leadership event in Indianapolis as provided in the board packet. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to approve the overnight field trip as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Chavez.

E. Approve Fundraisers – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of the fundraisers provided in the board packet. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to approve the fundraisers as requested by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 3-0.

F. Approve Dual Credit Stipends – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt proposed supplemental pay for dual credit teachers due to their additional workload. Dr. Schmidt explained that students are receiving college credits for these dual credit courses at no cost, which is a huge benefit to our students. Currently several dual credit courses are being offered at the high school and some of our dual credit teachers are teaching up to 60 students in these dual credit classes. Dual credit teachers must be licensed in the content area with a master's degree. Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of the dual credit stipends as provided in the board packet. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to approve the dual credit stipends as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 3-0.

G. Accept Donations – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended acceptance of the generous donations provided in the board packet. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to accept donations as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 3-0.

H. Approve Summer School for 2020 – Mr. Parrish

Mr. Parrish recommended approval of summer school for the summer of 2020. Mr. Parrish said he will receive summer school course requests from the teachers. Summer school course offerings will be determined when the estimated reimbursement is received from the state. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to approve summer school for the Summer of 2020 as recommended by Mr. Parrish; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 3-0.

I. Approve the First Reading of the following New Board Policies/Board Policy Revisions: Revision to Board Policy #0100-Definitions; Revision to Board Policy #0142-Election/Appointment; Revision to Board Policy #0144.4-Defense and Indemnification of Board Members; Revision to Board Policy #0151.1-Board of Finance of the Porter Township School Corporation; Revision to Board Policy #1520.08-Employment of Personnel for Extra-Curricular Activities; Revision to Board Policy #3120.08-Employment of Personnel for Extra-Curricular Activities; Revision to Board Policy #4120.08-Employment of Personnel for Extra-Curricular Activities; Revision to Board Policy #5111-Determination of Legal Settlement and Eligibility for Enrollment of Students without Legal Settlement in the Corporation; Revision to Board Policy #5111.01-Homeless Students; Revision to Board Policy #5335-Care of Students with Chronic Health Conditions; Revision to Board Policy #5600-Student Discipline; Revision to Board Policy #5610-Suspension and Expulsion of Students; Revision to Board Policy #5771-Search and Seizure; Revision to Board Policy #6220-Budget Preparation; New Board Policy #6230-Budget Hearing; New Board Policy #7300-Disposition of Real Property; New Board Policy #7440.03-Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems; Revision to Board Policy #8120-Volunteers; Revision to Board Policy #8310-Public Records; Revision to Board Policy #8400-School Safety; Revision to Board Policy #8405-Environmental Health and Safety Issues-Indoor Air Quality, Animals in the Classroom, and Idling Vehicles on School Property; Revision to Board Policy #8420-Emergency Preparedness Plans and Drills; Revision to Board Policy #8455-Coach Training, References, and IHSAA Reporting; Revision to Board Policy #8462-Child Abuse and Neglect; Revision to Board Policy #8500-Food Service Program; Revision to Board Policy #8600-Transportation – Mr. Parrish

Mr. Parrish recommended approval of the first reading of the new Board Policies and revised Board Policies as listed on the agenda and provided in the board packet. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to approve the first reading of the new Board Policies and revised Board Policies as recommended by Mr. Parrish and to waive the readings; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 3-0.

J. Other - None**7. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Mr. Parrish**

Mr. Parrish reported that a few New Horizons kids finished up this week and the program is doing really well. Mr. Parrish announced the Personnel Profile for this Month is Mrs. Kristin Mucha! Mrs. Mucha is the Preschool Teacher at Porter Lakes Elementary School and has been employed at PTSC for 16 years. Mrs. Mucha is a graduate of Crown Point High School, received her bachelor's degree from Purdue University and received her master's degree from Ball State University. Mr. Parrish said, "Mrs. Mucha is an amazing and great teacher and an even better person. She is just perfect for everything we want in all of our teachers and staff here at Porter Township Schools and she does a fantastic job."

8. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt wished a Happy Birthday to Mr. Corman on February 21 and Angela Vale on March 5. Dr. Schmidt announced the Census is coming as Indiana's push to get an accurate count of students as federal dollars are tied to the Census. April 1st is Census Day and reporting can now be done online in hopes that people will trust the process more and they will report the data for an accurate count.

9. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS – None**10. SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Mr. Corman reported: The ISSMA Regional was held last weekend and more students have advanced to State than ever before. ISTEP retesting is this week. Boys' basketball defeated an undefeated Kouts team and Boone Grove now has the Keg!
- Mr. Ivanyo reported that Girls on the Run is at the beginning of March and Read Across America is coming up.
- Mr. Donnell reported that PLE started a five-week Love and Logic Program last Tuesday and thanked Mrs. Wotherspoon for arranging for high school students to help with Preschool to 8th grade.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None**12. ADJOURNMENT – 7:27 p.m.**

Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 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.