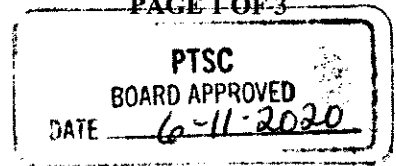


**MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
PORTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL CORPORATION**



***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 – 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, 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 10 patrons present in the audience.

2. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS - None

3. PRESENTATION: NJHS Mentoring Program – Mr. Lichtenberger and BGMS Students

Mr. Lichtenberger and National Junior Honor Society students, Lea Nikolov and Juliana Dominguez, shared a video and discussed what they have learned while having the opportunity to work with a tutoring program with our elementary students this year. 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 Regular School Board Meeting held on Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., and approval of the following items listed on the Personnel Report below and waiving the readings:

APPOINTMENTS:	Name	Position	Location	Effective Date
Classified:	Radtke, Mandy	Cafeteria Worker	BGE	02/24/2020
	Strohmeyer, Lauren	Temporary Elementary Teacher	PLE	03/03/2020
Extra-Curricular:	Saunders, Ron	Varsity Softball Head Coach	BGHS	2019-2020 Sc. Yr.
	Perez, Marco	MS Boys Soccer Club Vol. Asst. Coach	BGMS	2019-2020 Sc. Yr.
	Smith, Ethan	Varsity Boys Track Vol. Asst. Coach	BGHS	2019-2020 Sc. Yr.
	Oliva, Frank	MS Girls Soccer Club Vol. Asst. Coach	BGMS	2019-2020 Sc. Yr.
	Greinke, David	MS Boys Volleyball Vol Asst. Coach	BGMS	2019-2020 Sc. Yr.
	Flesvig, Lori	Varsity Girls Track Asst. Coach	BGHS	2019-2020 Sc. Yr.
	Otero, Sarah	Varsity Softball Vol. Asst. Coach	BGHS	2019-2020 Sc. Yr.
TERMINATIONS:	Name	Position	Location	Effective Date
Classified:	Neis, Shelley	Cafeteria Worker	BGE/BGMS	01/31/2020
RESIGNATIONS:	Name	Position	Location	Effective Date
Classified:	Finlay, Tina	Cafeteria Worker	BGE/BGMS	03/10/2020
LEAVES:	Name	Position	Location	Effective Date
Certified:	Knoop, Joey	2 nd Grade Teacher	PLE	01/06/2020- 05/28/2020
CHANGES:	Name	Position	Location	Effective Date
Classified: Schedule Change	Garcia, Lillian	Part-Time Secretary Increase to 6 hour work day on Tues/Wed/Thurs	PLE	02/13/2020

The personnel recommendations and/or appointments are made contingent upon the applicant's satisfactory completion of all application requirements, background checks (i.e., "no results found") and, when necessary, holding valid state certification/ licensing for the position.

Mrs. Harlow 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, February 12, 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 4-0.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT – Mrs. Smith

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

Mrs. Smith 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. 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 provided in the board packet; seconded by Mrs. Harlow. Motion carried 4-0.

B. Accept Donation – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt said an anonymous donor provided \$995 to support our teachers and staff and offered an opportunity to submit grant proposals sharing their purpose for requesting funds to support education and the students in their school and/or classroom. The donor reviewed these requests and three applicants were chosen to receive funds to support their requests. The chosen recipients for these funds are:

- January Virijevich at PLE: awarded \$650 for a DVD set called “Essential Elementary Issues Series”
- Megan Bush at BGE: awarded \$95 for plants in the classroom
- Katie Lawrence at BGHS: awarded \$250 towards the Natural Helpers Program

Dr. Schmidt thanked the anonymous donor for their thoughtfulness and generosity and recommended acceptance of the donation as presented. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to accept the anonymous donation of \$995 as presented by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 4-0.

C. Approve New Facility Use Fees – Mr. Parrish

Mr. Parrish referred to a list of proposed new facility rental fees based upon per hour fees and a list of defined rental classifications provided in the board packet noting that the rates have not changed since 2012. Mr. Parrish said Mr. Russell and Mr. Rosinia surveyed area schools for comparable rental fees and he feels the suggested fees are comparable. Mr. Parrish requested approval of the new facility use fees and rental classifications as provided in the board packet. Mrs. Harlow made a motion to approve the new facility use fees and rental classifications as recommended and presented by Mr. Parrish; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 4-0.

D. Permission to Advertise for Student Transportation Bids – Mr. Parrish

Mr. Parrish said our student transportation contract with First Student is expiring on June 31 and requested permission to advertise for student transportation bids. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to grant permission to advertise for student transportation bids as recommended by Mr. Parrish; seconded by Mrs. Harlow. Motion carried 4-0.

E. Approve the Second Reading and Adoption 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 second reading and adoption of the new board policies and board policy revisions as listed on the agenda and provided in the board packet and to also waive the readings. Mrs. Harlow made a motion to approve the second reading and adoption of the new board policies and board policy revisions as recommended by Mr. Parrish; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 4-0.

F. Other – None**7. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Mr. Parrish**

Mr. Parrish announced Sybil Evans as the Personnel Profile for this Month! Mrs. Evans is a Custodian at Porter Lakes Elementary School and she has been employed at PTSC for 25 years. Mrs. Evans is a graduate of Union Hill High School in Union Hill, Alabama. Mr. Parrish said Mrs. Evans does a great job, she is good to our kids and we appreciate her so much!

8. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt wished a Happy Birthday to Matt Boone on March 27. Dr. Schmidt said the Porter County Superintendents, the Porter County Department of Health, the Porter County Health Officer, Dr. Stamp, Porter County Commissioners, Porter County Sherriff and the Mayor will meet tomorrow to discuss how to handle the COVID-19 outbreak. Currently, there are no confirmed cases in Porter County and 12 confirmed cases in Indiana. The Governor released some guidance this afternoon giving notice to school districts that districts will be provided 20 waiver days if school closures are required due to the COVID-19 outbreak. If evidence of confirmed positive cases develop, corporations should consult with IDOE. School districts should be making plans for these types of things following the Governor's guidelines for non-essential gatherings with a limit of 250. It seems to be changing from moment to moment and efforts should be focused on weighing safety of staff, students and community to be healthy and safe and how to minimize the spread of the virus. This is not new for us, as we are currently keeping cleaning protocols for surfaces, and we will continue to talk about handwashing and staying home when you are sick. Social distancing is new and it is impacting athletic events, field trips and extra-curricular activities. Porter County Health Officer, Dr. Stamp, is not recommending that we close at this time, however, things are changing rapidly. We are currently looking at ways to use eLearning days and waiver days in thoughtful and efficient ways. Mrs. Harlow asked about setting up centers for families who need daycare and meals. Dr. Schmidt said Indiana has applied for a waiver for these types of things, however, due to efforts to control the virus, it is not advised to have a large group of people gathering in the same place.

- Dr. Schmidt said in regard to salary compensation for waiver days due to COVID-19 school closures, Certified Staff will be compensated as per contract; however, a resolution would be required to adjust compensation and pay wages for Classified Staff and hourly staff which would normally be paid. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to adopt Resolution #0320-221 in the event that waiver days are needed for school closures due to COVID-19, to allow for adjusted compensation for Classified Staff and hourly staff, as requested by Dr. Schmidt; second by Mrs. Harlow. Motion carried 4-0.
- Secondly, Dr. Schmidt requested permission to declare any perishable food on hand as obsolete, if the district is required to close due to COVID and to also allow obsolete perishable food to be donated to the community. Mrs. Harlow made a motion to give permission to declare any perishable food on hand as obsolete in the event of a school closure due to COVID-19 and to also allow the obsolete perishable food to be donated to the community; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 4-0.

9. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS – None

Mrs. Sgouros congratulated a Boone Grove graduate, Jordan Chester, for running in a recent marathon finishing the head of the pack!

10. SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. Corman reported that a record number of participants advanced to the ISSMA State competition; the Choir Concert held on Tuesday was spectacular; the biggest Academic Breakfast ever was held yesterday and the Academic English Team took first place at PNW last night.
- Mr. Ivanyo reported that BGE finished Grandparents Week and thanked all involved.
- Mr. Donnell reported that PLE had "Read Across America" and thanked Mrs. Bowman for all of her hard work; IRead testing is next week and The Key Club held a Daddy Daughter Dance at PLE.
- Mr. Lichtenberger reported that the elementary gym is almost done and BGMS is excited to have PE class in their gym. BGMS was very successful at ISMMA even though they were awarded more silver than gold.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None**12. ADJOURNMENT – 7:08 p.m.**

Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 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.