

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

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BOARD APPROVED
DATE 5-13-2021

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Dr. Natalie Wargo, President – 6:29 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, Mr. Ben Parrish; Board Attorney, Attorney Cheryl Zic; Chief Financial Officer, Mrs. Kathleen Smith and Secretary to the Superintendent, Mrs. Linda Dusek. There were two (2) present in the audience.

2. **AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS** – Dr. Schmidt announced that Business Item 6E. Approve a Request to Form a New Club shall be removed from the agenda.

3. **PRESENTATION – BGHS Academic Wall of Fame – Mr. Corman**

Mr. Corman and Mr. Rosinia gave a video presentation highlighting the prestigious honor of being named to the BGHS Academic Wall of Fame. To qualify a student must achieve a 3.5 cumulative GPA at the completion of the 7th Semester. Mr. Corman also gave special recognition to the Class of 2020 Seniors who missed out on so much due to COVID-19 in 2020.

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, March 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., and approval of the following items listed on the Personnel Report waiving the readings and pending clear background searches:

	Name	Position	Location	Effective Date
APPOINTMENTS:				
ECA CERTIFIED:	OTERO, Sarah	Girls' JV Softball Head Coach	BGHS	2020-2021 School Year
	DEXTER, Laura	Boys' & Girls' Track Volunteer Assistant Coach	BGMS	2020-2021 School Year
ECA CLASSIFIED:	BEERE, Jay	Boys' Varsity Golf Volunteer Assistant Coach	BGHS	2020-2021 School Year
	SRNEC, Jamie	Boys' & Girls' Track Head Coach	BGMS	2020-2021 School Year
	THOMAS, Scott	Boys' JV Baseball Coach	BGHS	2020-2021 School Year
	VOUDRIE, Dan	Girls' Basketball Volunteer Assistant Coach for off season workouts	BGHS	2020-2021 School Year
RESIGNATION CLASSIFIED:	BALL, Payton	Floating Substitute Teacher	BGHS	04/02/2021
	GAJDA, Kelly	Floating Substitute Teacher	BGMS	02/18/2021

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, March 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m., and approval of the following 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. **Financial Summary**

B. **Fund Report**

Mrs. Smith said the financial summary and fund report are provided in the board packet and asked for questions from the board; none were heard.

6. **BUSINESS**

A. **Approval to Advertise for Bid – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt asked for permission to advertise for bids for work at PLE for the preschool drop-off/pick-up drive and site work. Mrs. Harlow made a motion to grant permission for Dr. Schmidt to advertise for bids for the proposed work at PLE; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 4-0.

B. **Accept Bid for BGHS Fence Project 2021 – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt said there is a need to provide fencing at the high school particularly along 500 West to separate the soccer fields from 500 West and also along the driveway and 500 West by the football field to provide additional

safety and protection for our students and community. Dr. Schmidt recommended acceptance of the quote received from Northwest Indiana Fence Company as provided in the board packet. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to accept the quote from Northwest Indiana Fence Company as recommended by Dr. Schmidt and provided in the board packet; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 4-0.

C. Approve Revision to the 2021-2022 District School Calendar – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended a revision to the 2021-2022 district school calendar previously approved by the board on January 9, 2020. The revision will add Boone Grove Elementary School to the planned eLearning Days on election Days, November 2, 2021 and May 3, 2022 along with Boone Grove Middle School and Boone Grove High School. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to approve the recommended revision to the 2021-2022 district school calendar as presented by Dr. Schmidt and provided in the board packet; seconded by Mrs. Harlow. Motion carried 4-0.

D. Approve Fundraisers – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of a Culver's Fundraising Day for the Class of 2021 and a Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser for the Softball Team as presented in the board packet. Mrs. Harlow made a motion to approve the fundraisers as recommended by Dr. Schmidt and presented in the board packet; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 4-0.

~~E. Approve a Request to Form a New Club (Agenda Adjustment Dr. Schmidt removed this Business item)~~

F. Other - NONE

7. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Mr. Parrish

Mr. Parrish reported the following announcements and events:

- **At BGE:** Kids are excited that the work on the new playground is looking fantastic and almost done; Virtual Math Bowl is April 13 and ILearn is April 19.
- **At PLE:** Kindergarten Round-Up is April 12-16 and numbers are projected higher than last year. ILearn for 3rd Graders is April 19.
- **At BGHS:** Prom is April 16 and Sponsors Mrs. McGinley and Mrs. Beere have done a great job! Academic Hall of Fame Awards Program is April 19; Wizard of Oz will be presented on April 30 and May 1. Mr. Corman said looking back to the first day of school, he is grateful to have the option of in person learning, grateful for our hard-working teachers who continued to work hard to reach each student, grateful for our parents who also worked hard in the stressful situation with understanding, care and compassion. Mr. Corman thanked teachers, parents, students and staff with deep appreciation for everyone involved in making this a wonderful year!
- **At BGMS:** The Builder's Club Fidget is making fidget toys for the LRE Room; Cheerleading Competition at South Bend this weekend; ILearn testing is next week and currently only 39 kids are virtual learning.

8. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Dr. Schmidt

- Dr. Schmidt said that in the early days of the school year, Mr. Corman would often say that every day is a gift and we have to treat every day as a gift. Mr. Corman and Mr. Rosinia love to engage with students, they truly care about students succeeding and they are doing amazing things at the high school.
- Dr. Schmidt shared a report on COVID positive data and quarantined data for this school year.
- Dr. Schmidt said a Therapy Dog Grant that would help schools get therapy dog programs started is currently in the meeting stage to develop ideas.
- Dr. Schmidt discussed the following future district facility needs:
 - **At PLE:** Proposed work at PLE improving Preschool Drop-off/Pick-up area and possible additional playground options. Additional classroom space is also needed; however, structural steel costs are up 80%.
 - **At BGHS:** Replacing the wastewater plant in the next couple of years. Discussed ways to address the need for a Multi-Sports Athletic Facility with an outdoor turf surrounded by a track which could be used for outdoor and indoor uses including sports, practices, PE classes and community use. Dr. Schmidt answered questions from the board regarding facility needs.
 - **Administration Building needs**
 - **Upcoming Birthdays:** Johanna Williams on April 9, SRO Jeremy Chavez on April 15, Linda Bult on April 16, Nick Cain on April 25 and Tonia Batesole on May 9.

9. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS – None

10. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

11. ADJOURNMENT – 7:13 p.m.

Mrs. Chavez made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mrs. Harlow. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

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