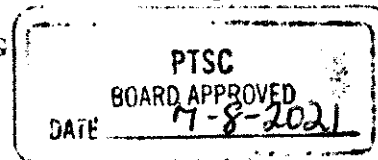


**MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
PORTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL CORPORATION**



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1. CALL TO ORDER – Dr. Natalie Wargo, President – 6:30 p.m.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Welcome Visitors

Board members present were: Dr. Natalie Wargo, Mrs. Laura Chavez and Mrs. Mary Harlow; Mrs. Lilann Sgouros and Ms. Johanna Williams were absent. Also present were: Superintendent, Dr. Stacey Schmidt; Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Ben Parrish; Chief Financial Officer, Mrs. Kathleen Smith and Secretary to the Superintendent, Mrs. Linda Dusek. There was no audience.

2. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS – Dr. Schmidt removed Business Item 5P. Approve Fundraiser from 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 Thursday, May 13, 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 - CERTIFIED:	ATWOOD, Stacey	BGMS Summer School Teacher	BGHS	05/27/2021
	ELEFThERI, Linda	BGHS Summer School Teacher	BGHS	05/27/2021
	HARRISON, Jonathan	BGHS Summer School Teacher	BGHS	06/01/2021
	MCKAY, Matt	BGHS Summer School Teacher	BGHS	05/27/2021
	MIKULICH, Ginger	BGHS Summer School Teacher	BGHS	05/27/2021
	PRATER, Kristine	BGHS Summer School Teacher	BGHS	05/27/2021
	SHERMAN, Kathy	Summer Odysseyware Remediation Monitor	BGHS	05/27/2021
APPOINTMENTS - CLASSIFIED:	BROGDON, Kori	Summer School Alternative School Aide	BGHS	06/01/2021
	JOHNSEN, Christine	Secretary	BGE	07/28/2021
	SHERWIN, Brian	Summer Maintenance Helper	PTSC	06/01/2021 – 08/06/2021
ECA RESIGNATIONS CERTIFIED:	BEERE, Tara	Girls' JV Volleyball Coach	BGHS	05/13/2021
	MAY, Nicole	Boys' JV Volleyball Coach	BGHS	05/17/2021
ECA APPOINTMENTS CLASSIFIED:	BABCOCK, Larry	Girls' Varsity Volleyball Coach	BGHS	2021-2022 School Year
RESIGNATIONS - CERTIFIED:	EDWARDS, Mary	Business Teacher	BGHS	08/02/2021
	TILFORD, Savannah	7 th Grade Reading Teacher	BGMS	05/26/2021
RESIGNATIONS - CLASSIFIED:	BROGDON, Kori	Alternative School Aide	BGHS	05/25/2021
	PAUL, Dylan	Floating Substitute Teacher/Teacher Aide	BGHS	05/25/2021
LEAVE OF ABSENCE CERTIFIED	SABAL, Tiffany	Intermittent unpaid Leave of Absence	BGMS	04/15/2021 – 05/26/2021

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, May 13, 2021 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 3-0.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT – Mrs. Smith

- A. **Financial Summary**
- B. **Fund Report**

Mrs. Smith said her financial report includes the financial summary and fund report and asked for questions from the board; no questions were heard.

5. BUSINESS**A. Adopt Resolution #0621-243 - Resolution Approving Refunding (Series 2012A and 2012B) – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt recommended adoption of Resolution #0621-243 - Resolution Approving Refunding (Series 2012A and 2012B) as it will provide a cost savings in interest. Mrs. Harlow made a motion to adopt Resolution #061-243 – Resolution Approving Refunding (Series 2012A and 2012B) as recommended by Dr. Schmidt and presented in the board packet; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 3-0.

B. Adopt Resolution #0621-244 – Resolution Reapproving Building Corporation–Refunding (Series 2012 A and 2012B) – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt said the BGHS Building Corporation held a meeting prior to this meeting and recommended adoption of Resolution #0621-244 which is a resolution reapproving the building corporation refunding (Series 2012A and 2012B). Mrs. Chavez made a motion to adopt Resolution #0621-244, a resolution reapproving the building corporation refunding (Series 2012A and 2012B) as recommended by Dr. Schmidt and as presented in the board packet; seconded by Mrs. Harlow. Motion carried 3-0.

C. Adopt Resolution #0621-245 – Resolution Approving Master Continuing Disclosure Undertaking - Refunding (Series 2012 A and 2012B)– Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended adoption of Resolution #0621-245 which is a resolution approving master continuing disclosure undertaking refunding (Series 2012 A and 2012B). Mrs. Chavez made a motion to adopt resolution #0621-245 a resolution approving master continuing disclosure undertaking refunding (Series 2012A and 2012B); seconded by Mrs. Harlow. Motion carried 3-0.

D. Adopt Resolution #0621-246 – Resolution Approving Form of Amendment to Lease (PLE Expansion)–

Dr. Schmidt recommended adoption of Resolution #0621-246, a resolution approving form of amendment to lease (PLE Expansion). Mrs. Chavez made a motion to adopt Resolution #0621-246 a resolution approving form of amendment to lease for the PLE expansion; seconded by Mrs. Harlow. Motion carried 3-0.

E. Adopt Resolution #0621-247 – Resolution Reapproving Building Corporation (PLE Expansion) – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended adoption of Resolution #0621-247 – Resolution Reapproving Building Corporation for the PLE Expansion Project. Mrs. Harlow made a motion to adopt Resolution #0621-247 – Resolution Reapproving Building Corporation for the PLE Expansion; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 3-0.

F. Approval of Proposal for Preliminary Investigative Report – Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) at Boone Grove High School

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of a proposal for a preliminary investigative report for the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) at Boone Grove High School to obtain the best options available for handling wastewater. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to approve the proposal for a preliminary investigative report for the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) at Boone Grove High School; seconded by Mrs. Harlow. Motion carried 3-0.

G. Approve Proposal for Geotechnical Engineering Exploration Services – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of the Proposal for Geotechnical Engineering Exploration Services at Porter Lakes Elementary School. Mrs. Harlow made a motion to approve the proposal for Geotechnical Engineering Exploration Services at Porter Lakes Elementary School; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 3-0.

H. Approve MOU with Association of Porter Township Educators for a One-Time COVID-19 Related Stipend – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt said she has been working with the teacher association to provide an acceptable agreement for our teachers who have done an extra-ordinary amount of additional work during COVID including virtual and in-person instruction, cleaning desks in between classes, dealing with masks, and many other various tasks. Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of a MOU with the Association of Porter Township Educators for a One-Time COVID-19 Related Stipend using Esser Grant Funds as provided in the board packet. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to approve a MOU with the Association of Porter Township Educators for a one-time COVID-19 related stipend provided by Esser Grant Funds as provided in the board packet; seconded by Mrs. Harlow. Motion carried 3-0.

I. Approve One-Time COVID-19 Related Stipend for Classified Staff and Administrators – Dr. Schmidt

Additionally, Dr. Schmidt recommended a one-time COVID-19 related stipend for classified staff and administrators who performed qualified extra duties due to COVID-19. Since Esser Grant Funds are being used to provide this one-time stipend, each staff member was required to complete a time and effort log to document

the extra work and time they provided; the stipends shall be distributed according to the qualified list provided in the board packet. Mrs. Harlow made a motion to approve a one-time COVID-19 related stipend for classified staff and administrators as provided in the board packet and recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 3-0.

J. Approve an Additional High School Course – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt said she has received a request to add an Environmental Science course to the high school course offerings and recommended the board's approval. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to approve the addition of an Environmental Science course to the high school course offerings; seconded by Mrs. Harlow. Motion carried 3-0.

K. Approve Price Increases for 2021-2022 Student Lunches - Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt said a letter is provided in the board packet outlining price increases for student lunches slowly over time. Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of price increases for 2021-2022 student lunches as provided in the board packet. Mrs. Harlow made a motion to approve price increases for 2021-2022 student lunches as recommended by Dr. Schmidt and provided in the board packet; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 3-0.

L. Approve Price Increases for Adult Lunches for 2021-2022 School Year – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of price increases for 2021-2022 adult lunches as provided in the board packet. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to approve price increases for 2021-2022 adult lunches provided in the board packet; seconded by Mrs. Harlow. Motion carried 3-0.

M. Approve 2021-2022 Food Service Vendor Procurements – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt said information is provided in the board packet reflecting that most food service vendor procurements will be renewed with the exception of milk and produce; milk and produce reflects new vendors and new pricing is provided as well. Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of 2021-2022 food service vendor procurements as presented in the board packet by Food Service Director, Mrs. Batesole. Mrs. Harlow made a motion to approve 2021-2022 food service vendor procurements as recommended by Dr. Schmidt and provided in the board packet; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 3-0.

N. Approve 2021-2022 Student Textbook Fees for PLE– Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt said the student textbook fees for BGE, BGMS and BGHS were approved at last month's meeting and recommended approval of the 2021-2022 Student Textbook Fees for Porter Lakes Elementary School as presented in the board packet. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 Student Textbook Fees for PLE as presented in the board packet; seconded by Mrs. Harlow. Motion carried 3-0.

O. Approve the First Reading of 2021-2022 Student Handbook Revisions – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of the first reading of the 2021-2022 student handbook revisions as presented in the board packet. Mrs. Harlow made a motion to approve the first reading of the 2021-2022 Student Handbook Revisions as recommended by Dr. Schmidt and provided in the board packet; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 3-0.

P. Approve Fundraiser – Dr. Schmidt AGENDA ADJUSTMENT: Dr. Schmidt Removed from agenda

Q. Approve 2021-2022 Transfer Students – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of two additional transfer students for the 2021-2022 school year as presented in the board packet. Mrs. Harlow made a motion to approve two additional transfer students for the 2021-2022 school year; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 3-0.

R. Accept Bid for Students and Staff iPads – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt said an advertisement was posted for accepting bids for the sale of student and staff iPads and bids were accepted and reviewed. Dr. Schmidt said she is quite pleased that the bids came in higher than in the past and recommended acceptance of the highest bidder for the sale of student and staff iPads as provided in the board packet. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to accept the highest bid for the sale of student and staff iPads as provided in the board packet; seconded by Mrs. Harlow. Motion carried 3-0.

S. Approve the First Reading and Adoption of Revision to Board Policy #8510 Wellness – Mr. Parrish

Mr. Parrish recommended approval of the first reading and adoption of a revision to Board Policy #8510-Wellness as provided in the board packet. Mr. Parrish thanked the Wellness Committee for providing their time in reviewing this policy. Mrs. Harlow made a motion to approve the first reading and adoption of revisions to the Board Policy #8510-Wellness as provided in the board packet; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 3-0.

T. Approve Renewal of Service Agreement with AssetWorks – Mr. Parrish

Mr. Parrish said AssetWorks has provided services to track and manage inventory throughout the district and recommended approval of the renewal of the service agreement with AssetWorks with no cost increase as provided in the board packet. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to approve renewal of the service agreement with AssetWorks with no cost increase as recommended by Mr. Parrish and provided in the board packet; seconded by Mrs. Harlow. Motion carried 3-0.

U. Other - None

6. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Mr. Parrish

Mr. Parrish reported a great end of the school year and thanked all teachers, staff and students who worked so hard during this challenging year. Mr. Parrish reported that Summer school started this month and the numbers are the highest we have had for awhile. Mr. Parrish gave special thanks to Mrs. Batesole, Food Service Director, and her staff for their hard work in beginning the summer feeding program on Tuesday handing out 3,870 meals in the rain to our community!

7. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Dr. Schmidt

- Dr. Schmidt wished a Happy Birthday to Dr. Wargo on June 12; Mr. Donnell on June 26 and Lexii Powell on July 5.
- Dr. Schmidt echoed Mr. Parrish that it was amazing the number of meals Food Service was able to serve and we are so happy our families are able to take advantage of this opportunity.
- COVID Update: Dr. Schmidt reported that April ended with 11 positive cases and May ended with 4 positive cases. Quarantined numbers due to direct contact really dropped in May which is attributed to a bigger distance and no direct contacts. Porter Township currently has 10 active cases and numbers are significantly lower with fewer and fewer positive cases.
- Dr. Schmidt said a Return to Learn Plan must be provided for next year. Dr. Schmidt discussed the CDC and Porter County Department of Health recommendations along with results of parent and staff surveys. Dr. Schmidt gave a presentation and discussed a draft Return to Learn Plan which will be posted online by June 24 for review and input. The Return to Learn Plan will be brought to the board in July for final approval.

8. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS – None

9. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

10. ADJOURNMENT – 7:13 p.m.

Mrs. Chavez made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mrs. Harlow. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:13 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.