

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

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**NOTE: LOCATION OF THIS MEETING WAS CHANGED TO THE BOONE GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
BOONE GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COMPLEX**

**1. CALL TO ORDER – Dr. Natalie Wargo, President – 6:39 p.m.**

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Welcome Visitors

Board members present were: Dr. Natalie Wargo, Mrs. Laura Chavez, Mrs. Mary Harlow and Mrs. Lilann Sgouros; Ms. Johanna Williams was absent. Also present were: Superintendent, Dr. Stacey Schmidt; Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Ben Parrish; Board Attorney, Cheryl Zic; CFO Treasurer, Kathleen Smith and Deputy Treasurer, Linda Bult. There were 69 present in the audience.

**2. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt announced removal of two of the following advertised public hearings on the agenda due to the change in the advertised location of the meeting:

- Removal of Agenda Item 4. Public Hearing on BGHS Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements
- Removal of Agenda Business Item 7A. – Public Hearing of 2022 Budget

Dr. Schmidt also added an Agenda Item: COVID Update immediately following Public Participation.

**3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

Dr. Wargo read Guidelines for Board Policy #0167.3 - Public Participation at Board Meetings and announced that each patron will be allowed to speak for 3 minutes and Mr. Parrish will be timing each speaker. A total of 15 minutes for public participation will be allowed per board meeting. The following patrons requested to speak:

- Shannon Prior requested to speak to protest masks.
- Ryan Dulla requested to speak to protest masks and to request that masking to be optional.
- Nicole Vadas requested to speak about masks and contact tracing.
- Toni Smith requested to speak regarding concerns about wearing masks, CO2 levels and vaccines.
- Michelle Mangus requested to speak regarding COVID and masks.

Dr. Wargo announced that the 15-minute public participation time limit had been reached and announced that three additional patrons have requested to speak. Dr. Wargo asked for a motion from the board to extend the time limit for public participation. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to extend the meeting an extra 15 minutes to hear additional public participation comments; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 4-0.

- Jessica Contreras requested to speak to protest masks.
- Cameron Moengh requested to speak regarding logic, microns and bacteria.
- Kristin Personius requested to speak to protest masks.

**4. AGENDA ADJUSTMENT – Addition to Agenda: COVID UPDATE – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt stated the reason for the mask mandate was to keep students in school rather than out of school on quarantine. To answer the question as to why we cannot not mask and not quarantine students, the state requires quarantines. Local health departments are tasked with enforcement which include charges of Class B Misdemeanors for not following state COVID control measures. To answer the question about receiving funding for masking students, Dr. Schmidt stated that there is no additional funding for students wearing masks. Funding for students enrolled virtually is 85%. Students enrolled in-person are funded at 100%. ESSER funds are not dependent on masking.

**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, August 19, 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:

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE DATE</u>
<b>CLASSIFIED APPOINTMENTS:</b>	BOWMAN, Melissa	Secretary	BGE	09-09-2021
	BROGDON, Kori	New Horizons Learning Center Instructional Aide	BGHS	09-01-2021

	RAYMOND, Andrea	Teacher Aide/Lunchroom Aide	PLE	08/30/2021
	SAROUKOS, Carrie	Cafeteria Worker	PLE	08/31/2021
	DAVIS, Debra	Teacher Aide/Lunchroom Aide	PLE	08/30/2021
	PLUMMER, Sandra	Teacher Aide/Lunchroom Aide	PLE	08/26/2021
	CARPENTER, Maggie	Teacher Aide/Lunchroom Aide	PLE	08/31/2021
	VOSS, Gavin	SRO	PTSC	08/30/2021
CLASSIFIED ADJUSTMENTS:	KRAUSE, Karen	Additional compensation for floating substitute teacher duties for 2021-2022 school year only	BGHS	09/13/2021
	MORENO, Tamitha	Additional compensation for floating substitute teacher duties for 2021-2022 school year only	BGHS	09/13/2021
	SACO, Melissa	Additional compensation for floating substitute teacher duties for 2021-2022 school year only	BGHS	09/13/2021
	SARNOWSKI, Stanley	Additional compensation for floating substitute teacher duties for 2021-2022 school year only	BGHS	09/13/2021
	KIGER, Melissa	School Nurse - hourly rate increase	BGE/MS	08/09/2021
	SRNEC, Jamie	Director of Nursing-stipend for COVID related duties for 2021-2022 school year	BGHS	2021-2022 school yr.
	BATESOLE, Tonia	Director of Food Service - Compensation for Summer Feeding Program	BGHS	06/17/2021-8/11/2021
CERTIFIED ECA APPOINTMENTS:	PETERSON, Shana	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Spell Bowl Coach	BGE	2021-2022 school yr.
	GARCIA, Samantha	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Spell Bowl Coach	BGE	2021-2022 school yr.
	HOLLAND, Wendy	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math Bowl Coach	BGE	2021-2022 school yr.
	RIPPE, Carrie	Science Bowl Coach	BGE	2021-2022 school yr.
	HINCHLEY, Holly	Choir	BGE	2021-2022 school yr.
	BOYER, Jeremy	Art Club	BGE	2021-2022 school yr.
	BOYER, Jeremy	Art Club	BGMS	2021-2022 school yr.
	BOYER, Jeremy	Art Show	BGMS	2021-2022 school yr.
	EVELAND, Bethany	Science Fair Chair	BGMS	2021-2022 school yr.
	RITCHIE, Jolie	Academic Head Coach	BGMS	2021-2022 school yr.
	ATWOOD, Stacey	English Coach	BGMS	2021-2022 school yr.
	WENTZ, Aimee	Math Coach	BGMS	2021-2022 school yr.
	DOMBROWSKI, Cora	Science Coach	BGMS	2021-2022 school yr.
	RITCHIE, Jolie	Social Studies Coach	BGMS	2021-2022 school yr.
	BELLEVILLE, Paul	Band Performance/Contests	BGMS	2021-2022 school yr.
	WELBOURNE-SWETELLA, Athena	Choir Performance/Contests	BGMS	2021-2022 school yr.
	GARCIA, Nicole	Yearbook	BGMS	2021-2022 school yr.
	GARCIA, Nicole	NJHS	BGMS	2021-2022 school yr.
	ATWOOD, Stacey	Student Council	BGMS	2021-2022 school yr.
	ATWOOD, Stacey	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Department Chair	BGMS	2021-2022 school yr.
	GARCIA, Nicole	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Department Chair	BGMS	2021-2022 school yr.
	DOMBROWSKI, Cora	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Department Chair	BGMS	2021-2022 school yr.
	ASHBROOKS, Allison	Art Club	BGHS	2021-2022 school yr.
	ASHBROOKS, Allison	Art Show	BGHS	2021-2022 school yr.
	MIKULICH, Ginger	Science Fair	BGHS	2021-2022 school yr.
	BEERE, Tara	Science Fair	BGHS	2021-2022 school yr.
	MCGINLEY, Justine	Science Fair	BGHS	2021-2022 school yr.
	BEERE, Tara	Spell Bowl	BGHS	2021-2022 school yr.
	AMELSE, Ariana	10 Grade Sponsor	BGHS	2021-2022 school yr.
	BEERE, Tara	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Sponsor	BGHS	2021-2022 school yr.
	MCGINLEY, Justine	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Sponsor	BGHS	2021-2022 school yr.
	ASHBROOKS, Allison	Art Department Chair	BGHS	2021-2022 school yr.
	TRAPANA, Tom	Business Department Chair	BGHS	2021-2022 school yr.
	ELEFTHERI, Linda	Varsity Girls' Basketball Head Coach	BGHS	10/19/2021-02/26/2022
	McKAY, Matt	Varsity Boys' Basketball Head Coach	BGHS	11/08/2021-03/26/2022
	BAIRD, Bridget	Cross Country Head Coach	BGMS	08/16/2021-10/02/2021
CLASSIFIED ECA APPOINTMENTS	ATTEBERRY, David	Softball Volunteer Assistant Coach	BGMS	09/02/2021-09/21/2021

	<b>BROTON, Lisa</b>	Yearbook Sponsor	BGE	2021-2022 school yr.
	<b>FLESVIG, Lori</b>	Boys' and Girls' Varsity Cross Country Head Coach	BGHS	08/02/2021-10/30/2021
	<b>MINDER, Robert</b>	Softball Volunteer Assistant Coach	BGMS	08/26/2021-09/21/2021
	<b>MORENO, Tamitha</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Sponsor	BGHS	2021-2022 school yr.
	<b>SACO, Melissa</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Sponsor	BGHS	2021-2022 school yr.
	<b>WILKENING, Luke</b>	Volunteer Assistant High School Football Coach	BGHS	08/18/2021-11/28/2021
<b>CERTIFIED RESIGNATIONS:</b>	<b>PILLMAN, Sarah</b>	Alternative Education Instructor	BGHS	08/20/2021
<b>CLASSIFIED RESIGNATIONS:</b>	<b>BOWMAN, Melissa</b>	Media Aide	PLE	09/09/2021
	<b>ACEVEDO, Valerie</b>	Secretary	BGE	08/29/2021
	<b>ROELFS, Rebecca</b>	Floating Substitute Teacher	PLE	09/17/2021
<b>CLASSIFIED REASSIGNMENT:</b>	<b>PACKARD, Kristina</b>	Teaching Aide reassigned to Media Aide	PLE	09/13/2021
<b>CLASSIFIED REQUEST FOR UNPAID DAYS</b>	<b>EVANS, Sybil</b>	Custodian - Approximately 30 unpaid leave days beginning 9/8/2021	PLE	09/08/2021
	<b>SANTANA, Lisa</b>	Custodian - Two Unpaid Leave Days	PLE	09/09/2021-09/10/2021

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, August 19, 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. Sgouros. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **6. FINANCIAL REPORT**

##### **A. Appropriation Summary**

##### **B. Fund Report**

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

#### **7. BUSINESS**

##### **A. (AGENDA ADJUSTMENT - REMOVED FROM AGENDA) Public Hearing of 2022 Budget**

##### **B. Adopt Resolution #0921-253 - Section 125 Flexible Benefit Plan - Mrs. Smith**

Mrs. Smith recommended adoption of Resolution #0921-253 to allow Section 125 Flexible Benefit Plan for the 2021-2022 school year. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to adopt Resolution #0921-253 Section 125 Flexible Benefit Plan as recommended by Mrs. Smith and provided in the board packet; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 4-0.

##### **C. Approve Change Order Document G701-2017-002 - Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of Change Order Document G701-2017-002 which reflects additional stone needed as provided in the board packet. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to approve Change Order Document G701-2017-002 as provided in the board packet; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 4-0.

##### **D. Award Contract for PLE Classroom Addition - Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt said after the proper advertisement process, several competitive bids were received and reviewed for the PLE Classroom Addition. Dr. Schmidt recommended awarding the contract to the highest bidder, Larson-Danielson Construction Co., Inc. as presented in the board packet. Mrs. Harlow made a motion to award the contract for the PLE Classroom Addition to Larson-Danielson Construction Co., Inc. as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 4-0.

##### **E. Accept Donation - Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt recommended acceptance of a very generous donation in the amount of \$500 from CSM Industries for Boys' Soccer. Mrs. Chavez gratefully made a motion to accept a generous donation from CSM Industries for Boys' Soccer in the amount of \$500; seconded by Mrs. Harlow. Motion carried 4-0.

##### **F. Approve Fundraisers - Dr. Schmidt**

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

##### **G. Accept Transfer Students - Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt recommended acceptance of transfer students for the 2021-2022 school year as presented in the board packet. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to accept the transfer students for the 2021-2022 school year as presented in the board packet and recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 4-0.

**H. Approve Proposal for Operations and Maintenance of Onsite Water Treatment Systems – Mr. Parrish**

Mr. Parrish recommended approval of the proposal for the operations and maintenance of onsite water treatment systems by Astbury Water Technology, Inc. as presented in the board packet. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to approve the proposal for operations and maintenance of onsite water treatment systems by Astbury Water Technology, Inc. as recommended by Mr. Parrish; seconded by Mrs. Harlow. Motion carried 4-0.

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

**A. School Announcements**

**BGHS**

- Mrs. Beere was nominated for the Crossroads Regional Chamber of Commerce Influential Educator Award!
- Boys' and Girls' Soccer were both undefeated in conference play
- Boys' Volleyball took 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Conference

**PLE**

- The first round of NWEA testing is next week
- The drive lane and playground is progressing well and hopefully finishing up in the next few weeks.

**BGE**

- Spell Bowl is starting up this week

**BGMS**

- 7<sup>th</sup> Grader, Hyatt Neis' poem was selected for publication in a Creative Communication Poetry Contest.

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

- Dr. Schmidt wished a Happy Birthday to Mr. Ivanyo and Mr. Lichtenberger who have upcoming birthdays
- Dr. Schmidt said the kids at PLE are excited with great anticipation waiting on the playground and also anticipating a learning curve on using the new drive lane at PLE

**10. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS - None**

**11. ADJOURNMENT – 7:17 p.m.**

Mrs. Chavez made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mrs. Harlow. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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