

6-9-2022

**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 – 6:30 p.m.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Welcome Visitors

Board members present: Dr. Natalie Wargo, Mrs. Laura Chavez, Mrs. Mary Harlow and Mrs. Lilann Sgouros; Ms. Johanna Williams was absent. Also present: Superintendent, Stacey Schmidt; Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Ben Parrish; Board Attorney, Cheryl Zic; CFO/Treasurer, Kathleen Smith; Deputy Treasurer, Linda Bult and Secretary to the Superintendent, Linda Dusek. There was approximately 14 present in the audience.

2. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS – Dr. Schmidt - None

3. HEARING ON PROPOSED EIGHTH AMENDMENT TO LEASE – Dr. Schmidt

A. Open Hearing – Overview

Dr. Wargo opened the Hearing on the Proposed Eighth Amendment to Lease.

B. Presentation

Dr. Schmidt said the school corporation is funding these projects through a lease financing, as it has done with other past construction/renovation projects. Lease financings are used by the school corporation here and across the State of Indiana in order to borrow for renovation and construction projects. The building is currently subject to a financing lease, therefore, we are amending that Lease to increase the lease rental due from the School Corporation. In exchange for the increased lease rental, the building corporation will use the bond proceeds to make the needed improvements to the building. The increased lease rental will be sufficient to pay the principal and interest due to the bond holders.

C. Public Comment

Dr. Wargo asked Mr. Parrish if anyone signed-up for Public Comments; Mr. Parrish replied no. Dr. Wargo asked if anyone in attendance wished to speak; no requests to speak were heard.

D. Close Hearing

Dr. Wargo closed the Hearing on the Proposed Eighth Amendment to Lease.

4. PRESENTATIONS:

RETIREMENT RECOGNITION – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt and Mr. Corman honored Mr. Matt McKay, Physical Education Teacher and Varsity Boys Basketball Coach at BGHS, who is retiring after 36 years of dedicated service to PTSC. Dr. Schmidt said that Mr. McKay began his part of the Wolf Pack defining who we are as a community and as a family and Mr. McKay has been part of forming this tradition as a driving force of the pack and who we are and who we have become. Mr. Corman shared appreciation of Mr. McKay not only as a teacher and a leading coach, but also as a friend. Mr. McKay you will be missed! Best wishes to you in your retirement!

BOONE GROVE CLOCK AWARD PRESENTATION – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt said we have shifted staff awards for those who have reached 25 years of service at Porter Township School Corporation. A few award clocks were awarded for 25 years and 30 years previously. This year we are catching up and anyone who has achieved 25 years or more years of service at PTSC and has not already received a Boone Grove Clock Award will be presented this award tonight. The Boone Grove Clock Award Honorees are Becky DeRuntz (25 Years), Edward Ivanyo (25 Years), Sybil Evans (26 years), Kris Lopez (35 Years), William Stefanich (35 Years), Linda Eleftheri (36 Years), Matt McKay (36 Years), Ron Sebens (36 Years) and Kathy Sherman (43 Years). Dr. Schmidt shared sincere appreciation for each honoree for their dedicated service and the principals shared comments honoring each honoree as well.

BGHS ACADEMIC WALL OF FAME – Mr. Clay Corman and Mr. Jim Rosinia

Mr. Corman shared a video presentation highlighting each senior who earned the prestigious Academic Wall of Fame Award by maintaining a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher at the end of their 7th semester. Congratulations to the 2022 Inductees for their commitment to Academic Excellence!

5. PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE

6. 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, April 14, 2022 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	BUILDING	EFFECTIVE DATE
CERTIFIED VOLUNTARY GRADE LEVEL REASSIGNMENTS:	MORGAVAN, Amanda	From 1 st Grade Teacher to Kindergarten Teacher	PLE	08/08/2022
	RHOADES, Jordan	From 2 nd Grade Teacher to 1 st Grade Teacher	PLE	08/08/2022
	WAURO, Klm	From Full-Time Kindergarten Teacher to Half-Time Three and Four Year Old Preschool Teacher	PLE	08/08/2022
CERTIFIED APPOINTMENTS:	AKERS, Wendy	CTE Teacher for Early Childhood Learning	PLE	08/08/2022
	BOONE, Matt	CTE Criminal Justice Instructor	BGHS	08/08/2022
	BROOKER, Lindsey	Third Grade Teacher	PLE	08/08/2022
	COOK, London	First Grade Teacher	PLE	08/08/2022
	PECENY, Danielle	Preschool Teacher	PLE	08/08/2022
CLASSIFIED APPOINTMENTS:	HALUSKA, Terissa	Cafeteria Worker	PLE	04/12/2022
	SHERWIN, Brian	Summer Maintenance Helper	PTSC/Annex	05/31/2022
	SULLIVAN, Lora	Cafeteria Worker	PLE	04/21/2022
CERTIFIED ECA APPOINTMENTS:	BAIRD, Bridget	Boys' and Girls' Middle School Track Coach	BGMS	03/28/2022-05/24/2022
CLASSIFIED ECA APPOINTMENTS:	BECK, Vernon	Boys' Track Volunteer Assistant Coach	BGHS	04/11/2022-06/03/2022
	COSLET, Michael	Girls' Varsity Tennis Coach	BGHS	03/14/2022-06/11/2022
	KOZLOWSKI, Jean	ECA Bus Driver	PTSC	05/04/2022
CERTIFIED ECA RESIGNATION	ELEFTHERI, Linda	Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach	BGHS	05/09/2022
CERTIFIED RETIREMENT REQUEST:	MCKAY, Matt	Physical Education/Health Teacher and coaching positions	BGHS	07/01/2022
CERTIFIED REQUEST FOR UNPAID LEAVE DAYS:	HICKS, Andrea	Alternative Instructor – Request for unpaid leave days	BGHS	04/12/2022
CLASSIFIED REQUEST FOR UNPAID LEAVE DAYS:	MURPHY, Michelle	Cafeteria Worker – Request for unpaid leave days	PLE	04/27/2022, 05/02/2022 and 05/11/2022
	WILSON, Maria	Cafeteria Worker – Request for up to 14 unpaid work days		Beginning 04/29/2022

Dr. Schmidt took a moment to welcome and introduce Danielle Peceny, a new Preschool Teacher at PLE who is listed on tonight's personnel report for approval. If approved, Danielle will begin at the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year. Mrs. Sgouros 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, April 14, 2022 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. Chavez. Motion carried 4-0.

7. FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Financial Summary

B. Fund Report

Mrs. Smith referred to the financial report and the fund report provided in the board packet and asked for questions from the board; no questions were heard.

8. BUSINESS

A. Adopt Resolution #0522-269 - Resolution Authorizing Execution of Eighth Amendment to Lease – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt said after a hearing, the School Board must approve the Eighth Amendment to Lease and authorize the officers to execute such Agreement and recommended adoption of Resolution #0522-269 to authorize execution of the Eighth Amendment to Lease. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to adopt Resolution #0522-269 to authorize execution of the Eighth Amendment to Lease as recommended by Dr. Schmidt and presented in the board packet; seconded by Mrs. Harlow. Motion carried 4-0.

B. Adopt Resolution #0522-270 - Resolution Assigning Construction Bids and Contracts, Once Received –**Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt said the Building Corporation currently owns the real estate on which the new football and track facility/multiple purpose building and wastewater plant on which these facilities will be constructed. The Building Corporation will also be the issuer of the bonds. The bond proceeds will be held by the trustee bank, and will be used to pay the contractors for the work done on those construction projects. As a result, the construction bids and contracts will need to be with the Building Corporation because the Building Corporation will hold the money to pay the contractors. The School Corporation receives the bids and contracts and awards the bids and contracts under State law but then assigns those to the Building Corporation. Dr. Schmidt recommended adoption of Resolution #0522-270 which assigns construction bids and contracts once received, as provided in the board packet. Mrs. Harlow made a motion to adopt Resolution #0522-270 which assigns construction bids and contracts once received, as provided in the board packet and recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 4-0.

C. Adopt Resolution #0522-271 – Resolution Approving First Supplements to Master Continuing**Disclosure Undertaking – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt said the Securities and Exchange Commission requires that a school corporation enter into a First Supplement to Master Continuing Disclosure Undertaking before it issues bonds. The School Corporation has previously entered into this type of agreement. The agreement requires that the School Corporation agree to timely provide certain financial information to the Securities Exchange Commission Database and provide notice of any material events. Dr. Schmidt recommended adoption of Resolution #0522-271 to approve first supplements to master continuing disclosure undertaking as recommended by Dr. Schmidt and as provided in the board packet. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to adopt Resolution #0522-271 to approve first supplements to master continuing disclosure undertaking as provided in the board packet and as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Harlow. Motion carried 4-0.

D. Approve Textbook Adoptions – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended textbook adoptions for Math at PLE and for Blooket renewal at BGMS for the 2022-2023 school year as provided in the board packet. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to approve textbook adoption for PLE and BGMS for the 2022-2023 school year as recommended by Dr. Schmidt and presented in the board packet; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 4-0.

E. Approve Student Textbook Fees for 2022-23 School Year – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of the student textbook fees for the 2022-2023 school year as provided in the board packet for each school. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to approve the student textbook fees for the 2022-2023 school year as provided in the board packet and recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 4-0.

F. Approve Overnight Field Trip – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt said the high school dance team has requested permission to participate in an overnight dance camp at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, Illinois and recommended approval of this overnight camp for the BGHS Dance Team as provided in the board packet. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to approve the overnight field trip for the BGHS Dance Team as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Harlow. Motion carried 4-0.

G. Accept Transfer Students for the 2022-2023 School Year – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt said transfer student applications are only accepted during posted transfer periods and requested approval of the transfer students for the 2022-2023 school year as provided in the board packet. Mrs. Harlow made a motion to accept the transfer students for the 2022-2023 school year as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 4-0.

H. Approve Purdue University Northwest MOU – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt said Purdue University Northwest has approached us about offering a new MOU which will provide residency years allowing a year-long student teacher placement experience in our classrooms. Dr. Schmidt said this is an exciting opportunity and recommended approval of the Purdue University Northwest MOU as provided in the board packet. Mrs. Harlow made a motion to approve the Purdue University Northwest MOU as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 4-0.

I. Approve Extension of School Bus Transportation Services Agreement – Mr. Parrish

Mr. Parrish recommended approval of a proposed two-year extension with our current School Bus Transportation Services provider, First Student. The proposed extension reflects a 7% increase in year one and a 6% increase in year two as provided in the board packet. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to approve the two-year extension of the School Bus Transportation Services Agreement as provided in the board packet; seconded by Mrs. Harlow. Motion carried 4-0.

J. Approve Second Extension of FOB/ID Access for Police Emergency Responders MOU – Mr. Parrish

Mr. Parrish recommended approval of a second extension of FOB/ID Access for Police Emergency Responders MOU which establishes our standard procedures for use and management of FOB and ID access for Police

Emergency First Responders for three years. Mrs. Harlow made a motion to approve the Second Extension of the FOB/ID access for Police Emergency Responders MOU with a three year extension as recommended by Mr. Parrish; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 4-0.

K. Approve Summer 2022 Work Schedule – Mr. Parrish

Mr. Parrish recommended a proposed work schedule for the Summer of 2022 to transition to a 10-hour work day, Monday through Thursday for the period beginning June 6, 2022 ending on Friday, July 22, 2022. All buildings will be open for 12 hours from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. during this period and closed on Fridays. Mrs. Harlow made a motion to approve the proposed Summer 2022 work schedule recommended by Mr. Parrish; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 4-0.

7. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Mr. Parrish

- Mr. Parrish reported that he has provided a safety update to the district's website which can be found on the district's Home Page, click on Departments, click on Safety and Security. You can find a School Safety Tip Line, Bullying Resources and other things the community, parents and students can take advantage of.
- Mr. Parrish also reported that four individuals are attending a two-day advanced school safety training seminar in Indianapolis next week on Thursday and Friday. This is an intensive safety training seminar with break-out sessions and a great deal of good information. Two new School Safety Specialist have recently completed their basic safety training. Mr. Parrish happily reported that PTSC now has 18 certified School Safety Specialist including teachers, administrators and staff members throughout the district!

The following schools reported on information and events from their buildings:

PLE:

- PLE celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week last week.
- Kindergarten has a field trip to the zoo on Monday.

BGE:

- Wrapping up I-Learn tomorrow.
- Mr. Ivanyo said he is very proud of how well the kids behaved at Friday Night Live and thanked the PTO for their help.
- BGE field day is next week.

BGHS:

- The Academic Team placed 2nd in Interdisciplinary and 3rd in English at the Purdue competition which was a very successful venture placing overall Top 10 Academic School.
- Mr. Corman recognized Melissa Saco and Tamitha Moreno for working extremely hard on the Academic Hall of Fame along with Mrs. Dobrowski, Mrs. Gibbs and Ms. Jamie Srnec.
- The Choir Concert will be held on Tuesday.
- Band Concert will be held tomorrow night.
- Athletic teams are having Senior Nights and finishing their seasons.

BGMS:

- Academic Teams Competition went well, English took 1st place and Academic Team Overall placed 10th in the State!
- I-Learn is over now.
- BGMS will have an 8th grade celebration on the last day of school.
- Mr. Lichtenberger thanked PTO for all of the nice things they do celebrating the Staff.

8. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Dr. Schmidt reported that the windows are finally here at PLE! The project is progressing and substantial completion is expected by the end of June.
- Happy Birthday to the following who have upcoming May birthdays: Stanley Sarnowski and Kathy Sherman both at BGHS.
- Dr. Schmidt discussed new Legislation about the following issues currently being debated: eLearning, inclement weather days and blended Wednesdays at BGHS. We are still waiting for updated guidance on these issues and hoping to find a way to use some form of blended Wednesdays.
- Dr. Schmidt announced that Linda Bult, Deputy Treasurer, received state recognition as the School Support Professional of the Year and congratulated her on this wonderful, well-deserved award! Dr. Schmidt also shared words of praise for Linda Bult.
- Mrs. Sgouros said one of our former students, Danny Mendez, was named the Middle School Principal of the Year for the State of Indiana.

9. ADJOURNMENT 7:56 p.m.

Mrs. Harlow made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.