

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

PTSC  
BOARD APPROVED  
DATE 7-14-22

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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: Dr. Natalie Wargo, Mrs. Laura Chavez and Mrs. Lilann Sgouros; Ms. Johanna Williams and Mrs. Mary Harlow was absent. Also present were: Superintendent, Dr. Stacey Schmidt; Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Ben Parrish; Board Attorney, Cheryl Zic; CFO/Treasurer, Kathleen Smith and Secretary to the Superintendent, Linda Dusek. There was three (3) present in the audience.

**2. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS** – Dr. Schmidt - None

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

**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, May 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., approval of the minutes of the Special School Board Meeting held on Friday, May 27, 2022 at 7:30 a.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
<b>CERTIFIED APPOINTMENTS:</b>	ELEFThERI, Linda	Summer School Teacher	BGHS	05/26/2022
	HICKS, Andrea	Summer Alternative School Teacher	BGHS	05/26/2022
	MCKAY, Matt	Summer School Teacher	BGHS	05/26/2022
	MIKULICH, Ginger	Summer School Teacher	BGHS	05/26/2022
	MILLER, Seth	Summer Alternative School Teacher	BGHS	05/26/2022
	SHERMAN, Kathy	Summer Odysseyware Remediation Monitor	BGHS	05/26/2022
	YOUNG, Tim	Summer School Teacher	BGHS	05/26/2022
	HILL, Dean	Physical Education Teacher	BGHS	08/08/2022
<b>CLASSIFIED APPOINTMENTS:</b>	BLANCHARD, Hunter	SRO	PTSC	05/18/2022
	HARRIS, Mark	SRO	PTSC	05/13/2022
<b>CERTIFIED ECA RESIGNATION:</b>	YOUNG, Tim	Girls' JV Basketball Coach	BGHS	06/07/2022
<b>CERTIFIED RESIGNATION:</b>	LAWRENCE, Katherine	Social Studies Teacher and all ECA Positions	BGHS	06/08/2022
	SERPE, Emma	Physical Education Teacher	PLE	05/26/2022
<b>CLASSIFIED RESIGNATION</b>	PETERS, Seneca	Cook – Food Services	PLE	05/24/2022
<b>CERTIFIED REQUEST FOR UNPAID LEAVE DAYS:</b>	PRATER, Kristine	Spanish Teacher - Request for a half (.5) day of unpaid leave	BGHS	05/19/2022
<b>CLASSIFIED REQUEST FOR UNPAID LEAVE DAYS:</b>	SCHILMILLER, Ryen	Teacher Aide – Request for one (1) day of unpaid leave	PLE	05/18/2022

Dr. Schmidt took a moment to welcome and introduce Mr. Dean Hill, the recommended Physical Education Teacher at BGHS who is listed on tonight's personnel report for approval. If approved, Mr. Hill will begin at the beginning of the 2022-2023 school year. 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 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., approval of the minutes of the Special School Board Meeting held on Friday, May 27, 2022 at 7:30 a.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 3-0.

**5. FINANCIAL REPORT****A. Financial Summary****B. Fund Report**

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

**6. BUSINESS****A. Approve Amendment to Superintendent Contract – Dr. Wargo**

Dr. Wargo said a public meeting was held on Friday, May 27, 2022 to hearing comments for or against the proposed amendment to the superintendent's contract and asked for a motion from the board. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to approve the proposed amendment to the superintendent's contract; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 3-0.

**B. Permission to Run Larger Claim Dockets for June 30, 2022 and July 31, 2022 – Mrs. Smith**

Mrs. Smith said the district is transitioning to new financial software and requested permission to run larger claim dockets for June 30, 2022 and July 31, 2022 to help the transition run smoother. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to grant permission to run larger claim dockets for June 30, 2022 and July 31, 2022 as requested by Mrs. Smith; Mrs. Sgouros seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

**C. Accept Bid for Waste Water Treatment Plant Project – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt said one bid for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Project was received in the amount of \$2,710,000 from Goth, Inc. with bid specifications and a timeline which is included in the board packet. The timeline for receiving the plant once ordered is hopefully within 12 weeks, with hopes to be testing the new waste water plant in January and then transition over to the new plant. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to accept the only bid received for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Project in the amount of \$2,710,000 from Goth, Inc.; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 3-0.

**D. Approve Revisions to the Approved 2022-2023 District Calendar – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt said legislators threw a curveball in recently approving House Enrolled Act 1093 which includes language for limiting eLearning Days to three (3) eLearning Days per year with perimeters and specifications. They have ruled ways districts can provide live instruction for 50% of the day or have 50% of students participating in live instruction. After discussion with teachers, election days was targeted as proposed eLearning days due to safety reasons as two of buildings within the PTSC district are being used as voting poll sites. Dr. Schmidt recommended the proposed change to the previously approved district calendar which will reflect two new eLearning Days on November 8, 2022 and May 2, 2023 rather than the monthly eLearning Days previously used. We will be using live instruction for 50% of the day and professional development for 50% of the day. The three (3) traditional eLearning Days will be saved for inclement weather days. If more than three inclement weather days are needed, the make-up days provided on the district calendar will be used or additional makeup days will be added if needed. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to approve the revisions to the previously approved 2022-2023 district calendar as recommended by Dr. Schmidt and as provided in the board packet to align with the recently approved House Enrolled Act 1093; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 3-0.

**E. Approve First Reading of 2022-2023 District Student Handbook Revisions – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of the first reading of the 2022-2023 district student handbook revisions as provided in the board packet and asked for questions from the board. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to approve the first reading of 2022-2023 District Student Handbook revisions as provided in the board packet as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 3-0.

**F. Approve Proposal for the Preservation of Blended Learning – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt said as discussed in previous meetings, we saw great value in using blended learning at the high school level to help prepare students to use time wisely, impact student achievement and creative thinking. Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of a proposal for the preservation of blending learning which is limited to juniors and seniors while following the new state provision of 50% in person learning and meeting state requirements. This will also allow a program to continue to prepare and motivate students, provide time management skills while impacting student learning and creative thinking. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to approve the proposal for the preservation of blended learning as provided in the board packet and recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 3-0.

**G. Accept Transfer Students – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt recommended acceptance of the transfer students provided in the board packet. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to accept the list of transfer students provided in the board packet and as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 3-0.

**H. Approve Price Increases for 2022-2023 Student/Adult Lunches – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt said our district is still below the state mandated lunch prices and recommended approval of proposed 10 cent price increases for 2022-2023 student and adult lunches as provided in the board packet. Dr. Schmidt noted that another request for a 10 cent price increase is forthcoming in January as well. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to approve price increases for 2022-2023 student and adult lunches as recommended by Dr. Schmidt and provided in the board packet; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 3-0.

**I. Approve 2022-2023 Food Service Vendor Procurements – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of the list of Food Service Vendor Procurements provided in the board packet noting that most vendors are remaining the same as last year with the exception of the following two vendors: Produce and Point of Sale. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 food service vendor procurements as provided in the board packet and recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 3-0.

**J. Approve Fundraisers– Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of the fundraisers as provided in the board packet. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to approve the fundraisers listed in the board packet as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 3-0.

**K. Approve the First Reading of the Following New Board Policy and Board Policy Revisions: Revised Board Policy #0142.3–Vacancies; Revised Board Policy #0167.3–Public Participation at Board Meetings; New Board Policy #1216–Dress and Grooming; Revised Board Policy #1220–Employment of the Superintendent; Revised Board Policy #1520–Employment of Administrators in Addition to the Superintendent; Revised Board Policy #2221–Mandatory Curriculum; Revised Board Policy #2260–Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity; Revised Board Policy #3120–Employment of Professional Staff; Revised Board Policy #3216–Staff Dress and Grooming; Revised Board Policy #4120–Employment of Support Staff; Revised Board Policy #4216–Support Staff Dress and Grooming; Revised Board Policy #5460–Graduation Requirements; Revised Board Policy #5511–Dress and Grooming; Revised Board Policy #5722–School-Sponsored Publications and Productions; Revised Board Policy #6110–Grant Funds; Revised Board Policy #6114–Cost Principles–Spending Federal Funds; Revised Board Policy #6325–Procurement–Federal Grants/Funds; Revised Board Policy #7450–Property Inventory; Revised Board Policy #8500–Food Service Program and Revised Board Policy #9150–School Visitors – Mr. Parrish**

Mr. Parrish recommended approval of the first reading of the new board policy and board policy revisions as provided in the board packet and asked for questions from the board. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to approve the first reading of the new board policy and board policy revisions as recommended by Mr. Parrish; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 3-0.

**L. Approval of Overnight Field Request for BGHS – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of an overnight field trip to allow the Varsity Cheerleaders to participate in the UCA Cheer Summer Camp at Purdue University in West Lafayette on July 12-14, 2022. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to approve an overnight field trip for the Varsity Cheerleaders to attend the UCA Cheer Summer Camp at Purdue University in West Lafayette as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Mr. Parrish reported on the following:

- We had a great end to the school year with field days, parties and celebrations.
- Mr. Parrish thanked all who worked hard in making graduation a huge success this year.
- Custodial crews have started summer cleaning and thanked them for always doing a fantastic job!
- The Human Resources website page and the Teacher Resources website page is up and running now.

**8. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt reported on the following:

- We had a strong finish to the end of the school year.
- Congratulations Class of 2022! Following are some Graduate Stats:
  - 82% are entering a four-year college
  - 1% are entering a two-year college
  - 6% are entering a vocational/technical program
  - 1% are entering the military
  - 11% are entering the workforce
  - The average GPA is 3.04
  - 16 earned Academic Honors and Technical Honors diplomas
  - 26 earned Academic Honors diplomas

- 9 earned Technical Honors diploma
- The PTSC Administrative Team did a first ever service program at Hilltop Neighborhood House and painted their playground, which was a great way to give back to the community.
- We are looking forward to completion of the PLE Learning Center.
- We are working to start a new CTE Early Childhood Learning Program and a CTE Criminal Justice Program.
- A new mentoring program for our new teachers is starting this year.
- We are revamping the McKinney-Vento Homelessness Act, which is a Federal Program for students who are experiencing homelessness.
- We are excited to return to a traditional First Teacher Day Breakfast and Professional Development Day.
- The Waste Water Plant Project and the High School Athletic Facility Project are in full force.
- We are working hard to get an Education Foundation up and running with the help of one of our retired teachers, Terry Tafflinger.
- We will continue to update our Return to Learn Plan which must be updated every 6 months.
- Next month's report will include what we are doing with our ESSER plans.

**9. ADJOURNMENT 6:48 p.m.**

Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.