

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

DATE 10-13-2022

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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. Lilann Sgouros and Mrs. Mary Harlow; Ms. Johanna Williams was absent. Also present were: Superintendent, Dr. Stacey Schmidt; Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Ben Parrish; Board Attorney, Cheryl Zic, CFO/Treasurer, Mrs. Kathleen Smith and Secretary to the Superintendent, Mrs. Linda Dusek. There was one (1) officer present in the audience.
2. **AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS – Dr. Schmidt - None**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT - None**
4. **PUBLIC HEARING ON AMENDMENT TO LEASE – Dr. Wargo**
  - A. Open Hearing**  
Dr. Schmidt opened the hearing on Amendment to Lease
  - B. Presentation**  
Dr. Schmidt said the school corporation is refunding bonds associated with the project but increasing lease payment to pay off the project more quickly to get some additional savings. The budget is currently subject to refinance lease so we need to amend the lease as part of this process
  - C. Public Comment**  
Dr. Schmidt opened the hearing for public comment. No public comments were heard.
  - D. Close Hearing**  
Dr. Schmidt closed the hearing on Amendment to Lease
  - E. Adopt Resolution #0922-274 Resolution Authorizing Execution of the Ninth Amendment to Lease – Dr. Schmidt**  
Dr. Schmidt said the school board must approve the ninth amendment to lease and authorize the officers to execute this agreement. Dr. Schmidt recommended adoption of Resolution #0922-274 authorizing execution of the ninth amendment to lease as provided in the board packet. Mrs. Harlow made a motion to adopt Resolution #0922-274 Resolution Authorizing Execution of the Ninth Amendment to Lease as recommended by Dr. Schmidt and as provided in the board packet; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 4-0.
  - F. Adopt Resolution #0922-275 Resolution Approving Form of the Second Supplement to Master Continuing Disclosure Undertaking – Dr. Schmidt**  
Dr. Schmidt said the securities and exchange commission requires this resolution before any bonds can be issued. We must agree to timely provide financial information in the MS system and provide any notice of any material events. Dr. Schmidt recommended adoption of Resolution #0922-275 approving form of the second supplement to master continuing disclosure undertaking. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to adopt Resolution #0922-275 approving form of the second supplement to master continuing disclosure undertaking as recommended by Dr. Schmidt and provided in the board packet; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 4-0.
  - G. Adopt Resolution #0922-276 Resolution Reapproving Building Corporation – Dr. Schmidt**  
Dr. Schmidt said before the building corporation can issue the bonds, the school board must reapprove the building corporation and authorize it to issue the bonds on behalf of the school corporation. Dr. Schmidt recommended adoption of Resolution #0922-276 Resolution Reapproving Building Corporation. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to adopt Resolution #0922-276 Resolution Reapproving Building Corporation as recommended by Dr. Schmidt and provided in the board packet; seconded by Mrs. Harlow. Motion carried 4-0.
5. **BUSINESS – Dr. Wargo**
  - A. Public Hearing of Proposed 2023 Capital Projects Plan – Mrs. Smith**
    - 1. Open Hearing**  
Mrs. Smith opened the public hearing on the proposed 2023 Capital Projects Plan.
    - 2. Presentation**  
Mrs. Smith said the proposed 2023 Capital Project Plan was developed by observations, the review of facilities and evaluation of the facility needs. Included in the Capital Projects Plan are: a new parking lot for all buildings, hand dryers at PLE and carpeting, BGMS classroom renovation, carpeting and

sports facilities, BGHS library and hallway carpeting, stage renovation, locker room renovations, work on the multi-purpose building and the athletic fields, wastewater plan renovation, replacing a bat wing mower, work on the storage building and athletic storage.

**3. Public Comment**

Mrs. Smith opened the public hearing for public comment on the proposed 2023 Capital Projects Plan. No requests were heard for public comment.

**4. Close Hearing**

Mrs. Smith closed the public hearing on the proposed 2023 Capital Projects Plan.

**B. Public Hearing of Proposed 2023 Bus Replacement Plan – Mrs. Smith**

**1. Open Hearing**

Mrs. Smith opened the public hearing on the proposed 2023 Bus Replacement Plan.

**2. Presentation**

The proposed 2023 Bus Replacement Plan represents a budget that was developed to meet the needs of the current fleet that PTSC owns. This plan is based upon the statutory allowable 12-year bus replacement cycle. In 2023 we are anticipating replacing two mini buses.

**3. Public Comment**

Mrs. Smith opened the public hearing for public comment on the 2023 Bus Replacement Plan. No requests were heard for public comment.

**4. Close Hearing**

Mrs. Smith closed the public hearing on the proposed 2023 Bus Replacement Plan.

**C. Tentative Agreement – Teacher Collective Bargaining Agreement Addendum – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt said the terms of the tentative agreement will be discussed in detail later tonight and the tentative agreement will be brought to the October board meeting for approval. Dr. Schmidt referred to the tentative agreement provided in front of the board. Dr. Schmidt said the tentative agreement has a starting base salary of \$46,000 for the 2022-2023 school year. In the compensation plan, teachers will receive \$4,400 in a salary increase if their teacher evaluation rating is highly effective or effective and a \$75 increase for experience if they have worked more than 120 days the previous year. Additionally, for those who are hired with a Work Place Specialist license with experience in another field, that experience is recognized at a two for one exchange. Dr. Schmidt said some dollars was added to the extra-curricular wages as well.

**D. Approve Classified Salary Increases – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of the classified salary increases provided in the board packet retroactive to September 26. Dr. Schmidt said they are working to increase classified salaries closer to \$15 per hour. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to approve the classified salary increases retroactive to September 26, 2022 as recommended by Dr. Schmidt and provided in the board packet; seconded by Mrs. Harlow. Motion carried 4-0.

**6. ADJOURNMENT – Dr. Wargo**

Mrs. Chavez made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mrs. Harlow. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.