

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

12-8-22

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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. Lilann Sgouros, Mrs. Laura Chavez 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; Deputy Treasurer, Mrs. Linda Bult and Secretary to the Superintendent, Mrs. Linda Dusek. There was one present in the audience plus one officer.

2. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS – Dr. Schmidt - None

3. PUBLIC COMMENT - None

4. CONSENT AGENDA – Dr. Schmidt

A. Personnel Report

B. Board Minutes

C. Payroll and Claim Docket

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of the consent agenda consisting of payroll and claim dockets, approval of the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting held on Thursday, October 13, 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	Location	Effective Date
CLASSIFIED APPOINTMENT:	McLAMB, Samantha	Part-Time Teacher Aide/Lunchroom Aide	PLE	11/01/2022
	SPIEROWSKI, Jennifer	Part-Time Preschool Teacher Aide	PLE	11/03/2022
CLASSIFIED POSITION CHANGE:	POWELL, Alexis	Position change to Cybersecurity Analyst/IT Asset Manager	BGHS	11/11/2022
CERTIFIED ECA APPOINTMENTS:	RYZEWSKI, Hannah	C-Team Girls' Basketball Coach	BGHS	10/24/2022-02/28/2023
	ELEFTHERI, Linda	6 th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach	BGMS	10/17/2022-12/16/2022
	TAUBER, Anthony	8 th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach	BGMS	10/17/2022-12/16/2022
	ALLEN, Carlie	7 th Grade Girls' Volleyball Coach	BGMS	09/06/2022-10/28/2022
	KRAUS, Kelly	8 th Grade Girls' Volleyball Coach	BGMS	09/06/2022-10/28/2022
	DEXTER, Laura	Varsity Girls' Golf	BGHS	08/01/2022-09/24/2022
	BAIRD, Bridget	Middle School Cross Country Coach	BGMS	08/08/2022-09/29/2022
	BAIRD, Bridget	Best Buddies Co-Sponsor	BGMS	2022-2023 School Year
	DRAVES, Jennifer	Math Academic Team Coach	BGMS	2022-2023 School Year
	JORSCH, Megan	Best Buddies Co-Sponsor	BGMS	2022-2023 School Year
	BELLEVILLE, Paul	Games Club Sponsor	BGHS	2022-2023 School Year
	McGINLEY, Justine	STEM Club Sponsor	BGHS	2022-2023 School Year
	McGINLEY, Justine	Science Fair Co-Sponsor	BGHS	2022-2023 School Year
	ASHBROOKS, Allison	GSA Club Sponsor	BGHS	2022-2023 School Year
	BEERE, Tara	Science Fair Co-Sponsor	BGHS	2022-2023 School Year
	BEERE, Tara	Spell Bowl Sponsor	BGHS	2022-2023 School Year
	WESTERMAN, Ivette	Foreign Language Department Chair	BGHS	2022-2023 School Year
	MIKULICH, Ginger	Science Fair Co-Sponsor	BGHS	2022-2023 School Year
	MIKULICH, Ginger	Science Department Chair	BGHS	2022-2023 School Year
	McGINLEY, Justine	Science Academic Team Sponsor	BGHS	2022-2023 School Year
	SIMATOVICH, Michael	JV Boys' Basketball Coach	BGHS	11/07/2022-03/25/2023
	SMITHSON, Ashley	Yearbook Coordinator	PLE	2022-2023 School Year
	RIGSBY, Christopher	Best Buddies Co-Sponsor	BGE	2022-2023 School Year
	HUNDT, Megan	Best Buddies Co-Sponsor	BGE	2022-2023 School Year
CLASSIFIED ECA APPOINTMENTS:	KIMES, Sharon	Varsity Dance Sponsor	BGHS	08/01/2022-02/29/2023
	CASANOVA, Angela	JV Girls' Basketball Coach	BGHS	10/17/2022-02/28/2023
	SACO, Melissa	7 th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach	BGMS	10/17/2022-12/16/2022
	JONES, Lori	Varsity Cheer Coach	BGHS	08/01/2022-03/31/2022
	MINDER, Robert	High School Wrestling Head Coach	BGHS	11/01/2022-02/24/2023
	TABORSKI, Michael	High School Wrestling Volunteer Coach	BGHS	11/01/2022-02/24/2023
	HILL, Bryan	C-Team Boys' Basketball Coach	BGHS	11/07/2022-03/25/2023

CLASSIFIED ECA RESIGNATION:	BEERE, Tara	Science Academic Team Sponsor	BGHS	11/01/2022
CERTIFIED INTERMITTENT LEAVE OF ABSENCE:	FINLEY, Jennifer	Kindergarten Teacher - Intermittent Leave of Absence (Approx. 7.5 days)	PLE	09/13/2022-11/22/2022
CLASSIFIED RETIREMENT:	BULT, Linda	Deputy Treasurer	Central Office	04/30/2023

Mrs. Chavez made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of payroll and claim dockets, approval of the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting held on Thursday, October 13, 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. Harlow. Motion carried 4-0.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Financial Summary

B. Fund Report

Dr. Schmidt said the Financial Summary and Fund Report are provided in the board packet and asked for questions from the board. No questions were heard.

6. BUSINESS

A. Accept Transfer Student – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended acceptance of one additional transfer student at PLE as provided in the board packet. Mrs. Harlow made a motion to accept one additional transfer student at PLE as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 4-0.

B. Approve Fundraiser – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of a fundraiser for the boys' basketball team and a fundraiser for the girls' basketball team as provided in the board packet. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to approve the fundraisers for the boys' basketball team and for the girls' basketball team as recommended by Dr. Schmidt and as provided in the board packet; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 4-0.

C. Approve the First Reading of the following Bylaw Revisions, Board Policy Revisions and New Board

Policy: Revised Bylaw #0131.1-Bylaws and Policies; Revised Bylaw #0142.2-Oath; Revised Board Policy #1521-Personal Background Checks, References, and Mandatory Reporting of Convictions and Substantiated Child Abuse and Arrests; Revised Board Policy #2431-Interscholastic Athletics; Revised Board Policy #2464-Programs for High Ability Students; Revised Board Policy #3120.11-Public Hearing Before Commencement of Collective Bargaining and Public Meeting Before Ratification of Tentative Agreement; Revised Board Policy #3121-Personal Background Checks, References, and Mandatory Reporting of Convictions and Substantiated Child Abuse and Arrests; Revised Board Policy #4121-Personal Background Checks, References, and Mandatory Reporting of Convictions and Substantiated Child Abuse and Arrests; Revised Board Policy #5610-Suspension and Expulsion of Students; Revised Board Policy #6250-Required ADM Counts for the Purpose of State Funding and Verification of Residency for Membership; Revised Board Policy #6550-Travel Payment and Reimbursement; Revised Board Policy #8120-Volunteers; Revised Board Policy #8121-Personal Background Check-Contracted Services; New Board Policy #8220-School Day; Revised Board Policy #8400-School Safety; Revised Board Policy #8510-Wellness; Revised Board Policy #8600-Transportation and Revised Board Policy #9150-School Visitors-Mr. Parrish

Mr. Parrish recommended approval of the first reading of the Bylaw Revisions, Board Policy Revisions and the New Board Policy as listed on the agenda and as provided in the board packet. Mrs. Harlow. made a motion to approve the first reading of the Bylaw Revisions, Board Policy Revisions and the New Board Policy as recommended by Mr. Parrish and as listed on the agenda and waiving the readings; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 4-0.

D. Approve Donation – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended acceptance of another generous anonymous donation of \$500 to be used to provide student lunches for students who are in need. Dr. Schmidt said this is the third consecutive month we have received this thoughtful and generous donation from the same anonymous donor for which we are truly grateful. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to accept the anonymous donation of \$500 to be used to provide student lunches for students who are in need as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 4-0.

7. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Mr. Parrish

Mr. Parrish reported on the following updates from each school building:

BGMS:

- A group of 8th grade girls took a field trip to Valparaiso University and attended the annual “New” workshop, which is a non-traditional employment opportunity hosted by Porter County Career Center. The girls participated in roundtable discussions about many different career opportunities and it was a great experience for this group.

- The 7th Grade Girls' Volleyball won the PCC Tournament for the second consecutive year.
- BGMS celebrated Red Ribbon Week, which was hosted by Officer Palleson, Officer McKinney and K-9 Kane.
- PLE had 96% attendance at Parent/Teacher Conferences
- PLE celebrated Red Ribbon Week with many thanks to Mrs. Kassner and to the PTO for organizing the week.
- PLE Food Drive begins next week and all items will be donated to the Hebron Food Pantry.
- Pre-School Registration began today

BGHS:

- The Stem Club is very popular, is doing very well and just received a local grant!
- Congratulations to Mrs. Jori Swan for being named as Teacher of Month for October!
- The Outsiders will be performed by the Drama Club on November 18, 19 and 20.
- Officer Boone's new Criminal Justice Class is going very well, provides students with a Graduation Pathway and a great experience with this CTE Program.
- Congratulations to Christopher Vargas and Maddie Epler who attended the local Rotary Luncheon with Mrs. Gibbs and represented BGHS in a very impressive manner.
- BGHS would like to recognize all service members as Veterans' Day approaches.

BGE:

- BGE had 99.9% attendance at Parent/Teacher Conferences!
- BGE celebrated Red Ribbon Week. A big Thank You to Mrs. Kassner and the PTO for their hard work. Congratulations to Mrs. Rippe and her class on winning the door competition!
- BGE hosted a Bingo Night.
- BGE is hosting a Food Drive next week.
- The BGE Choir Concert will be held on December 6 at 5:30 p.m.
- Spell Bowl will be held on Monday.

8. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Dr. Schmidt

- Dr. Schmidt said grant opportunities are open for teachers. These grants will be provided by using remaining fund-raised funds from the IAPSS event hosted by PTSC in June. At this point, 10 – 12 teachers have written grants and Dr. Schmidt said she will attempt to fund each one!
- Dr. Schmidt gave a presentation reporting on the progress on the work on the new wastewater treatment plant. The anticipated delivery date of the wastewater plant is next week Thursday. Site work is laying the cement pad and laying the underground work and earth work in preparation.
- We had our first synchronous eLearning day this week. Due to legislation passed last spring, when a school uses virtual learning for at least 50% or more students on a school day, synchronous instruction must be utilized for at least half of a virtual day. The synchronous days are scheduled for November 8, 2022 and May 2, 2023. Additionally, three virtual learning days may be used during a school year and PTSC has chosen to hold these virtual days for possible inclement weather days. Surveys have recently been sent to parents and students to gather input on sequenous days.

9. ADJOURNMENT 6:43 p.m.

Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mrs. Harlow. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.