

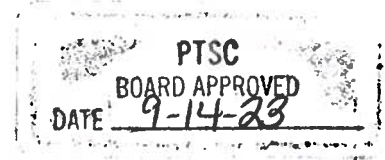
Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting, Porter Township School Corporation Board of School Trustees
August 10, 2023 | 5:00 pm CST

Board Members Present: Dr. Natalie Wargo, Lilann Sgouros, Mary Harlow, Eric McGinty

Board Members Absent: Laura Chavez

Staff Members Present: Dr. Stacey Schmidt, Superintendent, Ben Parrish, Assistant Superintendent, Kathleen Smith, CFO, Laura Scott, Executive Assistant, and Cheryl Zic, Attorney

There were no community members in attendance.



1. Call to Order – Dr. Wargo, President, 5:00 pm CST

a. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Agenda Adjustments – Dr. Schmidt

a. Dr. Schmidt removed Business item 7H – Approve Porter County Community Foundation Agreement. This will be added to September’s agenda

b. Dr. Schmidt added Business item 7AA – Election of Acting Secretary

3. Public Comment | There were no public comments

4. Public Hearing on Additional Appropriation – Dr. Schmidt

a. Open Hearing – Overview

b. Presentation

c. Public Comment

d. Close Hearing

We are funding a project through the issue of GO Bonds. The proceeds from the bond issue must be appropriated prior to being spent. We provided a public notice of this meeting ahead of time. There was no public comment and the hearing was closed.

5. Consent Agenda – Dr. Schmidt

a. Personnel Report

b. Board Minutes, 7.14.2023 meeting

c. Payroll and Claim Dockets

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of the items on the consent agenda as presented in the board packet. A motion to approve the consent agenda as presented was made by Lilann Sgouros, seconded by Eric McGinty. The motion carried 4-0

6. Financial Report – Mrs. Kathleen Smith

a. Financial Summary

b. Fund Report

c. Investment Report

d. Monthly Fund Transfer Report

e. Budget Workshop Presentation

There were no questions on items a-d. Mrs. Smith presented the 2023 budget calendar, went over the types of funds we use and what types of purchases are made from each fund, and where our revenue comes from. Mrs. Smith touched on our student count, which is steady. Predictions show that we will lose roughly 10 students for the 24-25 school year. Other factors that affect our funding include not being able to collect textbook rental, the cost of doing business/inflation, and the rise in our healthcare costs.

We want to do our best to remain tax-neutral. Mrs. Smith asked for a total taxable advertised rate of 1.7603%, which will happen at next month's board meeting.

7. Business

aa. Approval of Acting Secretary

Dr. Schmidt recommended the election of an acting secretary to cover for absences and the signing of important documents. Mary Harlow volunteered to be the Acting Secretary and made the motion, seconded by Lilann Sgouros. The motion carried 4-0.

a. Approve Indiana University Master Affiliation Agreement – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of this agreement, as it is a mutually beneficial agreement for PTSC and the University. A motion to approve was made by Mary Harlow, seconded by Eric McGinty. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

b. Approve Overnight Field Trips – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of upcoming 4th grade, drama club, and potential athletic overnight field trips. Eric McGinty made a motion to approve the overnight field trips, seconded by Lilann Sgouros. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

c. Approve Transfer Students – Dr. Schmidt

A couple of students have met all qualifications for transfer and have been approved. Dr. Schmidt recommended acceptance of the transfer students for the 2023-2024 school year. A motion to accept the transfer students was made by Lilann Sgouros, seconded by Mary Harlow. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

d. Approve Fundraisers – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of the fundraisers listed in the board packet. A motion to accept the fundraisers was made by Mary Harlow, seconded by Eric McGinty. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

e. Adopt Revision to Board Policy 3220.01 – Teacher Appreciation Grants – Mr. Ben Parrish

A slight revision is listed in the board packet for board policy 3220.01, which requires re-adoption annually in order to receive grant dollars from the state. Mr. Parrish recommended the board's approval of the revision. A motion to approve the revision was made by Eric McGinty, seconded by Lilann Sgouros. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

f. Adopt Resolution #0823-289 – Additional Appropriation Resolution – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt requested approval of the appropriation of the bond proceeds to be spent on project costs. We have to adopt the resolution before any bond proceeds can be expended. A motion to adopt resolution #0823-289 was made by Mary Harlow, seconded by Lilann Sgouros. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

g. Adopt Resolution #0823-290 – Final Bond Resolution – Dr. Schmidt

This resolution sets the final terms for the bond, as well as serves as the 2nd form of reporting, required under disclosure. A motion to adopt resolution #0823-290 was made by Lilann Sgouros, seconded by Mary Harlow. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

~~h. Approve Porter County Community Foundation Agreement – Dr. Schmidt~~

~~This item was removed from the agenda and will be revisited at September's meeting.~~

8. Assistant Superintendent Report – Mr. Parrish

- Registration is going well at all buildings. Teachers are busy preparing their classrooms for kids, who arrive next week. We have some new technology in the classrooms being tested currently, projectors and speakers that seem to be working really well.
- Mr. Belleville has been working really hard with our Marching Band. Our Volleyball and Football teams have been busy with scrimmages.
- Freshman and new student orientation at BGHS was very well attended – thanks to our Principal’s Council and National Honor Society for supporting that endeavor.

9. Superintendent Report – Dr. Schmidt

- New teacher orientation was earlier this week. Dr. Schmidt highlighted all of our new teaching staff, some of whom are already getting involved in ECA coaching. The Crossroads Chamber hosted the new teacher luncheon, at White Hawk Country Club.
- We refinished floors at BGHS in the small gym and auditorium. The auditorium also received upgraded lighting and sound.
- We continue to make progress on our new athletic facility. Weather has postponed pouring our track asphalt. Once the asphalt goes down, the turf will immediately follow. Bleachers will be installed shortly.

10. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made at 5:32 pm by Mary Harlow, seconded by Eric McGinty. The motion carried 4-0.