

Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting, Porter Township School Corporation Board of School Trustees
March 14, 2024 | 5:30 pm CST

Board Members Present: Dr. Natalie Wargo, Mary Harlow, and Jeannette Skibbie

Board Members Absent: Eric McGinty and Lilann Sgouros

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

There were no community members in attendance.

1. **CALL TO ORDER – Dr. Natalie Wargo, President, 5:30 pm**
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
 - B. Welcome Visitors
2. **AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS – Dr. Stacey Schmidt** | There were no agenda adjustments
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** | There were no public comment
4. **CONSENT AGENDA – Dr. Schmidt**
 - A. Personnel Report
 - B. Board Minutes, 2.8.24 Board Meeting
 - C. Payroll and Claim Dockets



Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of the consent agenda as provided in the board packet. A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Mary Harlow, seconded by Jeannette Skibbie. There was no discussion and the motion carried 3-0.

5. **FINANCIAL REPORT – Mrs. Kathleen Smith**
 - A. Financial Report
 - B. Fund Report
 - C. Investment Report
 - D. Monthly Fund Transfer Report

6. **BUSINESS**

A. Accept Farm Lease Bid – Dr. Schmidt

We received 1 bid for our farm land; Dr. Schmidt recommended this bidder. A motion to accept the farm lease bid was made by Jeannette Skibbie, seconded by Mary Harlow. There was no discussion and the motion carried 3-0.

B. Approve Skyward Proposal – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommends moving from Harmony to Skyward SIS. Annual costs will increase slightly, but there are a lot of advantages for us, especially pertaining to safety and security. Teachers and other staff have all seen the software and have had opportunities to ask questions. Dr. Schmidt answered questions from the board. Mary Harlow made a motion to approve this proposal, seconded by Jeannette Skibbie; the motion carried 3-0.

C. Approve Fundraisers – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of various fundraisers, as presented in the board packet. A motion to approve these fundraisers was made by Jeannette Skibbie, seconded by Mary Harlow. There was no discussion and the motion carried 3-0.

D. Approve Overnight Field Trips – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of 2 overnight field trips. A motion to approve these field trips was made by Mary Harlow, seconded by Jeannette Skibbie. There was no discussion and the motion carried 3-0.

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

Mr. Parrish provided brief updates from each building. Special shoutout to BGHS “Teacher of the Month” Maria Wilson, who won the award from her position in the cafeteria.

8. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt shared an update on the athletic complex – the weight room is open and operating, batting cages are in use, as is the field.

Assessments are on-going and upcoming in all grade levels.

Dr. Schmidt shared about her experience participating in an AI Steering Committee with Superintendents from across the country.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mary Harlow at 5:38 pm, seconded by Jeannette Skibbie. The motion carried 3-0.