

Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting, Porter Township School Corporation Board of School Trustees  
July 11, 2024 | 5:30 pm CST

*\*The following is a partial transcript of the meeting. A recording of the actual meeting is available at Central Office and is kept on file for approximately 5 months after the date of the meeting. Approval of this transcript as official minutes will be at the next regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees.*

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

Board Members Absent: Jeannette Skibbie

Staff Members Present: Ben Parrish, Assistant Superintendent, Kathleen Smith, CFO, and Laura Scott, Executive Assistant.

Staff Members Absent: Dr. Stacey Schmidt, Superintendent

There were no community members in attendance.



**1. CALL TO ORDER – Dr. Natalie Wargo, President, 54:30 pm**

**A. Pledge of Allegiance**

**B. Welcome Visitors**

**2. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS – Mr. Ben Parrish | There were no agenda adjustments**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT | There were no public comments**

**4. CONSENT AGENDA – Mr. Parrish**

**A. Personnel Report**

**B. Board Minutes, 6.13.24 Board Meeting**

**C. Payroll and Claim Dockets**

Mr. Parrish recommended approval of the consent agenda, as prepared in the board packet. A motion to approve the constnt agenda was made by Lilann Sgouros, seconded by Mary Harlow. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

**5. FINANCIAL REPORT – Mrs. Kathleen Smith**

**A. Financial Report**

**B. Fund Report**

**C. Investment Report**

**D. Monthly Fund Transfer Report**

**6. BUSINESS**

**A. Approve 2024-2025 Curricular Materials – Mrs. Smith**

Mrs. Smith recommended approval of the 2024-2025 curricular materials as presented in the board packet. A motion to approve these materials was made by Mary Harlow, seconded by Eric McGinty. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

**B. Contract Considerations – Mr. Parrish**

Mr. Parrish recommended approval of contracts with Skyward, Inc., Cannon Solutions America, Inc., AdTec, and the Indiana Department of Education (digital learning grant). A motion to approve contracts was made by Lilann Sgouros, seconded by Eric McGinty. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

**C. Approve Transfer Students for the 2024-2025 School Year – Mr. Parrish**

Mr. Parrish recommended approval of one new transfer student for the 2024-2025 school year. A motion to accept this transfer student was made by Mary Harlow, seconded by Eric McGinty. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

**D. Approve Overnight Field Trip – Mr. Parrish**

Mr. Parrish recommended approval of an overnight field trip for the BGHS Drama Club. A motion to approve this field trip was made by Eric McGinty, seconded by Mary Harlow. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

**E. Approve the Second Reading and Adoption of 2024-2025 ECA Coaches Handbook Revisions – Mr. Parrish**

Mr. Parrish recommended the approval and adoption of the 2024-2025 ECA Coaches Handbook. A motion to approve and adopt these changes was made by Lilann Sgouros, seconded by Mary Harlow. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

**F. Approve the Second Reading and Adoption of 2024-2025 Student Handbook – Mr. Parrish**

Mr. Parrish recommended the approval and adoption of the 2024-2025 student handbook. The revised district-wide attendance policy and BGHS transition from class rank to Latin honors are the main changes. A motion to approve and adopt this handbook was made by Mary Harlow, seconded by Eric McGinty. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

**G. Approve the Second Reading and Adoption of the 2024-2025 Classified Employee Handbook Revisions – Mr. Parrish**

Mr. Parrish recommended the approval and adoption of the 2024-2025 Classified Employee Handbook Revisions regarding unpaid leave days. A motion to approve and adopt these revisions was made by Mary Harlow, seconded by Lilann Sgouros. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

**H. Approve the Second Reading and Adoption of the Following New Board Bylaws, Board Bylaw Revisions, New Board Policies, or Board Policy Revisions – Mr. Parrish**

**1. Revised Bylaw #0100 – Legislative Changes – Definitions**

**2. Replacement Policy #5136 – Legislative Changes – Personal Communication Devices**

**3. Revised Policy #5200 – Legislative Changes – Attendance**

Mr. Parrish recommended the approval and adoption of the above listed policy revisions and replacements. A motion to approve and adopt these revisions was made by Mary Harlow, seconded by Eric McGinty. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made at 5:35 pm by Lilann Sgouros, seconded by Mary Harlow. The motion carried 4-0.