

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

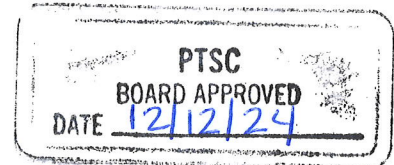
**The following is a partial transcript of the meeting. A recording of the actual meeting is available at Central Office and is kept on file for approximately 5 months after the date of the meeting. Approval of this transcript as official minutes will be at the next regular meeting of the Board of School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

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

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Dr. Stacey Schmidt, Superintendent, Ben Parrish, Assistant Superintendent, Kathleen Smith, CFO, Laura Scott, Executive Assistant, and Jacquelyn 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 | None

3. PUBLIC COMMENT | There were no public comments

4. PLE PROJECT – Hearing on 2nd Amendment to Lease and Additional Appropriation – Dr. Schmidt

A. Welcome

B. Statement of Purpose on Second Amendment to Lease

C. Statement of Purpose of Hearing on Additional Appropriation of Bond Proceeds

D. Open Public Hearing

Dr. Wargo opened the public hearing. No one signed up for public comment

E. Adopt Resolution 1124-309 – Authorizing the Execution of the Lease

A motion to adopt resolution 1124-309 was made by Eric McGinty, seconded by Mary Harlow. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

F. Adopt Resolution 1124-310 – Additional Appropriation

A motion to adopt resolution 1124-310 was made by Lilann Sgouros, seconded by Jeannette Skibbie. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

G. Adopt Resolution 1124-311 – Assigning Construction Bids to the Building Corporation

A motion to adopt resolution 1124-311 was made by Mary Harlow, seconded by Eric McGinty. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

H. Adopt Resolution 1124-312 – Approving the Third Supplement to Master Continuing Disclosure Undertaking

A motion to adopt resolution 1124-312 was made by Jeannette Skibbie, seconded by Lilann Sgouros. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

I. Close Public Hearing

Dr. Wargo closed the public hearing.

5. CONSENT AGENDA – Dr. Schmidt

A. Personnel Report

B. Board Minutes, 10.10.24 Regular Board Meeting

C. Payroll and Claim Dockets

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of the Consent Agenda as presented in the board packet, consisting of board meeting minutes, payroll and claim dockets, and the following items listed on the personnel report:

Appointments*Extra-Curricular*

Name	Position	Location	Effective Date
Baacke, Greg	MS Boys Basketball Assistant Volunteer	BGMS	2024-2025 School Year
Baird, Bridget	MS XC Head Coach	BGMS	2024-2025 School Year
Clinton, Don	Assistant Bowling Coach, Volunteer	BGHS	2024-2025 School Year
Clinton, Kelly	Assistant Bowling Coach, Volunteer	BGHS	2024-2025 School Year
Draves, Jennifer	Academic Team Head Coach	BGMS	2024-2025 School Year
Eleftheri, Linda	Freshman Girls Basketball Head Coach	BGHS	2024-2025 School Year
Falkowski, Greg	8th Grade Boys Basketball Head Coach	BGMS	2024-2025 School Year
Garza, Sean	Varsity Boys Wrestling Assistant Volunteer	BGHS	2024-2025 School Year
Hill, Bryan	C-Team Boys Basketball Head Coach	BGHS	2024-2025 School Year
Hill, Dean	Varsity Boys Basketball Head Coach, Varsity Boys Golf Head Coach	BGHS	2024-2025 School Year
Knight, William	Bowling Head Coach	BGHS	2024-2025 School Year
Loving, Sheryl	Art Club, Art Show, Art Department Chair	BGHS	2024-2025 School Year
Minder, Robert	Varsity Girls Wrestling Head Coach	BGHS	2024-2025 School Year
Mendoza, Chris	6th Grade Boys Basketball Head Coach	BGMS	2024-2025 School Year
Ooms, David	Varsity Boys Basketball Assistant Volunteer	BGHS	2024-2025 School Year
Paciga, Bonnie	Bowling Assistant Coach, Volunteer	BGHS	2024-2025 School Year
Peterson, Shana	MS Cheerleading Head Coach	BGMS	2024-2025 School Year
Richardson-Kobus, Jane	Bowling Assistant Coach, Volunteer	BGHS	2024-2025 School Year
Riley, Sean	MS Boys Baseball Head Coach, Varsity Baseball Head Coach	BGMS/BGHS	2024-2025 School Year
Ryzewski, Hannah	Varsity Girls Basketball Head Coach	BGHS	2024-2025 School Year
Saco, Melissa	JV Girls Basketball Head Coach	BGHS	2024-2025 School Year
Schmidt, Laura	Girls Swimming Volunteer	BGHS	2024-2025 School Year
Schwartzkopf, Chris	Varsity Wrestling Assistant Volunteer	BGHS	2024-2025 School Year
Simatovich, Michael	JV Boys Basketball Head Coach	BGHS	2024-2025 School Year
Taborski, Michael	Varsity Boys Wrestling Head Coach	BGHS	2024-2025 School Year
Talbert, Jeremy	Varsity Boys Wrestling Assistant Volunteer	BGHS	2024-2025 School Year
Trapana, Tom	Varsity Boys Track Head Coach	BGHS	2024-2025 School Year
Voudrie, Dan	7th Grade Boys Basketball Head Coach	BGMS	2024-2025 School Year
Wargo, Jason	Boys Swimming Volunteer	BGHS	2024-2025 School Year
Wyrick, Samantha	BGMS Cheerleading Assistant Volunteer	BGMS	2024-2025 School Year
Clemens, Jade	Special Ed Teacher	BGE	2/25/25 through end of school year

Leaves*Certified*

Resignations <i>Extra-Curricular</i> Rate Adjustment <i>Classified</i>	Hamill, Samantha	5th Grade Teacher	BGE	2/11/25 through end of school year
	Johnston, Jessica	1st Grade Teacher	PLE	3/31/25 through end of school year
	Ritchie, Jolie	Head Coach: MS Academic Team & Jr. Social Studies Academic Team	BGMS	2024-2025 School Year
	Anderson, Blake	Special Ed Teacher's Aide	BGHS	10/6/2025

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Mary Harlow, seconded by Lilann Sgouros. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT – Mrs. Kathleen Smith

A. Financial Report

B. Fund Report

C. Monthly Fund Transfer Reports

7. BUSINESS

A. Approve Collective Bargaining Agreement – Dr. Schmidt

After reviewing the terms of agreement last month, it is time for approval. A motion to approve the CBA was made by Eric McGinty, seconded by Mary Harlow. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

B. Approve Fundraisers – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of numerous fundraisers, as presented in the board packet. A motion to approve fundraisers was made by Jeannette Skibbie, seconded by Lilann Sgouros. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

C. Contract Considerations – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of contracts with Crowe, LLC, Indiana ESC Food Co-op, Patriot Engineering, and Sandy Hook Promise. A motion to approve these contracts was made by Mary Harlow, seconded by Eric McGinty. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

D. Approve the 1st Reading of the Following Board Policy Revisions – Mr. Parrish

- 1. Revised Policy 1130 – Conflict of Interest**
- 2. Revised Policy 1220 – Employment of the Superintendent**
- 3. Revised Policy 1230 – Responsibilities of the Superintendent**
- 4. Revised Policy 1617 – Weapons**
- 5. Rescinded Policy 2312 – Class Size**
- 6. Revised Policy 2623 – Student Assessment**
- 7. Revised Policy 3113 – Conflict of Interest**
- 8. Revised Policy 3217 – Weapons**
- 9. Revised Policy 4113 – Conflict of Interest**
- 10. Revised Policy 4217 – Weapons**
- 11. Revised Policy 5410 – Promotion, Placement, and Retention**
- 12. Revised Policy 5772 – Weapons**
- 13. Revised Policy 6110 – Grant Funds**
- 14. Revised Policy 6111 – Internal Control Standards & Procedures**
- 15. Revised Policy 6112 – Cash Management of Grants**

- 16. Revised Policy 6114 – Cost Principles – Spending Federal Funds
- 17. Revised Policy 6325 – Procurement – Federal Grants/Funds
- 18. Revised Policy 6550 – Travel Payment and Reimbursement/Relocation Costs
- 19. Revised Policy 7217 – Possession of Firearms and Weapons by Visitors
- 20. Revised Policy 7310 – Disposition of Surplus Property
- 21. Revised Policy 7450 – Property Inventory
- 22. Revised Policy 7540.03 – Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety
- 23. Revised Policy 8400 – School Safety Information

Mr. Parrish recommended approval of the first reading of the above-mentioned board policy revisions, keeping us up to date with state law. A motion to approve this first reading was made by Lilann Sgouros, seconded by Mary Harlow. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

8. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Mr. Parrish

Mr. Parrish provided updates from each building:

BGHS – Congrats to Mrs. May earning October Teacher of the Month! Drama Club's production of A Midsummer Night's Dream kicks off this weekend. Girls' basketball started last week and celebrated with a win over Hebron. BG Girls Wrestling hosts their inaugural meet this evening – good luck! The Natural Helpers' overnight retreat was a great success and experience for our students.

BGMS – Veteran's Day program had a huge turnout – thankful to all veterans for their service, our guest speaker, Mr. Sabo, as well as Mrs. Garcia and NJHS students who helped.

BGE – They celebrated their students of the month, who showcased "integrity". Their food drive has been a huge success thus far!

PLE – Trunk-or-treat raised over \$1,000 for NWI No Child Hungry

9. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt shared highlights from her trip with Mr. Donnell and Mrs. Vander Laan to Washington D.C. to celebrate Porter Lakes Elementary's National Blue Ribbon Schools award. They followed up with a celebration at Porter Lakes with students and staff.

A. 2025 Lease Bonds – Discuss Potential Project, Financial Information, and Authorize Publication of Notice of Hearings

Dr. Schmidt discussed our plans for repairs and improvements at BGHS, including HVAC. We have worked hard to maintain our tax rate thanks to the board's steady leadership. We are looking at selling bonds in early 2025 totaling about \$10.5M. Dr. Schmidt asked the board for permission to publish a Notice of Hearings so that next month we can continue these conversations. Eric McGinty made a motion to authorize publication, seconded by Jeannette Skibbie; the motion carried 5-0.

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mary Harlow at 5:52 pm, seconded by Jeannette Skibbie. The motion carried 5-0.