

Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting, Porter Township School Corporation Board of School Trustees
March 13, 2025 | 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: 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 | 5:30 pm CST

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 comments

4. HS PROJECT – Hearing on Third Amendment to Lease – Dr. Schmidt

A. Welcome

B. Statement of Purpose of Hearing on Third Amendment to Lease

C. Review of Project

D. Public Comment

Dr. Schmidt shared a review of the project at BGHS – HVAC, sinking, carpeting that needs replaced, sidewalk/pavement cracks. Dr. Wargo opened the hearing. There were no public comments. Dr. Wargo then closed the hearing.

E. Adopt Resolution #0325-321 – Authorizing Execution of Third Amendment to Lease Agreement and Sale of Real Estate

A motion to adopt resolution #0325-321 was made by Eric McGinty, seconded by Mary Harlow. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

F. Adopt Resolution #0325-322 – Assigning Construction Bids and Contracts, Once Received

A motion to adopt resolution #0325-322 was made by Lilann Sgouros, seconded by Mary Harlow. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

G. Adopt Resolution #0325-323 – Approving Fourth Supplement to Master Continuing Disclosure Undertaking

A motion to adopt resolution #0325-323 was made by Eric McGinty, seconded by Mary Harlow. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

H. Close Hearing

5. CONSENT AGENDA – Dr. Schmidt

A. Personnel Report

B. Board Minutes, 2.13.25 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		Name	Position	Location	Effective Date
<i>Classified</i>		Evans, Shawn	F/T Custodian	PLE	3/10/2025
		McDowell, Cassi	Special Ed Teacher's Aide	PLE	3/4/2025
<i>Extra-Curricular</i>		Baumann, Nicole	Girls Track Assistant Coach	BGHS	2024-2025 School Year
		Beck, Vernon	Boys Track Assistant Coach	BGHS	2024-2025 School Year
		Bombagetti, Brianne	Varsity Girls Softball Assistant, Volunteer	BGHS	2024-2025 School Year
		Dixon, Christine	Boys Varsity Volleyball Head Coach	BGHS	2024-2025 School Year
		Hill, Bryan	JV Baseball Coach	BGHS	2024-2025 School Year
		Hoover, Doug	Varsity Baseball Assistant, Volunteer	BGHS	2024-2025 School Year
		McCoy, Andrea	Boys JV Volleyball Head Coach	BGHS	2024-2025 School Year
		Truby, Teddy	Varsity Baseball Assistant, Volunteer	BGHS	2024-2025 School Year
Leaves					
<i>Classified</i>		Curtis, Aliya	Teacher's Aide	BGMS	2/5-2/6/2025, 2/10-2/12/25
		Davis, Debra	Teacher's Aide	PLE	2/21/2025
		Harker, Denise	Teacher's Aide	BGHS	2/18-2/19/25
		Mikos, Ewa	Cafeteria Worker	BGHS	3/13/2025
		Moreno, Tamitha	Secretary	BGHS	2/12/25, 2/13/25 (.5), 2/18-2/20/25 (.5 each), 3/3/25, 4/11/25, 4/14/25
		Pelc, Jennifer	Teacher's Aide	PLE	2/10/2025, 2/25-2/26/2025
		Rowland, Miranda	Special Ed Teacher's Aide	PLE	2/10/25 (.5), 2/11/25
		Schacki, Alexis	Teacher's Aide	PLE	2/21/2025
		Stefanich, Bill	Custodian	BGHS	Leave beginning 2/12/25
Resignations					
<i>Extra-Curricular</i>		Sherwin, Brian	Varsity Soccer Coach	BGHS	2024-2025 School Year

6. FINANCIAL REPORT – Mrs. Kathleen Smith

A. Financial Report

B. Fund Report

C. Monthly Fund Transfer Reports

7. BUSINESS

A. Accept Fundraisers – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of numerous fundraisers, as presented in the board packet. A motion to accept fundraisers was made by Mary Harlow, seconded by Lilann Sgouros. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

B. Approve Dual-Credit Supplemental Payments – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of supplemental payments for our dual-credit teachers, in recognition of the extra effort required to offer these courses to our students. A motion to approve these supplemental payments was made by Eric McGinty, seconded by Lilann Sgouros. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

C. Contract Considerations – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of a contract with Visitor Aware, a new visitor safety management software. A motion to approve this contract was made by Mary Harlow, seconded by Eric McGinty. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

D. Approve Resolution #0325-324, Establish Responsible Bidding Practices and Submission Requirements on Public Works Projects – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of this resolution, which will ensure job requirements and expectations are clear as contractors begin bidding on our projects. A motion to approve resolution 0325-324 was made by Lilann Sgouros, seconded by Mary Harlow. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

E. Tax Anticipation Warrant – Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Smith informed the board that there may be a TAW resolution at the next meeting. Our goal is to be fiscally responsible and ensure we do not end up with a negative cash balance. Mrs. Smith and Dr. Schmidt answered questions from the board.

F. Approve the First Reading of the Following New Board Bylaws, Board Bylaw Revisions, New Board Policies, or Board Policy Revisions – Mr. Parrish

1. Revised Policy #3120.04 – Employment of Substitutes

2. Revised Policy #5111 – Determination of Legal Settlement and Eligibility for Enrollment of Students without Legal Settlement in the Corporation

3. Revised Policy #5500 – Student Conduct

4. Copy of Policy #5610 – Suspension and Expulsion of Students

5. New Policy #6140 – Depository Agreements and Digital Payment Applications

6. Revised Policy #6250 – Required ADM Counts for the Purpose of State Funding and Verification of Residency for Membership

7. Revised Policy #6550 – Travel Payment and Reimbursement/Relocation Costs

8. Revised Policy #8420 – Emergency Preparedness Plans and Drills

Mr. Parrish recommended approval of the first reading of the above new policies and policy revisions. A motion to approve this first reading was made by Eric McGinty, seconded by Lilann Sgouros. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

8. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Mr. Parrish

Mr. Parrish provided an update from each building:

BGMS – Girls basketball and boys volleyball have wrapped up their seasons – special thanks to all coaches and volunteers. Co-Ed Track, Games Club, and their first Girls on the Run team are getting ready to kick off. Good luck to our Academic Teams as they prepare for their upcoming competitions. Mrs. Draves is very much appreciated for volunteering her time to run our after-school homework help, which helped a lot of students this year.

BGE – Hosted their first ever Fine Arts Night – thanks to Mrs. Hinchley, Mr. Boyer, and Mrs. Kegebein for their efforts to put that on. The spring Book Fair theme was Holes – Mrs. K does an incredible job outfitting the library to get the kids excited about Book Fair

PLE – Kindergarten Round-Up is this week. Pre-K meet & greet is happening to meet new incoming preschoolers. 3rd graders will be taking the ILearn checkpoint next week.

BGHS – Academic Team earned 2nd overall at the PNW competition – good luck to them as they continue their season. The NHS induction went well – the kids volunteered over 900 hours in our community this year.

Spring band and choir concerts are underway. The Wall of Fame dinner is coming up. Congratulations to Mrs. Gibbs as the February teacher of the month

9. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt shared proposed legislation updates regarding budget and discussed with the board the options we are considering in response to these potential changes.

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Eric McGinty at 6:00 pm, seconded by Mary Harlow. The motion carried 4-0.