

Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting, Porter Township School Corporation Board of School Trustees  
June 12, 2025 | 5:30 pm CST

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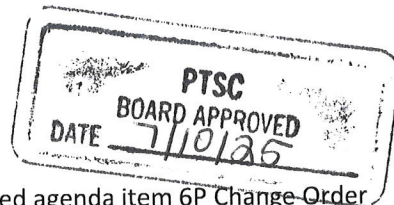
Board Members Present: Dr. Natalie Wargo, Eric McGinty, Mary Harlow, Lilann Sgouros, and Jeannette Skibbie

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Dr. Stacey Schmidt, Superintendent, Kathleen Smith, CFO, and Laura Grayam, Executive Assistant

Staff Members Absent: Ben Parrish, Assistant Superintendent, and Jacquelyn Pillar, Corporation Attorney.

There were approximately 10 community members in attendance.



**1. CALL TO ORDER – Dr. Natalie Wargo, President | 5:30 pm CST**

**A. Pledge of Allegiance**

**B. Welcome Visitors**

**2. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS – Dr. Stacey Schmidt, Superintendent | Dr. Schmidt added agenda item 6P Change Order for PLE project, COR004**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Recent graduate Rileigh McGinty signed up for public comment. Rileigh shared an impact statement regarding errors on her transcripts and the effects they had on her emotional, physical, mental, and financial well-being during her senior year and while applying for scholarships.

Board Vice-President Eric McGinty also made a statement about his displeasure and desire for action regarding these recurring errors on transcripts, as well as errors and omissions in course descriptions listed on the BGHS website. Mr. McGinty asked that a comprehensive policy be presented to the Board by the August 14, 2025 meeting to ensure these mistakes do not continue.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA – Dr. Schmidt**

**A. Personnel Report**

**B. Board Minutes, 5.8.25 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:



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**Appointments**

*Classified*

*Certified*

Name	Position	Location	Effective Date
Fasel, Kymberly	Special Ed Paraprofessional	BGHS	8/13/2025
Caratini, Emma	2nd Grade Teacher	PLE	2025-2026 School Year
Filbert, Abigail	Kindergarten Teacher	PLE	2025-2026 School Year
Hanko, Lindsey	IREAD Radiation Summer School	PLE	6/2, 6/4, 6/6, 6/10, 6/12/2025
King, Holly	Applied Skills Teacher	PLE	2025-2026 School Year

*Extra-Curricular*

Psimos, Chris	IREAD Radiation Summer School	PLE	6/2, 6/4, 6/6, 6/10, 6/12/2025
Maldonado, Ty	Temporary Teacher, 1st Grade	PLE	2025-2026 School Year
Young, Lauren	Spec Ed Resource Room Teacher	PLE	2025-2026 School Year
Allen, Carlie	8th Grade Volleyball Head Coach	BGMS	2025-2026 School Year
Baumann, Nicole	Boys/Girls Varsity Cross Country Head Coach	BGHS	2025-2026 School Year
Baird, Bridget	MS Cross Country Head Coach	BGMS	2025-2026 School Year
Bircher, Jacob	Girls Varsity Soccer Head Coach	BGHS	2025-2026 School Year
Bombagetti, Bri	MS Softball Head Coach	BGMS	2025-2026 School Year
Bontrager, Rachel	Girls Varsity Volleyball Head Coach	BGHS	2025-2026 School Year
Cannon, Maddie	Varsity Cheer Head Coach	BGHS	2025-2026 School Year
Cleland, Paige	JV Cheer Head Co-Coach	BGHS	2025-2026 School Year
Dexter, Laura	Girls Varsity Golf Head Coach	BGHS	2025-2026 School Year
Drinski, Karsen	JV Cheer Head Co-Coach	BGHS	2025-2026 School Year
Harretos, Caden	Boys Varsity Volleyball Assistant, Volunteer	BGHS	2025-2026 School Year
Hill, Bryan	Boys Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach	BGHS	2025-2026 School Year
Hill, Dean	Boys Varsity Basketball Head Coach	BGHS	2025-2026 School Year
Karson, John	Boys Varsity Soccer Assistant, Volunteer	BGHS	2025-2026 School Year
Kimes, Piper	Varsity Dance Assistant	BGHS	2025-2026 School Year
Kimes, Sharon	Varsity Dance Coach	BGHS	2025-2026 School Year
Kukulski, Dan	Varsity Football Head Coach	BGHS	2025-2026 School Year
Miller, Seth	Weight Room Supervisor	BGHS	01/06/25-05/24/25
Newland, Matt	Boys Varsity Basketball Assistant, Volunteer	BGHS	2025-2026 School Year
Otero, Sarah	Girls JV Volleyball Head Coach	BGHS	2025-2026 School Year
Riley, Sean	MS Baseball Head Coach	BGMS	2025-2026 School Year
Short, David	Varsity Football Assistant Coach	BGHS	2025-2026 School Year
Simatovich, Michael	Girls Varsity Basketball Assistant, Volunteer	BGHS	2025-2026 School Year
Trapana, Tom	Varsity Football Assistant Coach	BGHS	2025-2026 School Year
Wargo, Jason	Girls Varsity Volleyball Assistant Coach	BGHS	2025-2026 School Year
Wisner, Paige	Varsity Dance Assistant	BGHS	2025-2026 School Year
Wyrick, Samantha	MS Cheer Head Coach	BGMS	2025-2026 School Year
Rowland, Loretta	From Café Manager/Cook to Café Manager	BGE/MS	2025-2026 School Year
Sarnowski, Stanley	From BGHS Bookkeeper to BGE/MS & BGHS Bookkeeper	BGE/MS, BGHS	2025-2026 School Year
Smith, Nicole	From Café Floater to Café Cook	BGHS	2025-2026 School Year
Sherman, Kathy	5th Grade Teacher	BGE	2025-2026 School Year
Johnston, Jessica	1st Grade Teacher	PLE	2025-2026 School Year
Kassner, Pamela	School Counselor	PLE	4/28 (.5), 4/29/2025
Mendoza, Fred	Spanish Teacher	BGHS	5/8/25 (.5)

**Position Changes**

*Classified*

**Transfers**

*Involuntary*

**Leaves**

*Certified*



<i>Classified</i>	Buczek, Michele	Teacher's Aide	BGMS	4/30/2025
	Harker, Denise	Teacher's Aide	BGHS	5/21/2025
	McLamb, Samantha	Teacher's Aide	PLE	5/9/2025
	Mikos, Ewa	Cafeteria Staff	BGHS	5/5/2025, 5/28-5/29/2025
	Moreno, Tamitha	Secretary	BGHS	5/13/25 (.5), 5/21/25 (.5)
	Pelc, Jennifer	Teacher's Aide	PLE	5/7-5/9/2025, 5/12-5/14/2025, 5/29/2025
	Sperry, Jillian	Teacher's Aide	PLE	5/6/25, 5/15/25
<b>Resignations</b>				
<i>Certified</i>	Filbert, Abigail	Applied Skills Teacher	PLE	5/30/2025
	Fasel, Tinley	Special Ed Teacher	PLE	5/30/2025
	Miller, Seth	P.E. Teacher	PLE/BGE	5/30/2025
<i>Classified</i>	Akerman, Melissa	Food Service Operations Coordinator	BGHS	6/4/2025
	Batesole, Tonia	Director of Food Service	PTSC	6/30/2025
	Broton, Lisa	Treasurer	BGE/BGMS	6/4/2025

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

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

**A. Financial Report**

**B. Fund Report**

**C. Monthly Fund Transfer Report**

**6. BUSINESS**

**A. PLE Project Update – ~~Mr. Chris Mucveski~~, The Skillman Corporation**

Mr. Scott Cherry from The Skillman Corporation provided a brief update on the PLE project. The Change Order is due to unsuitable soil, which was anticipated. The maintenance building is starting to come down, temporary interior walls have gone up, equipment has been moved out, the kitchen and cafeteria demolition will begin in the next few weeks. Mr. Cherry answered questions from the board regarding the PLE project and shared a timeline update on the BGHS project.

**B. Athletics Update – Mr. Josh Russell, PTSC Athletic Director**

Mr. Josh Russell provided an Athletics Update for the board. Department success during the 24-25 season: redesigned website with Event Link, allowing for immediate schedule updates and digital ticketing, and partnered with Gipper to create eye-catching social media graphics. Mr. Russell highlighted PCC wins, GSSC wins, and Regional Championships – our boys Varsity baseball team will compete on Saturday, 6/14 for the Semi-State Championship. Upcoming challenges for 25-26 include an updated budget, operating cost increases, supply cost increases due to tariffs, and new IHSA transfer rules. There will be a few small cost increases to help offset some of these increases - \$1 increase to ticket prices, slight increase in a few concession items.

Mr. Russell aims to create a Student Leadership Athletic Council at BGHS for the upcoming school year. There are also plans in place to update the BGHS Athletics Hall of Fame

**C. Permission to Create New Funds for BGE & BGMS Academic Bowls – Mrs. Smith**

Mrs. Smith requested permission to create funds for the BGE and BGMS Academic Bowl teams for the 25-26 school year. A motion to create these new funds was made by Eric McGinty, seconded by Lilann Sgouros. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

**D. Approve Amendment One to Standard Form of Agreement Between PTSC and Gibraltar Design (BGHS Project) – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of this amendment, which adds the HS project to the existing agreement with Gibraltar. A motion to approve this amendment was made by Mary Harlow, seconded by Jeannette Skibbie. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

**E. Contract Considerations – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of contracts as listed in the board packet. A motion to approve contracts was made by Eric McGinty, seconded by Jeannette Skibbie. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

**F. Approve Fundraisers – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of fundraisers for Varsity Soccer and Key Club. A motion to approve these fundraisers was made by Mary Harlow, seconded by Eric McGinty. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

**G Approve Overnight Field Trips – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of overnight field trips for girls soccer to attend camp and boys baseball to attend the state championship (pending the outcome of Saturday's semi-state game). A motion to approve these overnight field trips was made by Lilann Sgouros, seconded by Jeannette Skibbie. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

**H. Accept Donations – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt recommended acceptance of a generous donation from Robert & Christine Rapley to our Feed it Forward program. A motion to accept this donation was made by Mary Harlow, seconded by Jeannette Skibbie. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

**I. Recommendation for Employment of Candidate (Case #0002-2025) IC: 20-26-2-11.2 – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt recommended the employment of a candidate, as provided in the board packet. A motion to approve this employment recommendation was made by Eric McGinty, seconded by Lilann Sgouros. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

**J. Approve First Reading of the Student Handbook – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of the first reading of revisions made to the PTSC student handbook. A motion to approve this first reading was made by Mary Harlow, seconded by Jeannette Skibbie. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

**K. Permission to Recycle Outdated Technology Items & Scrap or Auction Outdated Kitchen Equip – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt recommended permission to recycle outdated technology and scrap/auction old kitchen equipment as it's being torn out for the PLE kitchen remodel. A motion to grant permission was made by Eric McGinty, seconded by Mary Harlow. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

**L. Approve Food Service Vendor Procurement, RFQ Renewals, and Student & Adult Meal Price Increases – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of Food Service vendor procurement and renewals. She pointed out that meal prices are going up \$0.25 in order to close the gap between our prices and what is recommended. A motion to approve vendor procurement, RFQ renewals, and meal price increases was made by Mary Harlow, seconded by Eric McGinty. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

**M. Approve Career Coaching Grant Stipends – Dr. Schmidt**



Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of Career Coaching Grant stipends to staff members who participated and met all required criteria, as verified by principals and outlined in the board packet. A motion to approve these stipends was made by Jeannette Skibbie, seconded by Lilann Sgouros. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

**N. Approve Summer 2025 Youth Camps – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of BG summer youth camps. A motion to approve camps was made by Eric McGinty, seconded by Mary Harlow. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

**O. Approve Transfer Students for the 2025-2026 School Year – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of transfer students for the 2025-2026 school year, as detailed in the board packet. A motion to approve transfer students was made by Lilann Sgouros, seconded by Mary Harlow. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

**P. Added Agenda Item – COR-004, PLE Project**

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of Change Order 004 for Lime Stabilization, so that the PLE project does not fall behind schedule. Dr. Schmidt answered questions from the board. A motion to approve this Change Order was made by Mary Harlow, seconded by Jeannette Skibbie. The motion carried 5-0.

**7. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt highlighted our participation in helping distribute summer buddy bags filled with food, in partnership with NWI No Child Hungry. Gretchen Mercer, who runs the organization (and a BG parent), drops the food bags off at our office and parents pick up. We're happy to be involved!

Dr. Schmidt touched on all of the work that happens in our buildings during the summer break to prepare for the upcoming school year. Moose, our new therapy dog has started learning building etiquette while the halls are empty.

Dr. Schmidt also provided an update on the financial impacts of SB1 on our school district, and ways we plan to continue to cut dollars in our Operations Fund. Plans include Superintendent furlough days, Education to Operations transfers, reduce supply purchases, in-depth reviews of all positions/not replacing staff as they leave the corporation, creating a standard operation procedure for purchasing, utility efficiencies, and transportation efficiencies.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:45 pm by Lilann Sgouros, seconded by Mary Harlow. The motion carried 5-0.