

Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting, Porter Township School Corporation Board of School Trustees
July 10, 2025 | 5:30 pm CST

**The following is a partial transcript of the meeting. A recording of the actual meeting is available on the PTSC website Board of School Trustees page, <https://www.ptsc.k12.in.us/school-board/agenda-minutes/>
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 Grayam, Executive Assistant, and Jacquelyn Pillar, Corporation Attorney

Staff Members Absent: None

There were no 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 removed agenda item 6B “Contract Considerations”

3. PUBLIC COMMENT | There were no public comments

4. CONSENT AGENDA – Dr. Schmidt

A. Personnel Report

B. Board Minutes, 6.12.25 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

Certified

Classified

Position Changes

Certified

Resignations

Classified

Certified

Name	Position	Location	Effective Date
Huss, Faith	Special Ed Teacher	PLE	8/11/2025
Maldonado, Ty	3rd Grade Teacher	PLE	8/11/2025
Zoumis, Kayla	1st Grade Teacher	PLE	8/11/2025
Rowland, Loretta	Director of Food Service	PTSC	7/1/2025
Hill, London	From Inclusive Preschool Teacher to PE Teacher	PLE/BGE	2025-2026 School Year
Harker, Brandon	Special Ed Paraprofessional	BGHS	5/29/2025
Hicks, Andrea	New Horizons Teacher	BGHS	5/30/2025
Mazur, Luke	3rd Grade Teacher	PLE	5/30/2025
Young, Lauren	Spec Ed Resource Room Teacher	PLE	2025-2026 School Year

**Retirement
Request**

Certified

Atwood, Stacey	6th Grade Reading Teacher	BGMS	5/30/2025
Eleftheri, Linda	PE Teacher	BGHS	5/30/2025

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Mary Harlow, seconded by Lilann Sgougos. 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

D. 2026 Budget Calendar

6. BUSINESS

A. PLE Project Update – Mr. Chris Muvceski, The Skillman Corporation

Mr. Scott Cherry from the Skillman Corporation provided an update on the PLE project, including progress photos of the cafeteria and kitchen demolition, footings and foundational supports, event parking lot, and the new water line. Mr. Cherry answered questions from the board.

~~B. Contract Considerations – Dr. Schmidt~~

C. Accept Transfer Students for the 2025-2026 School Year – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of transfer students for the 25-26 school year, as presented in the board packet. A motion to accept transfer students was made by Eric McGinty, seconded by Jeannette Skibbie. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

D. Approve 2025-2026 Student Fees – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of 25-26 student fees, as listed in the board packet. A motion to approve these fees was made by Mary Harlow, seconded by Eric McGinty. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

E. Approve 2nd Reading and Adoption of the PTSC Student Handbook – Mr. Parrish

Mr. Parrish recommended approval of revisions to and adoption of the PTSC Student Handbook. A motion to approve the PTSC Student Handbook was made by Jeannette Skibbie, seconded by Lilann Sgouros. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

F. Approve the 1st Reading of the Following New Board Bylaws, Board Bylaw Revisions, New Board Policies, or Board Policy Revisions – Mr. Parrish

- 1. Revised Bylaw 0166.1 – Consent Agenda**
- 2. Revised Bylaw 0167.2 – Executive Session**
- 3. Revised Policy 1216 – Dress and Appearance**
- 4. Revised Policy 1220 – Employment of the Superintendent**
- 5. Revised Policy 2221 – Mandatory Curriculum**
- 6. Revised Policy 2370 – Educational Options**
- 7. Revised Policy 2421 – Career and Technical Education Program**
- 8. Revised Policy 2623 – Student Assessment**
- 9. Rescind Policy 2700 – Annual Performance Report**
- 10. Revised Policy 3120 – Employment of Professional Staff**
- 11. Revised Policy 3120.11 – Public Hearing Before Commencement of Collective Bargaining and Public Meeting Before Ratification of Tentative Agreement**
- 12. Revised Policy 3142 – Cancellation of a Teaching Contract**
- 13. Revised Policy 3216 – Staff Dress and Grooming**

14. Revised Policy 4120 – Employment of Support Staff
15. Revised Policy 4216 – Support Staff Dress and Appearance
16. Revised Policy 5330 – Use of Medication
17. Revised Policy 5410 – Promotion, Placement, and Retention
18. Revised Policy 5511 – Dress and Appearance
19. Revised Policy 5517.01 – Bullying
20. Replacement Policy 5540 – The Schools and Governmental Agencies
21. New Policy 5540.01 – Investigations by the Department of Child Services (DCS)
22. New Policy 5540.02 – The Schools and Governmental Agencies
23. Revised Policy 6111 – Internal Control Standards and Procedures
24. Revised Policy 6116 – Time and Effort Reporting
25. Revised Policy 7300 – Disposition of Real Property
26. Revised Policy 7430 – Safety Standards
27. Revised Policy 7440.01 – Video Surveillance and Electronic Monitoring
28. Revised Policy 7455 – Accounting System for Fixed Assets
29. Revised Policy 8120 - Volunteers
30. Revised Policy 8121 – Personal Background Check – Contracted Services
31. Revised Policy 8405 – Environmental Health and Safety Issues – Indoor Air Quality, Animals in the Classroom, and Idling Vehicles on School Property
32. Revised Policy 8451 – Parasitic Infestation (Head Lice)
33. Revised Policy 8510 – Wellness
34. Rescind Policy 8540 – Vending Machines
35. Rescind Policy 8640 – Transportation for Field and Other Corporation-Sponsored Trips
36. Copy of Policy 9150 – School Visitors
37. Revised Policy 9160 – Public Attendance at School Events

Mr. Parrish recommended approval of the listed board policy revisions, replacement policies, and new policies in order to remain compliant. A motion to approve this first reading and waive the reading of the list of policies was made by Eric McGinty, seconded by Mary Harlow. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

7. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt shared an update with the board from her week in DC with AASA, meeting with members of Congress and staffers to advocate for the release of \$7B of appropriated funds that are currently being held. Just this morning, Dr. Schmidt received word that their advocacy led to the release of \$2B for summer and after-school care. While this doesn't directly impact dollars that PTSC receives, it does directly impact other schools.

8. ADJOURNMENT

**Please note: The August Board of School Trustees Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 21, 2025 at 5:30 pm CST*