

Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting, Porter Township School Corporation Board of School Trustees  
October 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, Mary Harlow, Lilann Sgouros, and Jeannette Skibbie

Board Members Absent: Eric McGinty

Staff Members Present: Dr. Stacey Schmidt, Superintendent, Ben Parrish, Assistant Superintendent, Kathleen Smith, CFO, Laura Grayam, Executive Assistant, Jacquelyn Pillar, Corporation Attorney, Jeremy Chavez, Chief Safety Officer, and Nicholas Roth, School Resource Officer

Staff Members Absent: None

There was 1 community member 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 | There were no agenda adjustments**

**3. CONSENT AGENDA – Dr. Schmidt**

**A. Personnel Report**

**B. Board Minutes, 9.11.25 Board Meeting and 9.19.25 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:

<b>Appointments</b>		<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
<b>Classified</b>		Hall, Ericka	Special Ed Paraprofessional	BGMS	9/22/2025
		Sheppard, Jessica	Cafeteria Substitute	PTSC	9/15/2025
<b>Extra-Curricular</b>		Baacke, Greg	7th Grade Boys Basketball Asst Coach, Volunteer	BGMS	2025-2026 School Year
		Falkowski, Greg	8th Grade Boys Basketball Co-Head Coach	BGMS	2025-2026 School Year
		Fernandez, Bethany	7th Grade Volleyball Head Coach	BGMS	2025-2026 School Year
		Mendoza, Chris	7th Grade Boys Basketball Head Coach	BGMS	2025-2026 School Year
		Saco, Melissa	Girls JV Basketball Head Coach	BGHS	2025-2026 School Year
		Talbert, Jeremy	Boys Varsity Wrestling Head Coach	BGHS	2025-2026 School Year
		Taylor, Robert	Cross Country Assistant Coach, Volunteer	BGHS	2025-2026 School Year
		Voudrie, Dan	8th Grade Boys Basketball Co-Head Coach	BGMS	2025-2026 School Year
<b>Leaves</b>					
<b>Certified</b>		Sperry, Jillian	Preschool Teacher	PLE	10/16-10/17/2025
		Summers, Anna	5th Grade Teacher	BGE	approx 60 days beginning 12/7/2025
<b>Resignations</b>					
<b>Classified</b>		Saroukos, Carrie	Café Manager	PLE	9/26/2025
<b>Terminations</b>					
<b>Classified</b>		Fasel, Kymberly	Paraprofessional	BGHS	10/7/2025
		Vandy, Tracy	Custodian	BGE/MS	9/29/2025

A motion to approve the consent agenda was made by Lilann Sgouros, seconded by Mary Harlow. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT - BUSINESS ITEMS ONLY |** There were no public comments

**5. BUSINESS**

**A. PLE Project Update – The Skillman Corporation**

Mr. Scott Cherry from the Skillman Corporation gave an update on construction progress at Porter Lakes.

**B. Approve Amendment No. 1 – BGHS Project – Dr. Schmidt**

This amendment allows The Skillman Corporation to move over to BGHS for sitework as that project begins. A motion to approve Amendment No. 1 was made by Mary Harlow, seconded by Jeannette Skibbie. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

**C. SEA 1 Cash Flow Ramifications – Barry Gardner, Policy Analytics**

Mr. Barry Gardner from Policy Analytics presented data predicting the impact SEA-1 is expected to have on our district's budget. Mr. Gardner and Mrs. Smith answered questions from the board.

**D. Financial Report – Mrs. Smith**

**1. Financial Report**

**2. Fund Report**

**3. Monthly Fund Transfer Reports**

**E. Approve Resolution #1025-328, 2026 Bus Replacement Plan – Mrs. Smith**

Mrs. Smith recommended approval of Resolution #1025-328, 2026 Bus Replacement Plan. A motion to approve this resolution was made by Mary Harlow, seconded by Jeannette Skibbie. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

**F. Approve Resolution #1025-329, 2026 Capital Projects – Mrs. Smith**

Mrs. Smith recommended approval of Resolution #1025-329, 2026 Capital Projects. A motion to approve this resolution was made by Lilann Sgouros, seconded by Mary Harlow. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

**G. Approve Resolution #1025-330, 2026 Proposed Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates – Mrs. Smith**

Mrs. Smith recommended approval of Resolution #1025-330, 2026 Proposed Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates. A motion to approve this resolution was made by Jeannette Skibbie, seconded by Lilann Sgouros. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

**H. Approve Resolution #1025-331, Adjust or Reduce Budgets, 2025 – Mrs. Smith**

Mrs. Smith recommended approval of Resolution #1025-331, Adjust or Reduce Budgets. A motion to approve this resolution was made by Mary Harlow, seconded by Jeannette Skibbie. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

**I. Approve Resolution #1025-332, Transfer Amounts from the Education Fund to the Operation Fund, 2025 – Mrs. Smith**

Mrs. Smith recommended approval of Resolution #1025-332, Transfer Amounts from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund, 2025. A motion to approve this resolution was made by Jeannette Skibbie, seconded by Mary Harlow. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

**J. Approve Resolution #1025-333, Section 125 Flexible Benefit Plan – Mrs. Smith**

Mrs. Smith recommended approval of Resolution #1025-333, Section 125 Flexible Benefit Plan. A motion to approve this resolution was made by Mary Harlow, seconded by Lilann Sgouros. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

**K. Approve Resolution #1025-334, Declare Retirement/Severance Debt Fund Dormant and Direct Funds to Post-Retirement/Severance Future Benefits Fund and Operations Fund – Mrs. Smith**



Mrs. Smith recommended approval of Resolution #1025-333, Declare Retirement/Severance Debt Fund Dormant and Direct Funds to Post-Retirement/Severance Future Benefits Fund and Operations Fund. A motion to approve this resolution was made by Jeannette Skibbie, seconded by Mary Harlow. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

**L. Accept Donations – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of two very generous donations. Mary Harlow made a motion to accept donations, seconded by Jeannette Skibbie. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

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

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of an overnight field trip for Natural Helpers. A motion to approve this overnight field trip was made by Lilann Sgouros, seconded by Mary Harlow. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

**N. Approve Fundraisers – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of various fundraisers, as presented in the board packet. A motion to approve these fundraisers was made by Jeannette Skibbie, seconded by Mary Harlow. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

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

Dr. Schmidt recommended acceptance of one 10<sup>th</sup> grade transfer student. A motion to accept this student was made by Lilann Sgouros, seconded by Jeannette Skibbie. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

**P. Approve the 2026-2027 School Calendar – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of the 2026-2027 School Calendar. A motion to approve the 2026-2027 school calendar was made by Mary Harlow, seconded by Jeannette Skibbie. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

**Q. Tentative Agreement – Teacher Collective Bargaining Agreement – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt outlined the terms of the collective bargaining agreement, which has been posted online, as required, and has been ratified by the teachers. We will ask for action on these terms at the next meeting on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Our base salary and salary range remain the same. All eligible teachers will receive a 1-time stipend of \$750, payable after December 5, 2025. There are also a few changes to the ECA schedule; add MS games club, remove Freshman coaches for basketball and volleyball, replacing them with varsity assistant coaches, remove the hourly rate for the weight room supervisor and make that a stipend position. Ticket takers, announcers, scorebook, and scoreboard workers will be removed from the ECA schedule, as those have always been paid by Athletics

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:41 pm by Mary Harlow, seconded by Jeannette Skibbie. The motion carried 4-0.