

Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting, Porter Township School Corporation Board of School Trustees  
January 8, 2026 | 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, and Laura Grayam, Executive Assistant

Staff Members Absent: Jacqueline Pillar, Corporation Attorney



**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. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**A. Election of Officers – Board President**

**1. President**

Mary Harlow made the motion to retain Natalie Wargo as School Board President, seconded by Eric McGinty. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

**2. Vice-President**

Jeannette Skibbie made the motion to retain Eric McGinty as School Board Vice-President, seconded by Lilann Sgouros. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

**3. Secretary**

Eric McGinty made the motion to retain Mary Harlow as School Board Secretary, seconded by Lilann Sgouros. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

**4. Acting Secretary**

Mary Harlow made the motion to retain Jeannette Skibbie as School Board Acting Secretary, seconded by Eric McGinty. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

**B. Determination of Member Compensation – Board President**

Eric McGinty made the motion to retain Member Compensation at \$2,000 per year, seconded by Jeannette Skibbie. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

**C. Determination of Meeting Dates & Times – Board President**

Mary Harlow made the motion to keep the monthly meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm CST with the exception of the June, July, and August 2026 meetings, which will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm CST. The motion was seconded by Eric McGinty. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

**D. Appointment of Corporation Treasurer – Board President**

Lilann Sgouros made the motion to retain Kathleen Smith as Corporation Treasurer, seconded by Mary Harlow. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

**E. Appointment of Corporation Deputy Treasurer – Board President**

Eric McGinty made the motion to retain Angela Vale as Corporation Deputy Treasurer, seconded by Jeannette Skibbie. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

**F. Appointment of Board Attorney – Board President**

Jeannette Skibbie made the motion to retain Jackie Pillar and her new firm, Pillar Jones as Board Attorney. The motion was seconded by Mary Harlow. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

**G. Disclosure Statement – Board President**

Mary Harlow made the motion to approve the Disclosure Statement, seconded by Eric McGinty. There was no discussion. Natalie Wargo abstained from voting. The motion carried 4-0.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA – Dr. Schmidt**

**A. Personnel Report**

**B. Board Minutes, 12.11.25 Meeting**

**C. Payroll & 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:

<u>Leaves</u>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
<i>Certified</i>	Bradford, Walter	Science Teacher	BGMS	10 days, beginning 1/5/2026
	Wichlinski, Lynnette	Title I Teacher	PLE	1/9, 1/12-1/13/2026
<i>Classified</i>	Harker, Denise	Teacher's Aide	BGHS	11/20-11/21/2025, 12/1-12/2/2025
	Justice, Danielle	Teacher's Aide	PLE	12/16/2025, 1/27-1/30/2026
<u>Resignations</u>				
<i>Classified</i>	Moreno, Tamitha	Main Office Secretary, Senior Class Sponsor, GSA Co-Sponsor	BGHS	12/19/2025
<u>Additional Compensation</u>				
<i>Certified</i>	Fortenberry, Ember	English Teacher	BGHS	Paid Prep-Period for 2025-2026 School Year

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

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT – BUSINESS ITEMS ONLY | There were no public comments**

**6. BUSINESS**

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

Mr. Scott Cherry from The Skillman Corporation gave an update on the PLE project. Roof-top HVAC units have been set on the roof, overhead coiling door for the cafeteria serving area has been installed. Mr. Cherry reported that we're still on track to finish the project on time.

**B. Financial Report – Mrs. Smith**

**1. Financial Report**

**2. Fund Report**

**3. Monthly Fund Transfer Reports**

**4. Investment Report**

**C. Accept Transfer Students for 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester, 2025-2026 School Year – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt recommended acceptance of transfer students for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of the 25-26 school year, as outlined in the board packet. A motion to accept these transfer students was made by Jeannette Skibbie, seconded by Mary Harlow. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

**D. Accept Donations – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt recommended acceptance of a generous donation from the Rapley family to our lunch fund. A motion to accept this donation was made by Eric McGinty, seconded by Lilann Sgouros. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

**7. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Mr. Parrish**

Mr. Parrish provided a brief update from each building

**8. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt shared information regarding the recent legislative session and shared easy ways to stay informed.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mary Harlow at 5:53 pm, seconded by Jeannette Skibbie. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.