

Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting, Porter Township School Corporation Board of School Trustees
 April 9, 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, Lilann Sgouros, and Jeannette Skibbie

Board Members Absent: Mary Harlow

Staff Members Present: Dr. Stacey Schmidt, Superintendent, Ben Parrish, Assistant Superintendent, and Kathleen Smith, CFO

Staff Members Absent: Laura Grayam, Executive Assistant, and Jacqueline Pillar, Corporation Attorney



1. **CALL TO ORDER – Dr. Natalie Wargo, President | 5:31 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, 3.12.26 Regular Meeting
 - C. Payroll & Claim Docket

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> | | Blanton, Jessica | Special Ed Paraprofessional | PLE | 4/7/2026 |
| | | Rowland, Miranda | Cafeteria Worker | PLE | 3/18/2026 |
| <i>Extra-Curricular</i> | | Baisley, Ian | Boys Volleyball Assistant Coach, Volunteer | BGHS | 2025-2026 School Year |
| | | Bomagetti, Bri | Varsity Softball Assistant Coach, Volunteer | BGHS | 2025-2026 School Year |
| | | Davis, Priscilla | MS Soccer Assistant Coach, Volunteer | BGMS | 2025-2026 School Year |
| | | Harretos, Caden | JV Boys Volleyball Head Coach | BGHS | 2025-2026 School Year |
| | | Kowalsky, Mike | Varsity Softball Assistant Coach, Volunteer | BGHS | 2025-2026 School Year |
| | | Laviolette, Olivia | Varsity Softball Assistant Coach, Volunteer | BGHS | 2025-2026 School Year |
| | | McCoy, Andrea | Boys Volleyball Assistant Coach, Volunteer | BGHS | 2025-2026 School Year |
| | | Mendoza, Chris | JV Baseball Coach Head Coach | BGHS | 2025-2026 School Year |
| | | Moore, Eddie | MS Soccer Assistant Coach, Volunteer | BGMS | 2025-2026 School Year |
| | | Papineau, Mike | Varsity Boys Golf Assistant Coach, Volunteer | BGHS | 2025-2026 School Year |
| | | Schulte, Brad | Varsity Softball Assistant Coach, Volunteer | BGHS | 2025-2026 School Year |
| | | Simcox, Brittany | MS Soccer Assistant Coach, Volunteer | BGMS | 2025-2026 School Year |
| | | Wargo, Jason | Boys Varsity Volleyball Assistant Coach, Volunteer | BGHS | 2025-2026 School Year |
| Leaves | | | | | |
| <i>Certified</i> | | Kennedy, Justine | Science Teacher | BGHS | Approx. 49 days beginning 8/10/2026 |
| | | Mendoza, Fredrick | Foreign Language Teacher | BGHS | 3/19/2026 |
| <i>Classified</i> | | Anderson, Blake | Custodian | BGHS | 3/9 (.5) - 3/13/2026 |

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| | Harker, Denise | Teacher's Aide | BGHS | 3/2-3/3/2026, 3/9-3/11/2026 |
| | Pelc, Jennifer | Teacher's Aide | PLE | 3/17/2026 |
| Resignations | | | | |
| <i>Classified</i> | McDowell, Cassi | Special Ed Teacher's Aide | PLE | 4/2/2026 |
| | Vale, Angela | Deputy Treasurer | PTSC | 7/31/2026 |
| Terminations | | | | |
| <i>Classified</i> | Galiher, Amy | Cafeteria Worker | PLE | 3/11/2026 |
| Retirement Requests | | | | |
| <i>Classified</i> | Steffel, Michael | Maintenance | PTSC | 6/15/2026 |

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented in the board packet, was made by Eric McGinty, seconded by Lilann Sgouros. 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 & BGHS Project Updates – The Skillman Corporation

Mr. Scott Cherry from The Skillman Corporation provided updates on the PLE and BGHS projects; at PLE work will continue into the summer months. Things are in line and on schedule to complete prior to the start of the 26-27 school year. At BGHS, they have discovered drainage issues, that could have contributed to the sinking. A sufficient contingency plan was in place to help mitigate those extra costs.

B. Financial Report – Mrs. Smith

1. Financial Report
2. Fund Report
3. Monthly Fund Transfer Reports
4. Investment Report
5. Policy Analytics Cash Flow

C. Approve PLE Project Change Order #000004 – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of Change Order #000004 at PLE. A motion to approve this change order was made by Lilann Sgouros, seconded by Jeannette Skibbie. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

D. Approve Fundraisers – Dr. Schmidt

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

E. Accept Donations – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended acceptance of a donation from the PTO to the BGE library. A motion to accept this donation was made by Jeannette Skibbie, seconded by Eric McGinty. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

F. Accept Transfer Students for the 2026-2027 School Year – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended acceptance of 3 transfer students. A motion to accept these transfer students was made by Eric McGinty, seconded by Lilann Sgouros. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

G. Permission to add courses at BGHS – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt requested permission to offer all courses in the Indiana DOE course-catalog. We are also requesting to add additional courses that will assist our students in obtaining college credentials at the HS level. A motion

to approve these course-additions was made by Lilann Sgouros, seconded by Jeannette Skibbie. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

H. Contract Considerations – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of 2 contracts, as presented 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 4-0.

I. Approve the 1st Reading and Adoption of the Following Board Policy Revisions and Replacement Policy – Mr. Parrish

1. Revised Policy #1220 – Employment of the Superintendent

2. Revised Policy #6151 – Bad Checks and Uncollectable Debts

3. Revised Policy #6152 – Student Fees and Charges

4. Replacement Policy, Vol. 37, No. 2 – April 2025 - #8500 – Food Service Program

Mr. Parrish recommended adoption of the above listed policy revisions. A motion to adopt these policy revisions was made by Jeannette Skibbie, seconded by Lilann Sgouros. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

6. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Mr. Parrish

Mr. Parrish provided an update from the buildings:

BGHS – Congrats to Mrs. Loving, the BGHS Teacher of the Month! Prom will be held next weekend at The Design Barn. Spring sports are underway – good luck to those teams. Little Shop of Horrors will be performed the 24th-26th – good luck to those performing!

PLE – Everyone is so excited about the new cafeteria – it’s a great space. (Dr. Schmidt gave a shoutout to the PTO for providing wagons to transport lunch boxes) Preschool registration is underway, and open house is coming up.

BGE – The Camp Tecumseh field trip was a great success – thanks to the 4th grade team for putting that together. The Math Bowl will compete next week, Mrs. Garrett has been working hard to prepare the students – good luck to them on April 14th!

7. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt provided a legislative update.

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:21 pm by Eric McGinty, seconded by Lilann Sgouros. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.