

Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting, Porter Township School Corporation Board of School Trustees
May 14, 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, and Laura Grayam, Executive Assistant

Staff Members Absent: Kathleen Smith, CFO, and Jacqueline Pillar, Corporation Attorney

There were approximately 53 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 | There were no agenda adjustments

3. PRESENTATIONS

The following scholarships, awards, and recognitions were presented to PTSC students and educators:

A. Porter County Community Foundation Scholarship Awards – Bill Higbie, PCCF President

1. Chase Coover, Sue Peyton Science Prize

2. Cameron Campbell, Porter County Community Foundation Scholarship

3. Aiden Torbeson (LECSF Finalist), Porter County Community Foundation Scholarship

B. Porter Township School Corporation Scholarship Awards – Clay Corman, BGHS Principal

1. Sebastian Sperry, Pride of the Pack Award

C. Red Cross Honor Cord Presentation – Miranda Bobrowski, BGHS Nurse

1. Olivia Martinez

2. Kaira McCormick

D. The Education Foundation for the Porter Township School Corporation Scholarship Awards – Terry Tafflinger, Education Foundation President

1. Jaelyn Voudrie, Suzi Peterson Memorial Scholarship

2. Katelynn Fargo, Wolves Legacy Scholarship

3. Abigail Keldenich, Amanda Clair Smith Scholarship

4. Cameron Campbell, Education Foundation Scholarship

5. Chase Coover, Education Foundation Scholarship

6. Justin Humpal, Education Foundation Scholarship

7. Chloe Leonard, Education Foundation Scholarship

8. Brooklyn Korem, Education Foundation Scholarship

E. Retirement Recognition – Dr. Schmidt

1. Stacey Atwood, 2025 Retiree

2. Linda Eleftheri, 2025 Retiree

3. Kathy Sherman, 2025 Retiree

4. Michael Steffel, 2026 Retiree

F. 2025-2026 Crossroads Chamber Inspiring Educators – Dr. Schmidt

1. Will Fortenberry

2. Megan Hundt

G. Education Foundation for the Porter Township School Corporation 25-26 Staff Creativity Grant Recipients – Terry Tafflinger

1. Jeremy Chavez
2. Holly Hinchley
3. Troy Janesheski
4. Justine Kennedy
5. Heidi Lynn
6. Mike Ross
7. Brian Sherwin

H. 2025-2026 Lilly Teacher Creativity Fellowship Award Recipient – Terry Tafflinger

1. Becky DeRuntz

BREAK FOR CELEBRATION

4. CONSENT AGENDA – Dr. Schmidt

A. Personnel Report

B. Board Minutes, 4.9.26 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:

Appointments	Name	Position	Location	Effective Date
<i>Certified</i>	Allen, Carlie	Homebound Instruction	BGE	4/7/2026
	Hill, Dean	Weight Room Supervisor	BGHS	2025-2026 School Year
	Sherman, Kathy	Long-Term Substitute, Resource	BGHS	4/14/2026
<i>Classified</i>	Krueger, Kelly	Payroll/HR Clerk	PTSC	5/11/2026
	McDowell, Cassi	Special Ed Paraprofessional	PLE	4/23/2026
	Torres, Karen	Special Ed Paraprofessional	PLE	4/17/2026
<i>Extra-Curricular</i>	Baumann, Nicole	Boys/Girls Varsity Track Assistant Coach	BGHS	2025-2026 School Year
	Morrison, Anthony	Assistant Football Coach, Volunteer	BGHS	2025-2026 School Year
	Saco, Melissa	Senior Class Sponsor, 2nd Semester	BGHS	2025-2026 School Year
<u>Position Changes</u>				
<i>Classified</i>	Smith, Julie	Move from Cafeteria Worker to Cook	PLE	4/13/2026
	Sullivan, Lora	Move from Cafeteria Worker to Café Manager	PLE	4/13/2026
<u>Leaves</u>				
<i>Certified</i>	Zoumis, Kayla	1st Grade Teacher	PLE	Approx 69 days leave beginning 8/17/2026
	Albury, Sara	Paraprofessional	BGMS	Intermittent Leave beginning 3/16/2026
<i>Classified</i>	Buczek, Michele	Teacher's Aide	BGMS	Intermittent Leave beginning 4/8/2026
	Campagna, Tiffany	Media Aide	BGMS	4/7/2026 (.5)
	King, Madalyn	Teacher's Aide	PLE	4/14-4/15/2026, 5/19/2026

Resignations

Certified
Classified

Schacki, Alexis	Teacher's Aide	PLE	4/24/2026
Johnston, Jessica	1st Grade Teacher	PLE	5/28/2026
King, Madalyn	Special Ed Paraprofessional	PLE	5/2/2026
Pelc, Jennifer	Special Ed Paraprofessional	PLE	4/8/2026

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented in the board packet, was made by Eric McGinty, 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. Financial Report – Dr. Schmidt

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

B. Approve Resolution #0526-340 – Authorizing Administration Regarding Auditor Certification – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt requested approval of Resolution #0526-340. A motion to approve this resolution was made by Mary Harlow, seconded by Lilann Sgouros. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

C. Approve Resolution #0526-341 – Establish Submission Requirements – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt requested approval of Resolution #0526-341. A motion to approve this resolution was made by Eric McGinty, seconded by Jeannette Skibbie. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

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 Lilann Sgouros, seconded by Mary Harlow. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

E. Accept Donations – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of an anonymous donation to be used toward continuing education for a BGHS English teacher. A motion to accept this donation was made by Lilann Sgouros, seconded by Jeanette Skibbie. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

F. 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 Mary Harlow. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

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

Dr. Schmidt recommended acceptance of 5 transfer students for the 26-27 school year, as presented in the board packet. A motion to accept transfer students was made by Mary Harlow, seconded by Lilann Sgouros. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

H. Approve 2026-2027 Student Instructional Supply Fees – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of student instructional supply fees for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented in the board packet. A motion to approve these fees was made by Eric McGinty, seconded by Lilann Sgouros. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

I. Approve Overnight Field Trips – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of overnight field trips for the girls dance and basketball teams. A motion to approve overnight field trips was made by Mary Harlow, seconded by Lilann Sgouros. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

J. Approve Mentor Stipends – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of mentor stipends, paid out of our Title II Grant, for our 2025-2026 new teacher mentors. A motion to approve mentor stipends was made by Jeannette Skibbie, seconded by Mary Harlow. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

K. Approve Request to Offer Online Learning with Edmentum – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval to offer online learning with Edmentum for BGHS students with a teacher designated to ensuring student success. A motion to approve online learning with Edmentum was made by Eric McGinty, seconded by Lilann Sgouros. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

L. Approve Furniture Purchases for PLE – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of furniture purchases for 8 classrooms at Porter Lakes Elementary from Krueger International. KI was voted on by the teachers, who then helped select the furniture that would work best for them/their students. A motion to approve the furniture purchases from KI was made by Mary Harlow, seconded by Jeannette Skibbie. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

M. Approve the 1st Reading of the 2027-2028 School Calendar – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of the 1st reading of the 2027-2028 school calendar. A motion to approve the 1st reading was made by Jeannette Skibbie, seconded by Eric McGinty. There was no discussion and the motion carried 5-0.

7. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt passed out construction update photos from The Skillman Corporation. They've done an incredible job. PLE should be wrapping up in July, and then the crews will shift their focus to BGHS. The site at BGHS had to get cleaned up a bit in preparation for the upcoming graduation ceremony.

8. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made at 6:41 pm by Eric McGinty, seconded by Mary Harlow; the motion carried 5-0.