

Minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting, Porter Township School Corporation Board of School Trustees
June 18, 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, 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, Jacqueline Pillar, Corporation Attorney, and the PTSC Technology Team

Staff Members Absent: None

There were no community members present.



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, 5.14.26 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

Certified

Name	Position	Location	Effective Date
Aardema, McKenna	2/3 Special Education Teacher	PLE	8/10/2026
Bakker, Veronica	3rd Grade Teacher	PLE	8/10/2026
Bell, Kambria	4th Grade Teacher	BGE	8/10/2026
Hoffman, Emma	2nd Grade Teacher	PLE	8/10/2026
Peceney, Danielle	Summer School Teacher, iRead Remediation	PLE	6/1/2026
Petrak, Alexis	Summer School Teacher, iRead Remediation	PLE	6/1/2026
Sherman, Kathy	Maternity Leave Substitute	BGHS	2026-2027 School Year, 1st Quarter
Travis, Tracey	Summer School Teacher, iRead Remediation	PLE	6/1/2026
West, Lexi	Special Education Teacher	PLE	8/10/2026
Wichlinski, Lynnette	Summer School Teacher, iRead Remediation	PLE	6/1/2026
Grayam, Laura	Deputy Treasurer	PTSC	7/1/2026
Sherwin, Brian	Summer Maintenance	PTSC	6/1/2026
Coulopoulos, Bevan	Football Assistant Coach, Volunteer	BGHS	2026-2027 School Year
Dixon, Christine	Boys Varsity Volleyball, Head Coach	BGHS	2025-2026 School Year
Kimes, Sharon	Varsity Dance, Head Coach	BGHS	2026-2027 School Year
Kukulski, Dan	Varsity Football, Head Coach	BGHS	2026-2027 School Year
Morrison, Anthony	Football Assistant Coach, Volunteer	BGHS	2026-2027 School Year

Classified

Extra-Curricular

	Ooms, David	Boys Varsity Soccer, Head Coach	BGHS	2026-2027 School Year
	Otero, Sarah	JV Softball Head Coach	BGHS	2025-2026 School Year
	Riley, Sean	Varsity Baseball, Head Coach	BGHS	2025-2026 School Year
	Saunders, Ron	Varsity Softball, Head Coach	BGHS	2025-2026 School Year
	Sherwin, Brian	Boys/Girls Varsity Cross Country Coach	BGHS	2026-2027 School Year
	Short, David	Football Assistant Coach	BGHS	2026-2027 School Year
	Skibbie, Joseph	Football Assistant Coach, Volunteer	BGHS	2026-2027 School Year
	Tanner, Chad	Football Assistant Coach	BGHS	2026-2027 School Year
	Trapana, Tom	Football Assistant Coach	BGHS	2026-2027 School Year
	Truby, Benjamin	Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach, Volunteer	BGHS	2025-2026 School Year
	Whited, Jax	Basketball Assistant Coach, Volunteer	BGHS	2026-2027 School Year
<u>Voluntary Transfers</u>				
<i>Certified</i>	Rigsby, Christopher	From 4th Grade Teacher to 4/5 Special Education Teacher	BGE	8/10/2026
	Samanas, Christine	From KDG/1st Grade Special Ed Teacher to 4th Grade Teacher	BGE	8/10/2026
<u>Leaves</u>				
<i>Classified</i>	Schacki, Alexis	Teacher's Aide	PLE	5/19/2026
	Smith, Kathleen	CFO	PTSC	6/1-6/5/2026
<u>Resignations</u>				
<i>Certified</i>	Fortenberry, William	Social Studies Teacher	BGHS	5/29/2026
	Huss, Faith	Resource Room Teacher	PLE	5/29/2026
	Janesheski, Troy	Science Teacher	BGHS	5/29/2026
	Nelson-Kennedy, Heather	Special Education Teacher	BGE	5/29/2026
<i>Extra-Curricular</i>	Fortenberry, William	Boys Varsity Soccer, Head Coach	BGHS	5/27/2026
<u>Retirement Requests</u>				
<i>Certified</i>	Garrett, Wendy	4th Grade Teacher	BGE	5/29/2026

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented in the board packet was made by Lilann Sgouros, seconded by Jeannette Skibbie. 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

Scott Cherry, Jr. provided an update on the progress at construction at PLE, BGHS, and the Complex. Dr. Schmidt shared how happy she is with the work that's being done. She is most pleased with the water-diversion steps that were taken at BGE and BGMS. Zero water coming into the sump pit during recent severe weather was a huge win. Jeannette Skibbie thanked Skillman for staggering their work to ensure as little negative impact as possible on our student's summer activities.

B. Potential Referendum Information – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt shared information regarding our 8-year financial forecast due to the projected impact of Senate Enrolled Act 1, as well as a ballot question for a potential referendum.

C. Financial Report – Mrs. Smith

1. Financial Report

2. Fund Report

3. Monthly Fund Transfer Reports

4. Investment Report

5. Policy Analytics Cash Flow

D. Appointment of Corporation Deputy Treasurer – Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Smith recommended appointment of Laura Grayam to Deputy Treasurer, effective July 1, 2026. A motion to appoint Laura Grayam as Deputy Treasurer was made by Mary Harlow, seconded by Jeannette Skibbie. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

E. Permission to Create/Eliminate Funds at Porter Lakes Elementary – Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Smith requested permission to eliminate two outdated funds at PLE and create a Principal Fund in their place. A motion to grant permission to create a new fund and eliminate two old funds at PLE was made by Jeannette Skibbie, seconded by Lilann Sgouros. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

F. Permission to Apply for STAA Common School Loans – Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Smith requested permission to apply for STAA Common School Loans throughout the year, as opportunities become available. A motion to grant permission to apply for STAA CS Loans was made by Mary Harlow, seconded by Lilann Sgouros. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

G. Approve Fundraisers – Dr. Schmidt

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

H. Accept Donations – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended acceptance of an office supply donation from Bonnie Rarick, for which we are very grateful. A motion to accept this donation was made by Lilann Sgouros, seconded by Jeannette Skibbie. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

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

Dr. Schmidt recommended acceptance of transfer students for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented in the board packet. A motion to accept transfer students was made by Jeannette Skibbie, seconded by Mary Harlow. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

J. Permission to Pre-Pay Vendor, Walmart Business – Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Smith requested permission to pre-pay Walmart Business in order to avoid late fees. Lilann Sgouros made the motion granting permission to pre-pay Walmart Business. The motion was seconded by Mary Harlow. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

K. Contract Considerations – Dr. Schmidt

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

L. Approve Resolution #0626-342 – Referendum Tax Levy – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt requested approval of Resolution #0626-342, which authorizes the district to take the necessary actions required before placing the question on the ballot. A motion to approve this resolution was made by Lilann Sgouros, seconded by Mary Harlow. Board President Natalie Wargo read a statement from Board Vice-President Eric McGinty, voicing his support for the operating referendum. Board Secretary Mary Harlow made a statement in support of the operating referendum. Board Members Lilann Sgouros and Jeannette Skibbie both made statements in support of the operating referendum. Board President Natalie Wargo made a statement in support of the operating referendum. The motion carried 4-0.

M. Second Reading and Adoption of 2027-2028 School Calendar – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of the 2nd reading and adoption of the 2027-2028 school year calendar. A motion to approve the adoption of the 2027-2028 calendar was made by Mary Harlow, seconded by Jeannette Skibbie. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

N. First Reading of the PTSC Student Handbook – Mr. Parrish

Mr. Parrish recommended approval of the 1st reading of revisions made to the PTSC Student Handbook. A motion to approve these revisions was made by Lilann Sgouros, seconded by Mary Harlow. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

O. First Reading and Adoption of Replacement Policy #5136R – Personal Communication Devices – Mr. Parrish

Mr. Parrish recommended approval of the 1st reading and adoption of Replacement Policy #5136R. A motion to approve the 1st reading and adoption of Policy #5136R was made by Mary Harlow, seconded by Lilann Sgouros. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

P. Approve the First Reading of the Following Board Policy Revisions, Technical Corrections, and Replacement Policies – Mr. Parrish

1. Revised Policy #0100 - Definitions
2. Revised Policy #0151 – Organizational Meeting
3. Revised Policy #1220 – Employment of the Superintendent
4. Revised Policy #1520.08 – Employment of Personnel for Extracurricular Activities
5. Revised Policy #1623 – Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment
6. Technical Correction, Policy #1662.01 – Threatening and/or Intimidating Behavior Toward Staff Members
7. Revised Policy #2221 – Mandatory Curriculum
8. Revised Policy #3120.08 – Employment of Personnel for Extracurricular Activities
9. Technical Correction, Policy #3121 – Personal Background Checks, References, and Mandatory Reporting
10. Revised Policy #3123 – Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment
11. Revised Policy #3131 – Reduction in Force (“RIF”) in Certificated Staff
12. Revised Policy #3139 – Staff Discipline
13. Revised Policy #3142 – Cancellation of a Teaching Contract
14. Technical Correction, Policy #3362.01 – Threatening and/or Intimidating Behavior Toward Staff Members
15. Revised Policy #3430 – Leaves of Absence
16. Revised Policy #4120.08 – Employment of Personnel for Extracurricular Activities
17. Revised Policy #4123 – Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Disability Discrimination in Employment
18. Replacement Policy #4150 – Disciplinary Actions
19. Technical Correction, Policy #4362.01 – Threatening and/or Intimidating Behavior Toward Staff Members
20. New Policy #5136.01 – Personal Electronic Equipment Other than Personal Communication Devices
21. Revised Policy #5540 – The Schools and Law Enforcement Agencies
22. Revised Policy #5600 – Student Discipline
23. Rescinded Policy #5840 – Criminal Organizations and Criminal Organization Activity
24. Revised Policy #6152 – Student Fees and Charges
25. Revised Policy #6325 – Procurement Federal Grants/Funds
26. Revised Policy #7420 – Hygienic Management
27. Revised Policy #8120 – Volunteers
28. Revised Policy #8305 – Information Security
29. Revised Policy #8400 – School Safety Information

30. Revised Policy #8455 – Coach Training, References, and IHSA Reporting

31. Revised Policy #8462 – Child Abuse and Neglect

32. Revised Policy #8510 – Wellness

Mr. Parrish recommended approval of the 1st reading of the above board policy revisions, technical corrections, and replacement policies. A motion to approve the 1st reading of these policies was made by Mary Harlow, seconded by Jeannette Skibbie. There was no discussion and the motion carried 4-0.

6. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mary Harlow at 6:30 pm CST. The motion was seconded by Lilann Sgouros and carried 4-0.