

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
PORTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL CORPORATION**

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BOARD APPROVED
DATE 5-9-19

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1. **CALL TO ORDER-** Ms. Johanna Williams, President - 6:32 p.m.

A Pledge of Allegiance

B. Welcome Visitors

Board members present: Ms. Johanna Williams, Dr. Natalie Wargo, Mrs. Nichole Kovacik and Mrs. Laura Chavez; Mrs. Lilann Sgouros was absent. Also present were: Superintendent, Dr. Stacey Schmidt; Assistant Superintendent, Ben Parrish; Board Attorney Chery Zic; Business Manager/Treasurer, Aline Busse; Deputy Treasurer, Linda Bult and Secretary to the Superintendent, Linda Dusek. There were approximately 32 patrons present in the audience.

2. **AGENDA ADJUSTMENT** – None

3. **BGHS ENTRY PROJECT – Dr. Schmidt**

A. **Public Hearing on Additional Appropriations**

1. Open Hearing – Overview
2. Information Session
3. Public Comment
4. Close Hearing

Dr. Schmidt explained that an open public hearing will be held tonight to hear public comments on additional appropriations for the Boone Grove High School Entry Project. Dr. Schmidt explained that the new revised secure entry will be created by renovating two classrooms at the front of the high school into a new main office and visitors will enter directly into the main office secure area. Dr. Schmidt opened the hearing to receive public comments. Hearing no requests for public comment, Dr. Schmidt closed the hearing.

4. **PRESENTATION: BGHS Academic Wall of Fame - Mr. Corman**

Mr. Corman shared a video highlighting Seniors who achieved the high honor of being named on the Wall of Fame for achieving a cumulative GPA of 3.5 at the end of the 7th semester. Mr. Corman, Mr. Rosinia, Dr. Schmidt, Mr. Parrish and the members of the Board congratulated the seniors who were in attendance.

Dr. Schmidt announced that Board member, Mrs. Nichole Kovacik, has submitted her resignation and reflected on a long list of the Board's accomplishments since Mrs. Kovacik's service began in July of 2006. Dr. Schmidt said, "Mrs. Kovacik was always focused on the students, making a difference in the lives of the students and making students priority with our Board." Former Superintendent, Mr. Nick Brown also attended the meeting and spoke highly about his professional and personal relationship with Mrs. Kovacik. Mr. Brown said, "Mrs. Kovacik always wanted what is best for the students, not what was easiest or popular, and with a cutting edge, always guiding and caring for the district. I am so grateful for her leadership and she truly has made a difference." Dr. Schmidt said, "Thank you for being a role model and a powerful female leader, thank you for your time and your talent and thank you for the powerful impact you have made in our community, for which we are all so very grateful." Dr. Schmidt presented a plaque to Mrs. Kovacik and there was a brief break in the meeting for refreshments and celebration.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA- Dr. Schmidt**

- A. Personnel Report
- B. Board Minutes
- C. Claim Docket

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of the consent agenda consisting of payroll claims and accounts payable vouchers, approval of the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting held on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., and approval of the following items listed on the Personnel Report waiving the readings and pending clear background searches:

- Accept the resignation of **Nichole Kovacik** as a member of the Board of School Trustees for Porter Township School Corporation effective as of April 11, 2019.
- Accept the resignation of **Ashley Smith** as a Biology Teacher at Boone Grove High School and also as the Track and Field Coach at Boone Grove Middle School effective as of May 30, 2019.
- Accept the resignation of **Dave Hinkel** as the Varsity Wrestling Coach effective as of March 11, 2019.

- Accept the resignation of **Nicole May** as the Girls' JV Volleyball Coach effective as of March 31, 2019.
- Approve **Jean Chelich** as the part-time Media Aide at Boone Grove Elementary School/IDOE State Reporting beginning on March 18, 2019 with compensation of \$9.82 per hour, for 26.5 hours per week, for 195 days per school year.
- Accept the resignation of **Jean Chelich** as the part-time Media Aide at Boone Grove Elementary School/IDOE State Reporting effective as of April 2, 2019.
- Approve **Nicole Truby** as the part-time Media Aide at Boone Grove Elementary School/IDOE State Reporting effective as of April 8, 2019 with compensation of \$10.32 per hour, for approximately 26.5 hours per week, for approximately 195 days per school year.
- Approve **Jacob Gholston** as the Varsity Baseball Head Coach for the 2018-19 school year with compensation of \$3,393, based upon 87% of the 2018-19 ECA Salary Schedule.
- Approve **Tyler Cambe** as the Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach for the 2018-19 school with compensation of \$507, based upon 13% of the 2018-19 ECA Salary Schedule.
- Approve **Diante Kincaid** as the Junior Varsity Baseball Coach for the 2018-19 school year with compensation based upon the 2018-19 ECA Salary Schedule.
- Approve **Tara Beere** as a Science Teacher at Boone Grove High School at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year as per contract with a Bachelor Degree and zero (0) years of experience.
- Accept the resignation of **Kylah Adkins** as the Varsity Dance Team Coach at Boone Grove High School effective as of March 18, 2019.
- Accept the request of **Selena Hill**, Cafeteria Aide at the Boone Grove Complex, for an unpaid Leave of Absence on Friday, April 12, 2019.

Dr. Wargo made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of payroll claims and accounts payable vouchers, approval of the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting held on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., and approval of the items listed on the Personnel Report waiving the readings and pending clear background searches; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 4-0.

6. **FINANCIAL REPORT - Dr. Schmidt**

- A. Appropriation Summary
- B. Fund Report
- C. Investments

Dr. Schmidt referred to the appropriation summary, the fund report and investment summary provided in the board packet and asked for questions from the board; no questions were heard.

7. **BUSINESS**

A. Adopt Resolution #0419-203 – Certificates of Deposit Investments – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended adoption of Resolution #0419-203 for certificates of deposit investments. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to adopt Resolution #0419-203 for certificates of deposit investments as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 4-0.

B. Adopt Resolution #0419-204 – Resolution Authorizing Issuance of School Corporation Capital

Improvement Notes – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended adoption of Resolution #0419-204 to authorize issuance of school corporation capital improvement notes. Dr. Wargo made a motion to adopt Resolution #0419-204 to authorize issuance of school corporation capital improvement notes as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 4-0.

C. Adopt Resolution #0419-205 – Additional Appropriation Resolution – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended adoption of Resolution #0419-205 regarding additional appropriations. Dr. Wargo made a motion to adopt Resolution #0419-205 for additional appropriations as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 4-0.

D. Ratification and Approval of Publication of Notice Bids for Boone Grove High School Entry Project – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended ratification and approval of publication of Notice to Bidders for the Boone Grove High School Entry Project. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to approve the ratification and publication of Notice to Bidders for the Boone Gove High School Entry Project as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 4-0.

E. Approval of First Reading of the 2019-2020 Student Handbook Revisions – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt said the student handbook has been reviewed and revisions for the 2019-2020 Student Handbook are provided in the board packet for the Board's review. Dr. Wargo made a motion to approve the first reading of the 2019-2020 Student Handbook revisions; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 4-0.

F. Approval of Request for a New Extra-Curricular Fund at Boone Grove High School – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt said the high school Guidance Department has requested a new extra-curricular fund to house fundraiser funds and recommended the Board's approval. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to approve a new extra-curricular fund at Boone Grove High School for fundraisers; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 4-0.

G. Approval of Fundraisers – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of the list of fundraisers provided in the Board packet. Dr. Wargo made a motion to approve the fundraisers as presented in the Board packet; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 4-0.

H. Approval of Clinical Affiliation Agreement with Indiana University – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of the Clinical Affiliation Agreement with Indiana University as presented in the Board packet. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to approve the Clinical Affiliation Agreement with Indiana University as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 4-0.

I. Approval of Summer Hours – Mr. Parrish

Mr. Parrish recommended summer hours for all buildings to operate on a four-day work week, 10 hours per day, Monday through Thursday and closing every Friday beginning on Friday, June 3 through Friday, July 22 to allow for energy savings during the summer. Dr. Wargo made a motion to approve the summer hours as recommended by Mr. Parrish; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 4-0.

8. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT- Mr. Parrish

Mr. Parrish reported that New Horizons has 75 students who have finished and a total of 635 credits this year. Mr. Parrish also said sign-ups for summer school are beginning soon. Mr. Parrish announced that the Personnel Profile for this month is Carol Magurany. Mrs. Magurany has been the Secretary-Treasurer at Porter Lakes Elementary School for approximately 13 years. She is a graduate of Bishop Noll High School and Purdue Calumet College. Mr. Donnell said, "Mrs. Magurany is an outstanding school secretary who has a good sense of humor and is very kind hearted and she is quick to help teachers and staff. "Most importantly she is great with the students because she loves them and will do anything to help them be successful." Mr. Parrish said, "Once again, Mrs. Magurany is just another example of the great people we have working in our school district."

9. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt wished a Happy Birthday to Johanna Williams, Ltd. Jeremy Chavez, Linda Bult, Nick Cain and Aline Busse who all have Birthdays this month. Dr. Schmidt said the Senate is working on their funding bill and encouraged everyone to continue to watch this bill which concerns things with negotiations and challenging changes with funding.

10. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Kovacik said, "It has been an honor to serve in this capacity on the school board. When I first started on the board I naively thought I would make a difference, but I did not know the profound affect it would have on my life. Dr. Schmidt so kindly mentioned things I accomplished on the Board, but it is more to me how it has affected my life by experiencing the contribution for my children by the caring, loving and attentive teachers, administrators and leaders -- it is all so very hard to express. I am so proud to say that I served on the school board and that I served among all of these wonderful people! -- Once a Booney, always a Booney!"

11. SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. Corman thanked Mr. Rosinia for his hard work on the video presentation for the Wall of Fame and for all of the hard work he always puts into each and every day. Mr. Corman also said he is so fortunate to work each day with such a successful and professional administrator. Mr. Corman reported that the Academic meet is on Tuesday at Wheeler, ISTEP testing ended today, ILEARN is next and The Little Shop of Horrors is on April 26, 27 and 28.
- Mr. Ivanyo said everyone is working hard getting ready for Friday Night Live tomorrow at BGE.
- Mr. Donnell announced that Kindergarten Round-up is April 24 with over 80 kids signed up already. PLE is gearing up for ILEARN in a couple of weeks and there is a Blood Drive at PLE on May 8.
- Mr. Lichtenberger said they are preparing for ILEARN and the upcoming Drama event on April 18 at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Lichtenberger thanked everyone in the community and staff for their support and for volunteering to help during the recent tragedy of the loss of a young lady in our district.

12. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None**13. ADJOURNMENT – 7:25 p.m.**

Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

This meeting is a meeting of the School Board for the purpose of conducting the School Corporation's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There will be a time for public participation, as indicated by the agenda. The meeting site is fully accessible. Any person requiring further accommodation should contact the superintendent.

