

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

PTSC
BOARD APPROVED
DATE 2-14-19

*****The following is a partial transcript of the meeting. A recording of the actual meeting is available at the Administration Office and is kept on file for approximately 5 months after the date of the meeting. Approval of this transcript as official minutes will be at the next regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees.

1. CALL TO ORDER- Ms. Johanna Williams, President - 6:29 p.m.

A Pledge of Allegiance

B. Welcome Visitors

Board members present: Ms. Johanna Williams, Mrs. Nichole Kovacik, Dr. Natalie Wargo, Mrs. Lilann Sgouros and Mrs. Laura Chavez. Also present were: Superintendent, Dr. Stacey Schmidt; Assistant Superintendent, Ben Parrish; Business Manager/Treasurer, Aline Busse; Deputy Treasurer, Linda Bult and Secretary to the Superintendent, Linda Dusek. There were approximately eight (8) patrons present in the audience.

2. AGENDA ADJUSTMENT - None

3. PRESENTATION – Powered Airplane Challenge – Mr. Ivanyo and Mrs. Holland – BGE

Mrs. Holland said to prepare for the challenge her class began with six weeks of lessons which were modified to 4th grade understanding. The class learned how to fold paper airplanes, researched ideas online, tested their paper airplanes, and then she challenged the class to add a motor to their airplane. Mrs. Holland said the powered airplane competition was open nationwide to any grade level and over 150 schools registered. In the finals a 6th Grade Class from Minnesota placed first; a 5th Grade Class from New Hampshire placed second and her 4th Grade class placed third. Mrs. Holland's class was awarded two remote control airplane motors for placing third. Mr. Ivanyo and Mrs. Holland shared a video of the class flying their paper airplanes. Dr. Schmidt and the Board congratulated Mrs. Holland and her class on a job well done.

4. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

A. Oath of Office

Mrs. Busse gave the Oath of Office to Johanna Williams, Nichole Kovacik and Laura Chavez.

B. Election of Officers

1. President

Ms. Williams asked for a motion from the Board for Board President. Mrs. Kovacik nominated Johanna Williams as Board President; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Vice-President

Ms. Williams asked for a motion from the Board for Board Vice-President. Mrs. Kovacik nominated Lilann Sgouros as Board Vice-President; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Secretary

Ms. Williams asked for a motion from the Board for Board Secretary. Mrs. Chavez nominated Natalie Wargo as Board Secretary; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Determination of Member Compensation

Ms. Williams asked for a motion from the Board regarding member compensation. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion for Board compensation to remain as status quo; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Determination of Meeting Dates and Times

Ms. Williams asked for a motion from the Board regarding determination of meeting dates and times. Dr. Wargo made a motion for the Board meeting dates and times to remain as status quo on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 5-0.

E. Appointment of Corporation Treasurer

Ms. Williams asked for a motion from the Board for appointment of the Corporation Treasurer. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to appoint Aline Busse as the Corporation Treasurer; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 5-0.

F. Appointment of Corporation Deputy Treasurer

Ms. Williams asked for a motion from the Board for appointment of the Corporation Deputy Treasurer. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to appoint Linda Bult as Corporation Deputy Treasurer; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 5-0.

G. Appointment of Board Attorney

Ms. Williams asked for a motion from the Board for appointment of the Board Attorney. Mrs. Sgouros a motion to retain the services of Attorney Cheryl Zic of Crist, Sears & Zic, LLP as Board Attorney as status quo; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 5-0.

H. Disclosure Statements

Ms. Williams asked for action from the Board regarding the disclosure statements presented in the board packet. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to accept the disclosure statements as presented in the board packet; seconded by Mrs. Kovacik. Motion carried 5-0.

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, December 13, 2018 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 **Abigail Stahr** as the Art Teacher at Boone Grove Middle School and Boone Grove Elementary School effective as of December 22, 2018.
- Accept the resignation of **Robert Young** as a part-time Custodian at Porter Lakes Elementary School effective as of January 2, 2019.
- Approve **Kimberly Carpenter** as a part-time Teacher Aide for 3.75 hours per day and as a Lunchroom Aide for 2 hours per day at Porter Lakes Elementary School beginning on January 7, 2019 with compensation of \$10.22 per hour.
- Accept the request of **Donna Rhoda**, Cafeteria Aide at the Boone Grove Complex, for intermittent unpaid leave of absence due to family illness, beginning on January 7, 2019 as needed.
- Approve **Erin Barton** as the Art Teacher at Boone Grove Elementary School and Boone Grove Middle School beginning on January 10, 2019 with compensation based upon a Bachelor Degree with ten years of experience.

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, December 13, 2018 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 5-0.

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. Approval of the Second Reading of the 2019-2020 District Calendar – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt recommended the second reading and approval of the 2019-2020 district calendar as presented in the Board packet. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 district calendar as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Approval of Fundraiser – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of the fundraiser provided in the board packet. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to approve the fundraiser as presented; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 5-0.

8. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT- Mr. Parrish

Mr. Parrish reported that New Horizons has had a great start to second semester with five new kids and another one starting tomorrow. Mr. Parrish recognized Mr. Bob Young, who retired in December after 18 years of dedicated service. Mr. Young has served in many roles at PTSC: in the Maintenance Department, a groundskeeper, a custodian, a bus driver, a bus aide, delivered the interoffice mail route and would do whatever was asked of him. Mr. Parrish said that Mr. Young is just a good person, a great employee and another example of the fine employees we have at Porter Township Schools and wished him all the best in his retirement. Mr. Parrish announced that the Personnel Profile for this month is Mrs. Amanda McKee, a 4th Grade Teacher at

BGE, who is currently in her fifth year at PTSC. Mrs. McKee is a Portage High School graduate and IUN graduate. Mr. Ivanyo said, "Mrs. McKee is a high energy teacher that always has her students' needs in the forefront of her mind and genuinely cares for each and every one of them. Her fun and interesting classroom activities grab the students' interest and helps promote excitement for the entire school." Mr. Parrish thanked Mrs. McKee for everything she does for our students each day and said we are fortunate to have her as a member of our staff.

9. **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt said January 3 was the kickoff of the Indiana Legislative Session with some hot topics for education such as the budget and looking at teacher compensation, tuition support to education and school safety and also discussed pending bills. Dr. Schmidt reported that Governor Holcomb released his budget requests today proposing a 2% statewide increase for each of the two fiscal years, which does not mean that every corporation would see an additional 2% but it is interesting as she did not anticipate an increase at all. He is also proposing changes to the teacher appreciation grant and school safety with many unanswered questions. Dr. Schmidt also wished Mike Skoda a Happy Birthday on January 18.

10. **BOARD COMMUNICATIONS - None**

11. **SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Mr. Corman reported that PCC events are in full swing: The PCC Banquet was held last Sunday; the Girls Basketball team will play on Monday at BGHS, the Boys Basketball team will play on Thursday at Kouts and the first ever PCC Cheer and Dance competition will be held at South Central on Saturday. Mr. Corman also reported that PNW sent representatives to speak to dual credit classes today; they are hard at work trying to organize the Pathways; they will meet tomorrow with Porter County Probation working on attendance issues; they are preparing for the second ISTEP Grade 10 retest in February and the initial ISTEP Grade 10 testing and the new ILEARN Biology will test at the end of February.
- Mr. Ivanyo said it is good to see everyone back from winter break and the kids were excited to return. A couple new programs at BGE are: 5th Grade: Reuse, Renew and Recycle and 4th Grade: Porter County Rocks.
- Mr. Donnell thanked the students and staff at PLE as they were recently recognized by Kids Caring for the Community for service projects by students and received a \$500 donation for their Thanksgiving Food Drive.
- Mr. Lichtenberger said girls' sports are beginning at BGMS; he was excited to welcome a couple new staff members after winter break; and the Pop Top Drop started at the middle school through February 8th.

12. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None**

13. **ADJOURNMENT – 7:03 p.m.**

Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 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.