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 DATE 11-13-14

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

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**1. CALL TO ORDER – Mr. John Spangenberg, President – 6:35 p.m.**

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Welcome Visitors

Board members present: Mr. John Spangenberg, Ms. Johanna Williams, Mrs. Nichole Kovacik and Mrs. Lilann Sgouros; Mr. Tom Keevin was absent. Also present were: Superintendent, Dr. Stacey Schmidt; Attorney Cheryl Zic; Business Manager/Treasurer, Aline Busse and Secretary to the Superintendent, Linda Dusek; Bryan Busse, Director of Facilities, was absent. There were approximately 14 present in the audience.

**2. AGENDA ADJUSTMENT:** Dr. Schmidt requested a revision to the "Title" of Business Item 6A - changing the title to "Adoption of the 2015 Budget Resolution #1014-122 Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriation of Taxes"

**3. PRESENTATION: Boone Grove Elementary Student Council – Mr. Walker**

Mr. Walker and three members of the Boone Grove Elementary Student Council: President, Ty Knight; Secretary, Carlos Acevedo and Vice-President, Erica Hoffman, discussed how they were elected, how their meetings are conducted, reported on their planned activities for the year and answered questions from the Board. There was a brief break for refreshments.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA – Dr. Schmidt**

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

Dr. Schmidt recommended that the board 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, September 11, 2014 at 6:30 p.m., approval of the Memorandum of Meeting for the Special Work Session held on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. at Porter Lakes Elementary School and approval of the following items listed on the Personnel Report waiving the readings and pending a clear background search:

- Accept the resignation of Kristine Prater as the Spell Bowl Academic Coach at Boone Grove High School effective as of October 14, 2013.
- Accept the FMLA request of Amy Wignall from her 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teaching position at Porter Lakes Elementary School beginning on Monday, October 27, 2014 and returning on approximately Monday, December 8, 2014 pending doctor's release.
- Approve Erin Clarich as the Drama Coach at Boone Grove High School for the 2014-15 school year. Her rate of pay will be \$638 for the Fall Play and \$638 for the Spring Play.
- Approve Stefan Veljanovski as a Volunteer Girls' Soccer Coach for the 2014-15 school year.
- Approve Ewa Mikos as a Girls' Bowling Team Volunteer Co-Coach for the 2014-15 school year.
- Approve Karen Yankauskas as a Boys' Bowling Team Volunteer Co-Coach for the 2014-15 school year.
- Approve Angie Wlodarski as a Middle School Cheerleading Volunteer Coach for the 2014-15 school year.
- Approve Mary Edwards as Spell Bowl Academic Coach at Boone Grove High School for the 2014-15 school year. Her rate of pay will be based upon the ECA Salary Schedule at the zero (0) years of experience level.
- Approve Bethany Eveland as a Girls' 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2014-15 school year.
- Approve Julio Cisneros as the Varsity Wrestling Coach for the 2014-15 school year. His rate of pay will be based upon the ECA Salary Schedule at the zero (0) years of experience level.
- Approve Arnie Kazdoy as a Boys' Bowling Team Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2014-15 school year.

Ms. Williams 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, September 11, 2014 at 6:30 p.m., approval of the Memorandum of Meeting for the Special Work Session held on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. at Porter Lakes Elementary School and approval of the items listed on the Personnel Report waiving the readings and pending a clear background search; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 4-0.

**5. FINANCIAL REPORT – Dr. Schmidt**

- A. Appropriation Summary
- B. Fund Report
- C. Investments
- D. "Financial Moment" Presentation

Dr. Schmidt referred to the financial report provided in the board packet providing the appropriation summary, fund report and investment report. During the "Financial Moment", Dr. Schmidt reported on textbooks, new ideas for textbook adoption and answered questions from the board.

## 6. BUSINESS

### A. Agenda Adjustment changing title: Adoption of the 2015 Budget Resolution #1014-122 Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriation of Taxes – Dr. Schmidt

- a. Adoption of General Fund
- b. Adoption of Debt Service Fund
- c. Adoption of Debt Retirement/Severance Fund
- d. Adoption of Transportation Operating Fund
- e. Adoption of Bus Replacement Fund
- f. Adoption of Capital Projects Fund

Dr. Schmidt reflected that over the past few months, the budget has been presented, the board was advertised and hearings were held. Dr. Schmidt then requested adoption of the 2015 Budget. Ms. Sgouros made a motion to adopt the 2015 Budget; seconded by Ms. Williams. Motion carried 4-0. Dr. Schmidt recommended adoption of Resolution #1014-122 Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriation of Taxes. Mr. Spangenberg asked for a motion to adopt Resolution #1014-122 Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriation of Taxes as discussed previously by Dr. Schmidt. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to adopt Resolution #1014-122 as requested by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Ms. Williams. Motion carried 4-0.

### B. Adoption of Resolution #1014-120–Resolution to Adopt the 2015 Capital Projects Fund Plan–Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt asked the board to adopt Resolution #1014-120 – Resolution to adopt the 2015 Capital Projects Fund Plan and waive the reading. Ms. Williams made a motion to adopt Resolution #1014-120 – Resolution to adopt the 2015 Capital Projects Fund Plan as presented and waive the reading; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 4-0.

### C. Adoption of Resolution #1014-121–Resolution to Adopt the 2015 Bus Replacement Fund–Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt asked the board to adopt Resolution #1014-121 – Resolution to adopt the 2015 Bus Replacement Fund and waive the reading. Dr. Schmidt noted that the bus replacement fund covers a period of years until 2026. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to adopt Resolution #1014-121 – Resolution to adopt the 2015 Bus Replacement Fund and waive the reading; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 4-0.

### D. Accept Donation – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt reported that the Target Take Charge of Education Program has submitted rebate checks in the amount of \$122.95 to Boone Grove Middle and \$208.55 to Boone Grove Elementary School. These rebates checks are based upon a percentage of the purchases made by parents and community members who participated in the program and designated the school of their choice. Dr. Schmidt recommended that the board accept these funds as designated for each school. Ms. Williams made a motion to accept the rebate checks in the amount of \$122.95 for Boone Grove Middle School and \$208.55 for Boone Grove Elementary School; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 4-0.

### E. Approve Overnight Field Trips – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended that the board approve two annual overnight field trips for Boone Grove Elementary School. Dr. Schmidt noted that a 4<sup>th</sup> Grade trip to Camp Tecumseh is scheduled on October 16 and 17 and a 5<sup>th</sup> Grade trip to Indianapolis is scheduled on May 13-15. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to approve the two overnight field trips for Boone Grove Elementary as presented by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Ms. Williams. Motion carried 4-0.

## 7. DIRECTOR OF FACILITY SERVICES REPORT

Dr. Schmidt reported that Mr. Busse was unable to attend this evening. Dr. Schmidt then reported that the Facility Services staff has been busy working on the fields applying fall fertilizer, working on a well due to a broken pipe, and preparing for the upcoming colder weather.

## 8. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt announced upcoming events: Online Day on October 15, End of the first quarter on October 22, Fall Break on October 24, Parent/Teacher Conference Day on October 31. Dr. Schmidt announced upcoming birthdays: Mr. Lichtenberger on October 10, Mrs. Sgouros on October 17, Attorney Cheryl Zic on October 18, Omi Gloden on October 22, and Dawn Gillespie on November 1.

**Alternative School Presentation:** Dr. Schmidt discussed that the alternative education program is currently a partnership with Porter Starke Services, Porter Township Schools, Union Township Schools, MSD of Boone Township Schools and East Porter County Schools. Dr. Schmidt reviewed the history of alternative school, the budget for alternative school, provided information and ideas regarding the alternative school program and discussed the possibility of moving the alternative school program to Porter Township Schools to better meet the needs of these students. Board members made comments regarding the alternative education program, meeting the needs of these students and shared their excitement in considering this possibility.

**9. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

Ms. Williams reported on the Stuff the Bus and Soup Dinner event to be hosted on Saturday from 4 – 6:00 at the Salem Church and encouraged all to come out and support the Porter Township Food Pantry.

**10. SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Mr. Lichtenberger reported that ALS Challenge raised \$802 in three days.
- Mr. Donnell announced that Stuff the Bus and Soup Supper will be held on Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.

**11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None**

**12. ADJOURNMENT – 7:35 p.m.**

Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Ms. Williams. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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