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 BOARD APPROVED
 DATE 1-8-15

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

***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 – Mr. John Spangenberg, President – 6:37 p.m.**

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Welcome Visitors

Board members present: Mr. John Spangenberg, Mr. Tom Keevin and Mrs. Nichole Kovacik. Mrs. Lilann Sgouros joined the meeting at 6:40 p.m.; Johanna Williams was absent. Also present were: Superintendent, Dr. Stacey Schmidt; Attorney Cheryl Zic; Business Manager/Treasurer, Aline Busse and Bryan Busse, Director of Facilities. There were approximately 7 present in the audience.

2. **AGENDA ADJUSTMENT:** Dr. Schmidt requested the addition of one business items to the agenda:
 6D. Approval of Five Star Technologies Contract to provide managed services for technologies.

3. **PRESENTATION: None**

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, November 13, 2014 at 6:30 p.m., and approval of the following items listed on the Personnel Report waiving the readings and pending a clear background search:

- Approve Kelly Johnson as a Guidance Counselor at Boone Grove High School beginning on November 24, 2014. Her salary will be paid as per contract with a Master Degree and at the five (5) years of experience level.
- Approve Erik Conrath as the Boys Junior Varsity Track and Field Coach at Boone Grove High School for the 2014-15 school year. His rate of pay will be based upon the ECA salary schedule at the zero years of experience level.
- Approve George D. Adkins as a 6th Grade Boys Basketball Volunteer Coach at Boone Grove Middle School for the 2014-15 school year.
- Approve Timothy Creech as the Social Studies Academic Team 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.

Mr. Keevin 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, November 13, 2014 at 6:30 p.m., and approval of the items listed on the Personnel Report waiving the readings and pending a clear background search; seconded by Mrs. Kovacik. Motion carried 3-0.

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 and no questions were heard. Dr. Schmidt's Financial Moment will be later in the meeting during the discussion regarding Business item 6D.-Approval of Five Star Technologies.

6. **BUSINESS**

A. **Adoption of Resolution #1214-126 – Resolution for Tax Anticipation Warrant (TAW) – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt explained that this resolution authorizes the ability to issue tax anticipation warrants particularly in the General Fund, Capital Projects Fund and Transportation Fund all in anticipation of taxes being collected. Mrs. Kovacik made the motion to adopt Resolution #1214-126 – Resolution for Tax Anticipation Warrant (TAW) and waive the reading; Mr. Keevin seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0. Mr. Spangenberg asked for the record to reflect that board member Mrs. Lilann Sgouros just arrived and joined the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

B. Approval of Resolution #1214-127 – Project Care Agreement – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt shared that she is very proud of the Project Care Program which is partnered with the Porter Township Trustee. Dr. Schmidt recommended the board's approval of Resolution #1214-127 to allow the annual renewal of the Project Care Agreement. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to approve Resolution #1214-127 to allow the annual renewal of the Project Care Agreement with the Porter Township Trustee and waive the reading; seconded by Mrs. Kovacik. Motion carried 4-0.

C. Accept Donations – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended that the board accept the following donations received from the BP Fabric of America Fund at the request of several of their employees to be designated as follows: three checks in the amount of \$300 each, totaling \$900 was received for the boys golf team and a check in the amount of \$300 from Javier Garcia to be used toward the Angel Tree at Porter Lakes Elementary School. Mr. Keevin made a motion to accept the donations as presented by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Kovacik. Motion carried 4-0.

D. AGENDA ADJUSTMENT: Addition of Business Item 6D–Approval of Five Star Technologies

Dr. Schmidt explained that Lanair currently provides technology services at a cost of \$54,000 per year from our Capital Projects Fund with an additional charge for any additional projects. In researching other options, Five Star Technologies was impressive as they work solely with school systems and they provided a quote for \$39,000 per year with no additional fee for any additional projects. This would be a savings of \$15,000 in the Capital Projects Plan with the same type of services currently provided by Lanair plus the advantage of any additional services at no charge. Dr. Schmidt recommended transitioning to Five Star Technologies with a one month overlap in January moving to Five Star Technologies beginning on February 1, 2015. Mr. Keevin made a motion to approve Five Star Technologies Services as our managed services as presented by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Kovacik. Mrs. Kovacik said that she likes the savings and she also likes that this company works solely with education and they understand what we do, what our needs are and what drives us in education.

7. DIRECTOR OF FACILITY SERVICES REPORT

Mr. Busse referred to his report provided in the board packet. Mr. Busse reported that over winter break they will be moving a few classrooms, working in the office at the middle school and completing a few work orders. Mr. Spangenberg asked if there was any damage with a water leak. Mr. Busse said that a few ceiling tiles were lost from a pinhole leak that was discovered by a coach over the weekend.

8. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt reported that preparations for the winter break are underway. Winter break begins on December 22 with classes resuming on Monday, January 5, 2015. Dr. Schmidt wished Bryan Busse a Happy Birthday on December 19.

9. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS - None**10. SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Mr. Lichtenberger reported that the Band Concert is December 16 at the high school and the Choir concert is December 17 at the middle school.
- Mr. Donnell announced that the annual Angel Tree was a success and thanked all who contributed. Mr. Donnell also commented that Ms. Granzow did a great job with the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Grade Concert.
- Mr. DeRossett thanked all who contributed to the Angel Tree at the high school and reported that last week's homecoming was great.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None**12. ADJOURNMENT – 6:58 p.m.**

Mr. Keevin made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Spangenberg. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:58 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.