

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

PTSC
BOARD APPROVED
DATE 3-20-2014

**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 – 6:31 p.m.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Welcome Visitors

Board members present: Mr. John Spangenberg, Ms. Johanna Williams, Mr. Tom Keevin, Mrs. Nichole Kovacik and Mrs. Lilann Sgouros. Also present were: Superintendent, Dr. Stacey Schmidt; Attorney Cheryl Zic and Secretary to the Superintendent, Linda Dusek. There were approximately 6 present in the audience.

2. AGENDA ADJUSTMENT:

Dr. Schmidt announced a change in the presentation this evening to a presentation by Boone Grove Middle School on the Empty Bowls Project.

3. PRESENTATION: Boone Grove Middle School Presentation – Empty Bowls Project

Mr. Lichtenberger reported that the Boone Grove MS Art Club, Boone Grove MS Builder's Club, middle school students, staff and community members have created many handcrafted clay bowls which will be used to serve soup at a soup dinner on Friday, February 21 from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. at the Boone Grove High School Cafeteria. Elementary students also helped by making placemats for the dinner. The soups for the dinner have been donated by various local restaurants. Guests attending the soup dinner will be asked to keep their ceramic bowl as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world. All net proceeds will be donated to the Porter Township Food Pantry. Mr. Lichtenberger invited all to attend and help support this amazing opportunity to make a difference!

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, January 16, 2014 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 retirement request of Ginger Boys, Art Teacher at Boone Grove High School, effective at the end of the 2013-14 school year.
- Accept the resignation of Ginger Boys from all extra-curricular responsibilities at the end of the 2013-14 school year including Fine Arts Department Head, High School Art Club Sponsor, High School Art Shows Coordinator and Natural Helpers Sponsor.
- Accept the retirement request of Kimberly Fenwick, Social Studies Teacher at Boone Grove High School, effective at the end of the 2013-14 school year.
- Accept the resignation of Trish Kloth as Head Varsity Boys' Track and Field Coach effective as February 7, 2014.
- Accept the resignation of Marcus Jones as Junior Varsity Boys' Track and Field Coach effective as of February 10, 2014.
- Accept the resignation of David Paupp as the Varsity Girls' Tennis Coach effective as of Tuesday, January 14, 2014.
- Approve Paige Hardin as a temporary Second Grade Teacher at Porter Lakes Elementary School starting Wednesday, February 19, 2014 through approximately Friday, March 21, 2014, pending a clear background search.
- Approve Lynnette Wichlinski, Charlene Wentz, Angela Long, Lee Benton, Alecia Bewick and Kathleen Maple as Tutors at Porter Lakes Elementary School effective as of February 3, 2014. Their rate of pay will be \$13.79 per hour.
- Approve Madeline Taylor as a Tutor at Porter Lakes Elementary School effective as of February 11, 2014. Her rate of pay will be \$13.79 per hour.
- Approve Michael Metzger as Boone Grove Complex Assistant Principal at the Boone Grove Elementary School/Boone Grove Middle School Complex starting approximately Tuesday, February 18, 2014. His annual salary will be \$60,000.
- Approve Marcus Banning as the Junior Varsity Baseball Coach for the 2013-14 school year. His rate of pay will be based upon the ECA Salary Schedule at the three (3) years of experience level.
- Approve Katelyn Sarnowski as the Varsity Girls' Tennis Coach for the 2013-14 school year. Her rate of pay will be based upon the ECA Salary Schedule at the zero (0) years of experience level.
- Approve Trish Kloth as the Varsity Girls' Track Coach for the 2013-14 school year. Her rate of pay will be based upon the ECA Salary Schedule at the one (1) year of experience level.
- Approve Tara James as a Varsity Dance Team Volunteer Coach for the 2013-14 school year.
- Approve Olivia Laviolette as a Varsity Softball Volunteer Coach for the 2013-14 school year.
- Approve Marcus Jones as the Head Varsity Boys Track & Field Coach for the 2013-14 school year. His rate of pay will be based upon the ECA Salary Schedule at the zero (0) years of experience level.

Dr. Schmidt introduced Michael Metzger, the new Boone Grove Complex Assistant Principal, to the board. 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, January 16, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. and approval of the items listed on the Personnel Report waiving the readings; seconded by Ms. Williams. Motion carried 5-0. There was a brief break for refreshments.

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. During the “Financial Moment” Dr. Schmidt gave a presentation on House Bill HB 1001 and Senate Bill SB1 and what may happen for each county.

6. BUSINESS

A. Approve an Overnight Field Trip – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt requested approval for the Key Club to attend an overnight convention in Indianapolis on March 6 noting that no transportation is needed as the BGHS Key Club will be traveling with the Key Club members from Valparaiso High School. Ms. Williams made a motion to approve the overnight field trip as presented; seconded by Mrs. Kovacik. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Approve School Calendar for the 2014-15 School Year – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt discussed a few suggested changes in the school calendar for the 2014-15 school year:

- Teachers have requested moving the teacher/conference day to a week later to allow ample time to figure grades. Therefore, the parent/teacher conference date has been moved to Friday, Oct. 31, 2014; Fall Break will be held on Friday, October 24, 2014.
- The addition of a Snow Make-up Day on the Friday before President’s Day and another Snow Make-up day on Monday, April 6th the day after Easter. Any additional make-up days will be added to the end of the school calendar.
- Changing the Online Day in January to the fourth Wednesday of the month, January 28, 2015 to avoid any conflict with the beginning of the second semester.

Dr. Schmidt then recommended approval of the school calendar for the 2014-15 school year as presented. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to accept the school calendar for the 2014-15 school year as presented by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Ms. Williams. Motion carried 5-0.

7. DIRECTOR OF FACILITY SERVICES REPORT

Dr. Schmidt reported that Mr. Busse was unable to attend the meeting because he was not feeling well. Dr. Schmidt then referred to the Facility Services Report submitted by Mr. Busse in the board packet and asked for questions from the Board; none were heard.

8. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Dr. Schmidt proudly announced that there have been a number of PTSC Standouts in the last few weeks and reminded everyone that PTSC Standouts can be found in her weekly PTSC updates.
- Dr. Schmidt reported that the state has made the decision to extend the ISTEP testing window because of so many weather delays in the State of Indiana. A new assessment has also been added and students in Grades 3-8 will take the Core Links Assessment after the ISTEP applied skills and multiple choice testing. This assessment has been added because there is now a federal requirement that the state must test college and career readiness standards by 2015. This assessment will be taken to help prepare students and the results should be available in the fall.
- Dr. Schmidt reported that anyone can participate in the new Indiana Standards review which can be reviewed online. The State of Indiana is collecting public comments for their new standards from February 19 until March 12.
- Dr. Schmidt discussed her suggestions for snow make-up days and also other options that could be considered. Dr. Schmidt explained that six days need to be made-up; two of these days have been waived by the state, which leaves four days required to be made-up. One day will be made-up on April 21, which is a snow make-up day on the school calendar. The remaining three days will be added to the end of the school calendar on June 2, 3, and 4.; making the last day of school on June 4. The state has offered flexibility options to consider for makeup days:
 - Extending the school day for 1 hour until the required number of hours are made up.
 - Checking to see if virtual learning will be considered
 - A possible online day which has many challenges

Dr. Schmidt reported that with the help of staff members, a parent survey has been created and a similar survey also was sent to the teachers. Around 260-270 parent surveys have been received and so far the majority is favoring keeping the make-up days as originally suggested by using the snow make-up day on April 21 and adding three additional days at the end of the school calendar.

- Dr. Schmidt announced that tomorrow night at the high school, the Drama Club is presenting Shakespeare and it is also Senior Night.

9. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS – None

10. SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. DeRossett discussed upcoming student testing.
- Mr. Lichtenberger reported that Math Bowl will be held next Thursday at Boone Grove with 11 teams participating.
- Mr. Donnell reported that PLE had a Math-a-Thon and raised \$2,000 for St. Jude. PTSC PTO Crafts Fair is this Saturday at PLE from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

12. ADJOURNMENT – 7:09 p.m.

Mr. Keevin made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mrs. Kovacik. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:09 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.