

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

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BOARD APPROVED  
DATE 5-15-2014

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**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; Business Manager/Treasurer, Aline Busse; Facilities Director, Bryan Busse, and Secretary to the Superintendent, Linda Dusek. There were approximately 7 present in the audience.

**2. AGENDA ADJUSTMENT: None**

**3. PRESENTATION: Porter Lakes Elementary School**

Holly Granzow discussed the “First Steps in Music” program she is utilizing in the Music classes at Porter Lakes Elementary School and Boone Grove Elementary School.

**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, March 20, 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 Jeffrey Cochran, Chemistry Teacher at Boone Grove High School effective at the end of the 2013-14 school year.
- Accept the resignation of Julie Newman as Head Dance Coach at Boone Grove High School effective as of March 21, 2014.
- Accept the resignation of Lori Montozzi as the Dance Co-Coach at Boone Grove Middle School effective as of April 1, 2014.
- Accept the resignation of Elisa Williams as JV Cheerleading Coach at Boone Grove High School effective as April 3, 2014.
- Approve Bill Cain and George Pate as JV Softball Volunteer Coaches for the 2013-14 school year.
- Approve Kyle Wormington as the Freshman Baseball 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.
- Approve Teri Rittel as a Homebound Tutor for Boone Grove Middle School for two hours per week until the end of the 2013-14 school year. Her rate of pay will be \$19.15 per hour.
- Approve Ann Blanchard as the Boone Grove Complex Secretary/Receptionist starting on Monday, April 21, 2014. Her rate of pay will be \$10.04 per hour.
- Accept the resignation of Kayla Kutz as Physics Teacher at Boone Grove High School effective at the end of the 2013-14 school year.

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, March 20, 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.

**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 reported that following the new law in regard to accepting student transfer applications, a window has been opened to accept applications until May 30<sup>th</sup>. Grade level openings have been posted allowing room for any new students newly enrolled in the district. If more applications are received than the number of open slots that are posted, then those applications for that grade level will move to a public random drawing. This issue was discussed in the Financial Moment because accepting transfer students affects funding.

**6. BUSINESS**

- A. Approval of the Second Reading of the following Board Policies & Bylaws: Revised Bylaws #0140-Membership; Revised Bylaws #0150-Organization; Revised Bylaws #0160-Meetings; New Policy #1662-Administration-Anti-Harassment; Revised Policy #3362-Professional Staff-Anti-Harassment;

**Revised Policy #4362-Support Staff-Anti-Harassment; Revised Policy #5410-Students-Promotion, Placement, and Retention; Revised Policy #5517-Students-Anti-Harassment; Revised Policy #5517.01-Students-Bullying; Revised Policy #6144-Finances-Investment Income; Revised Policy #6151-Finances-Bad Checks and Uncollectable Debts; New Policy #7510.01-Property-Use of Corporation Physical Fitness Facilities; New Policy #8390-Operations-Animals on School Corporation Property; Revised Policy #8750-Operations-Defense and Indemnification of Board Members and Employees – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt referred to the list of policies which were also presented at last month's board meeting noting that a correction will be made to the bullying policy. Mr. Spangenberg asked for a motion from the board. Ms. Williams made a motion to approve the policies listed above and to waive the readings; Mrs. Kovacik seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**B. Approval of Overnight Field Trip – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt asked for permission for the football team to take an overnight field trip to a camp at Notre Dame in June. Mr. Keevin made a motion to approve the overnight field trip for the football team in June; Mrs. Kovacik seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**C. Approval of the First Reading of the 2014-15 Student Handbook Revisions – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt referred to the revisions to the student handbook presented to the board noting that a few additional revisions will be forthcoming within the next few days. Dr. Schmidt asked for approval of the first reading of the 2014-15 Student Handbook noting that final approval will be requested at the May board meeting. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to accept the first reading of the 2014-15 student handbook; seconded by Ms. Williams. Ms. Williams shared appreciation for those who were involved in submitting revisions to the student handbook on time this year to allow ample time for review. Dr. Schmidt shared that each school has a committee consisting of administrators and teachers who meet to review the sections in the handbook pertaining to their school. Motion carried 5-0.

**D. Approval of a Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement - Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt explained that typically Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements are presented for the board's approval during the reorganizational meeting in January. Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of an additional Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement due to the recent reorganization of the custodial staff. Ms. Williams made a motion to approve the requested conflict of interest disclosure statement; seconded by Mr. Keevin. Motion carried 5-0.

**E. Approval of Transportation to the Porter County Career Center – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt said she learned that our district is the only district that does not provide transportation for students who are taking vocational classes at the Porter County Career Center site. Currently, students drive themselves, carpool or are transported by parents. Dr. Schmidt proposed an agreement to share the transportation costs with Hebron High School as they travel past our high school in route to the Career Center. The agreement will be revisited each year to address the funding issue. Dr. Schmidt shared that providing transportation may give more students the opportunity to enroll in the vocational classes as transportation will longer be a hindrance. Ms. Williams asked how many students are currently enrolled in vocational classes. Mr. Ivanyo stated that 27 students are enrolled in the morning and 18 students are enrolled in the afternoon. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to approve an agreement with Hebron High School to share transportation costs to the Porter County Career Center as presented by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Mr. Spangenberg shared that he appreciates that funds were found to allow this opportunity for the students and to support what they strive for every day, "Every Student, Every Day to their fullest potential". Motion carried 5-0.

**F. Permission to Apply for a Common School Fund Advancement – Mr. Busse**

Mr. Busse asked for permission to apply for a Common School Fund Advancement as it is a low interest rate loan used to provide funds for technology. Ms. Williams made a motion to grant permission to Mr. Busse to apply for a Common School Fund Advancement; seconded by Mrs. Kovacik. Ms. Williams asked what the current interest rate is and Mrs. Busse replied 1%. Motion carried 5-0.

**7. DIRECTOR OF FACILITY SERVICES REPORT**

Mr. Busse referred to the Facility Services Report and reported that his crew is currently busy in the fields and they are working on the cross country course.

**8. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- Dr. Schmidt congratulated the school board for being named as a Region I Outstanding School Board.
- Dr. Schmidt also reported that earlier this year Indiana released a set of standards to be reviewed and allowed time for input; now Indiana has released yet another set of standards for review.
- Dr. Schmidt congratulated Boone Grove High School staff and students for being named a Four Star School.
- Dr. Schmidt wished a Happy Birthday to Linda Bult, who celebrated her birthday on April 16, and also a Happy Birthday to Aline Busse on April 30 and Mr. Metzger on May 1.

**9. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS – None**

Mrs. Sgouros said she read the Facebook posts regarding Boone Grove High School being named a Four Star School and noted that it was good to see that a lot of the responses were from former students and parents as well. She also shared that a former student, Bob Prescott, who graduated two years ago was selected to perform in a musical play which will be presented by the Virginia Ball Center for Creative Inquiry at Ball State in two weeks and she hopes to attend.

**10. SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. DeRossett announced the following upcoming events:

- A high school musical will be held on April 19, April 26 and April 27.
- National Honor Society Induction Dinner will be held on April 21 at the high school.
- Prom will be held on May 10.
- The Wall of Fame Dinner will be held on May 14.
- The Band Concert will be held on May 23.
- The Choir Concert will be held on May 27.
- The Athletic Department is having a Port-A-Pit Chicken Fundraiser on Monday, May 5 from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- Abbie Marek recently competed very well at the State Science Fair Contest and will be traveling to California to participate in the International Science Fair.
- A meeting will be held with Ivy Tech to discuss dual credit and more possibilities for students to earn extra credits at no cost.
- An alumni recently conducted CPR training at the high school.

Mr. Donnell thanked Miss Granzow for providing a great presentation this evening. Mr. Donnell then proudly announced that 97.8% of the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders passed the I-Read test.

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

Mr. Keevin made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mrs. Kovacik. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

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