

**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 – 6:43 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; Facilities Director, Bryan Busse, and Secretary to the Superintendent, Linda Dusek. There were approximately 6 present in the audience.

- 2. AGENDA ADJUSTMENT:** None
- 3. PRESENTATIONS:** 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, June 19, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. and approval of the following items listed on the Personnel Report, waiving the reading and pending clear background searches:

- Accept the resignation of Alexandria Bielec as Custodian at Boone Grove High School effective as of June 20, 2014.
  - Accept the resignation of Brittney Krieg as Spanish Teacher at Boone Grove High School and Boone Grove Middle School and from the following extra-curricular positions: Freshman Volleyball Coach and the Class of 2016 Sponsor effective as of June 20, 2014.
  - Accept the resignation of Aaron Owney as 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher at Boone Grove Middle School effective as of July 14, 2014.
  - Accept the resignation of Jennifer Gaulin as Business Teacher at Boone Grove High School effective as of July 1, 2014.
  - Accept the resignation of Megan Reid as 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Boone Grove Elementary School and from the following extra-curricular positions: Student Council, Spell Bowl, Science Bowl and Math Bowl effective as of June 6, 2014.
  - Accept the termination of James Slayden as a Custodian at Boone Grove Middle/ Elementary School Complex effective as of July 1, 2014.
  - Approve Joshua Rowinski as 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading Teacher at Boone Grove Middle School at the beginning of the 2014-15 school year. He will be paid as per contract at the two (2) years of experience level with a Bachelor Degree.
  - Approve Cora Boender as 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Teacher at Boone Grove Middle School at the beginning of the 2014-15 school year. She will be paid as per contract at the zero (0) years of experience level with a Bachelor Degree.
  - Approve the voluntary transfer of Robert Lukas from 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Boone Grove Elementary School to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher at Boone Grove Middle School effective at the beginning of the 2014-15 school year.
  - Approve Haley Clark as a Science Teacher at Boone Grove High School at the beginning of the 2014-15 school year. She will be paid as per contract at the zero (0) years of experience level with a Bachelor Degree.
  - Approve Mark Grzanka as a Volunteer Girls' Soccer Summer Workouts 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, June 19, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. and approval of the items listed on the Personnel Report waiving the readings; seconded by Mr. Keevin Motion carried 5-0. Dr. Schmidt introduced the new 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Teacher, Miss Cora Boender, to the board and welcomed her to the district.

**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 investments. Dr. Schmidt discussed the Insurance Trust and how the district's insurance is

structured. Dr. Schmidt also noted that this year's medical plan will have an 8% rate increase; however, the increase will not affect the dental plan.

## 6. BUSINESS

### A. Approval of Additional High School Science Course – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt explained that due to recent staff openings, the Science Department has worked together to provide an additional course to offer to help prepare students for the future. Mr. Spangenberg asked for a motion from the board. Mr. Keevin made a motion to approve the additional high school Science course as proposed; seconded by Mrs. Kovacik. Motion carried 5-0.

### B. Approval of Resolution #0714-118 – Section 125 Flexible Benefit Plan – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended the approval of Resolution #0714-118 – Section 125 Flexible Benefit Plan which is a Resolution to approve the annual renewal with American Fidelity allowing their services for the Section 125 Flexible Benefit Plan. Ms. Williams made a motion to approve Resolution #0714-118 – Section 125 Flexible Benefit Plan and to waive the reading; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 5-0.

### C. Accept Cash Transfer Tuition Students – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended acceptance of two cash transfer tuition students application which were received prior to the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. Dr. Schmidt said a window is currently open to receive cash transfer tuition student applications until July 31 for the classroom slots posted at the district's website. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to accept the cash transfer tuition students as requested by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Ms. Williams. Motion carried 5-0.

### D. Permission to Recycle Unusable Equipment – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt said while updating technology equipment within the district some equipment has become obsolete. Dr. Schmidt recommended recycling the list of obsolete technology equipment provided in the board packet. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to grant permission to recycle unusable obsolete technology equipment as provided in the board packet; seconded by Mr. Keevin. Motion carried 5-0.

## 7. DIRECTOR OF FACILITY SERVICES REPORT

Mr. Busse referred to the board packet and reported that a number of projects are underway and they will be working on installing soccer goals this week.

## 8. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Schmidt reported that the technology team has been very busy this summer working on updating the district's website, working on a video training library with help videos for the staff, adding memory to computers, setting up new computers, working on Chromebook mobile labs at PLE and BGMS, and preparing iPads for high school students. Dr. Schmidt also reported that upcoming legislative sessions will be looking at school funding; the first day of school is Wednesday, August 20; new teacher orientation is August 15; student registration will be held at PLE and BGE on Wednesday, August 6 from 9:00 -12:00 and 2:00 – 6:00 and student registration at BGMS and BGHS will be held on Wednesday, August 13 from 9:00 – 12:00 and 2:00 – 6:00. Dr. Schmidt wished Mr. Keevin a Happy Birthday on Wednesday, July 23.

## 9. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS – None

## 10. SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. DeRossett reported that he has received inquiries on cash tuition transfer student applications and he is in the interview process to fill his open teaching positions. Mr. DeRossett encouraged everyone to checkout his new blog and reported that there has been a lot of activity right now with construction and maintenance.

Mr. Lichtenberger shared the it has been a busy summer with the office being remodeled, he will be conducting interviews next week for his open positions. Mr. Lichtenberger also announced the following Open House dates for Boone Grove Elementary and Boone Grove Middle School:

- Open House for Grades 4 and 6 will be held on Tuesday, August 19 which is the same time as Porter Lakes Elementary.
- Open House for Grades 5, 7 & 8 will be held on Thursday, August 21.

## 11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

## 12. ADJOURNMENT – 7:08 p.m.

Mr. Keevin made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mrs. Kovacik. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

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