

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

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BOARD APPROVED  
DATE 11-9-2017

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**1. CALL TO ORDER** – Ms. Johanna Williams, President – 6:30 p.m.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Welcome Visitors

Board members present: Ms. Johanna Williams, Mrs. Nichole Kovacik, Dr. Natalie Wargo, Mrs. Lilann Sgouros and Mrs. Laura Chavez. Also present were: Superintendent, Dr. Stacey Schmidt; Assistant Superintendent, Ben Parrish; Board Attorney, Cheryl Zic; Business Manager, Aline Busse; Deputy Treasurer, Linda Bult and Secretary to the Superintendent, Linda Dusek. There were approximately 21 patrons present in the audience.

**2. AGENDA ADJUSTMENT**: None

**3. PRESENTATION**:

• **Stuff The Bus Event** – Ms. Christine Wallace – Porter Township Food Pantry

Christine Wallace from the Porter Township Food Pantry encouraged all to participate in supporting the Stuff the Bus and Spaghetti Dinner event to be held on Saturday, October 14. Ms. Wallace also thanked Dr. Schmidt, the Board, the staff, the students and the community for their continued support and shared her heart in working with the Food Pantry to help those in the community who are in need.

• **BGE Spell Bowl** – Miss Amanda Hurley and Mrs. Lisa Broton

Mr. Ivanyo, BGE Principal, Spell Bowl Sponsors Miss Hurley and Mrs. Broton and BGE Spell Bowl students challenged Dr. Schmidt, Mr. Parrish and the board to participate in a Spell Bowl contest.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA – Dr. Schmidt**

A. Personnel Report

B. Board Minutes

C. Claim Docket

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of 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 21, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., approval of the minutes of the special school board meeting held on Monday, October 2, 2017 at 3:45 p.m. and approval of the following items listed on the Personnel Report waiving the readings and pending clear background searches:

- Accept a request for a Family Medical Leave (FMLA) for **Ginger Mikulich**, Science Teacher at Boone Grove High School, beginning on October 23, 2017 continuing until approximately November 8, 2017.
- Accept a request for a Family Medical Leave (FMLA) for **Rollie Thill**, Math Teacher at Boone Grove High School, beginning on September 14, 2017 and continuing, as needed, until approximately September 27, 2017.
- Accept a request for a Family Medical Leave (FMLA) for **Robert Young**, Part-Time Maintenance/Groundskeeper, beginning on August 14, 2017 continuing until approximately October 3, 2017.
- Accept the resignation of **Kelly Kraus** as the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Basketball Coach for the 2017-18 school year.
- Accept the resignation of **Mallory Horvat** as the Girls' Freshman Basketball Coach for the 2017-18 school year.
- Approve **Justin Belko** as the Boys' 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Coach for the 2017-18 school year with compensation based upon the 2017-18 ECA Salary Schedule.
- Approve **Larry Schiesser** as the Boys' 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Coach for the 2017-18 school year with compensation based upon the 2017-18 ECA Salary Schedule.
- Approve **Larry Schiesser** as the Girls' 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Coach for the 2017-18 school year with compensation based upon the 2017-18 ECA Salary Schedule.
- Approve **Kelly Kraus** as the Girls' Freshman Basketball Coach for the 2017-18 school year with compensation based upon the 2017-18 ECA Salary Schedule.
- Adjust the compensation for **Linda Eleftheri**, the Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach, for the 2017-18 school year to compensation based upon 70% of the 2017-18 ECA Salary Schedule.
- Approve **Mallory Horvat** as a Girls' Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach for the 2017-18 school year with compensation based upon 30% of the 2017-18 ECA Salary Schedule for the Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach position (splitting the salary with Linda Eleftheri 30%/70%).

Mrs. Sgouros 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 21, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., approval of the minutes of the special school board meeting held on Monday, October 2, 2017 at 3:45 p.m. and approval of the items listed on the Personnel Report waiving the readings and pending clear background searches; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 5-0.

**5. FINANCIAL REPORT – Dr. Schmidt**

- A. Appropriation summary
- B. Fund Report
- C. Investments

Dr. Schmidt referred to the appropriation summary, the fund report and investment summary provided in the board packet and asked for questions from the board; no questions were heard.

**6. BUSINESS****A. Adoption of the 2018 Budget #1017-172 Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates – 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 noted that the 2018 budget has been discussed over the past few months and recommended adoption of the 2018 Budget #1017-172 Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates as presented in the board packet and. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to adopt the 2018 Budget #1017-172 Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 5-0.

**B. Adoption of Resolution #1017-173 – Resolution to Adopt the 2018 Capital Projects Fund Plan – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt recommended adoption of Resolution #1017-173 – Resolution to Adopt the 2018 Capital Projects Fund Plan as presented in the board packet. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to adopt Resolution #1017-173 – Resolution to Adopt the 2018 Capital Projects Fund Plan as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 5-0.

**C. Adoption of Resolution #1017-174 - Resolution to Adopt the 2018 Bus Replacement Fund – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt recommended adoption of Resolution #1017-174 – Resolution to Adopt the 2018 Bus Replacement Fund as presented in the board packet. Dr. Wargo made a motion to adopt Resolution #1017-174 – Resolution to Adopt the 2018 Bus Replacement Fund as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Kovacik. Motion carried 5-0.

**D. Accept Donation – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt said Nancy Porter, a former PLE teacher who retired in 2008, donated her father's veteran's memorial American flag valued at approximately \$20.00. Mrs. Porter requested the flag to be proudly flown over one of our schools in honor of her father, Philip W. Coyle, who served as a Seabee in World War II and was stationed in the Admiralty Islands in the South Pacific. Dr. Schmidt said she plans to fly the flag as requested for one day and then to display the flag in one of the buildings. Dr. Wargo made a motion to accept the donation of a memorial American flag donated by Mrs. Nancy Porter in honor of her father; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 5-0.

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

Dr. Schmidt recommended permission to be granted for the Student Council to attend their State Convention on November 4 and 5, 2017 in Indianapolis requiring an overnight stay. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to approve the Student Council State Convention overnight field trip as requested by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 5-0.

**F. Recognition of Clubs/Organizations for the 2017-2018 School Year – Dr. Schmidt****1. Recognition of Boone Grove Middle School PTO Club****2. Recognition of Boone Grove High School Wolfpack Football Club**

Dr. Schmidt said that the Boone Grove Middle School PTO Club and the Boone Grove High School Wolfpack Football Club have submitted their updated information which is reviewed annually and requested recognition of these clubs for the 2017-18 school year. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to approve the Boone Grove Middle School PTO Club and the Boone Grove High School Wolfpack Football Club for the 2017-18 school year as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 5-0.

**G. Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreement – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt thanked the teachers who worked hard on the negotiation teams for their collaboration and hard work during this process. Dr. Schmidt said she feels this is a great agreement and recommended approval of the

collective bargaining agreement as presented in the board packet. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement as presented in the board packet; Mrs. Sgouros seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

**H. Approval of Compensation Increase for Classified Staff – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt recommended an 8% increase to the base salary for all Classified Staff who have been employed within the district for 120 days or more, effective as of October 16, 2017. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to approve an 8% increase to the base salary for all Classified Staff as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 5-0.

**I. Approval of Administrative Contract Extensions – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt recommended the extension of the administrative contracts to June 30, 2019 with an 8% increase to their base salaries, effective as of October 16, 2017 for the following administrators: Ben Parrish, Assistant Superintendent; Clay Corman, Boone Grove High School Principal; James Rosinia, Boone Grove High School Assistant Principal; Robert Lichtenberger, Boone Grove Middle School Principal; Edward Ivanyo, Boone Grove Elementary School Principal; Kevin Donnell, Porter Lakes Elementary School Principal; Marcus Banning, Athletic Director; Bryan Busse, Facilities Director and Aline Busse, Business Manager/Treasurer. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to approve the extension of the administrative contracts to June 30, 2019 with an 8% increase to their base salaries, effective as of October 16, 2017 as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 5-0.

**7. FACILITIES DIRECTOR REPORT – Mr. Parrish**

- Mr. Parrish said the Alternative School's success is credited to the two outstanding teachers in the Alternative School. Mr. Parrish presented safe school posters with consistent guidelines and best practices in dealing with emergency situations. Mr. Parrish said these posters will be displayed in the classrooms and common areas and will be visible for patrons and visitors to the building as well.

**8. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Dr. Schmidt**

- Dr. Schmidt discussed the upcoming shift from ISTEP to ILEARN in 2018-2019, new assessment, testing, retesting and graduation. Dr. Schmidt said Lilann Sgouros and Cheryl Zic have upcoming birthdays and wished them a Happy Birthday.

**9. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS None**

**10. SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Mr. Corman reported that the Boys' Soccer team won their sectional and will travel to Argos for the regional; the Girls' Soccer team won their sectional and will travel to LaVille for their regional; the volleyball sectional is on Saturday; the Academic team is having a fundraiser at Applebees in Valparaiso; the Principals Council used Zoom software at the high school on the online day and kids could go online with their iPads to attend the meeting as well; and the Spooktober Choir Concert is being held tonight.
- Mr. Ivanyo reported on upcoming happenings at BGE: the 4th Grade field trip is at Camp Tecumseh right now and he will have breakfast with them tomorrow morning; Red Ribbon week is next week; Parent/Teacher Conferences are coming up; Students of the Month will be posted on the webpage; and the 5th grade is having a virtual field trip on Monday.
- Mr. Donnell said Red Ribbon Week is next week.

**11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None**

**12. ADJOURNMENT – 7:27 p.m.**

Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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