

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

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BOARD APPROVED
DATE 11-10-2016

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Ms. Johanna Williams, President – 6:35 p.m.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Welcome Visitors

Board members present: Ms. Johanna Williams, Mrs. Nichole Kovacic, Mr. Tom Keevin, Mrs. Lilann Sgouros and Dr. Natalie Wargo. Also present were: Superintendent, Dr. Stacey Schmidt; Assistant Superintendent, Ben Parrish; Business Manager/Treasurer, Aline Busse; Deputy Treasurer, Linda Bult; Attorney Cheryl Zic and Secretary to the Superintendent, Linda Dusek. There were approximately 7 present in the audience.

2. **AGENDA ADJUSTMENT**: None

3. **PRESENTATION**: Digital Citizenship Initiative at BGE - Mrs. Megan Bush

Mrs. Bush discussed the importance of teaching students and parents to be successful digital citizens.

4. **SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT AMENDMENT** – Ms. Williams

- Public Comment

Ms. Williams opened the hearing for public comment regarding the Superintendent contract amendment proposal. Ms. Williams explained that the board has published notice of tonight's meeting along with the terms of the proposed contract in accordance to Indiana law. Ms. Williams asked for those wishing to speak to come forward; no requests for public comment were heard and Ms. Williams closed the hearing.

5. **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 8, 2016 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 extended maternity leave benefit request of Katelyn Sarnowski, Math Teacher at Boone Grove High School, to extend her maternity leave for an additional 13 school days, with her new return date of Monday, November 14, 2016.
- Accept the maternity leave request of Holly Perez, Math Teacher at Boone Grove High School, beginning Thursday, December 1, 2016 and returning on Monday, April 3, 2017 using her benefit of 8 weeks paid after birth as per contract, 30 sick days, 3 personal days and an additional 37 school days will be unpaid.
- Approve Tami Rudman as a temporary 3rd Grade Teacher at Porter Lakes Elementary School beginning on Friday, September 16, 2016 through Tuesday, December 20, 2016.
- Approve Melissa Bowman as a Teacher's Aide for 2.5 hours per day from Monday, October 3, 2016 through Tuesday, December 30, 2016. Her rate of pay will be \$9.82 per hour.
- Approve Timothy Creech, Jessica McGinley, Ginger Mikulich, Kristine Prater & Josh Russell as Tutors at Boone Grove High School for the 2016-17 school year. Their rate of pay will be \$13.93 per hour.
- Approve Nicole May as the Girls' 8th Grade Basketball Coach for the 2016-17 school year. Her rate of pay will be based upon the 2016-17 ECA Salary Schedule.
- Approve Amber Schultz as the Middle School Dance Team Coach for the 2016-17 school year. Her rate of pay will be based upon the 2016-17 ECA Salary Schedule.
- Approve Ron Saunders as the Varsity Softball Coach for the 2016-17 school year. His rate of pay will be based upon the 2016-17 ECA Salary Schedule.
- Approve Dean Hill as the Junior Varsity Baseball Coach for the 2016-17 school year. His rate of pay will be based upon the 2016-17 ECA Salary Schedule.
- Approve Dave Hinkel as the Varsity Wrestling Coach for the 2016-17 school year. His rate of pay will be based upon the 2016-17 ECA Salary Schedule.
- Approve Shane Hillier as the Boys' 7th Grade Basketball Coach for the 2016-17 school year. His rate of pay will be based upon the 2016-17 ECA Salary Schedule.
- Approve Nicole May as the Boys' 8th Grade Basketball Coach for the 2016-17 school year. Her rate of pay will be based upon the 2016-17 ECA Salary Schedule.

- Approve Brian Blakley and Carol Hamilton as a Girls' Bowling Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2016-17 school year.
- Approve Michael Kraushaar as a Boys' Bowling Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2016-17 school year.
- Approve Ember Fortenberry as a Volunteer Varsity Dance Team Assistant Coach for the 2016-17 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, September 8, 2016 at 6:30 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.

6. **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.

7. **BUSINESS**

A. Adoption of the 2017 Budget #1016-160 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 commented that the budget has been reviewed over the past few months and recommended adoption of the 2017 Budget. Ms. Williams asked for a motion from the board. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to adopt the 2017 Budget #1016-160 Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Adoption of Resolution #1016-161 – Resolution to Adopt the 2017 Capital Projects Fund Plan – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended the adoption of Resolution #1016-161 – Resolution to adopt the 2017 Capital Projects Fund Plan. Ms. Williams asked for a motion from the board. Dr. Wargo made a motion to adopt Resolution #1016-161- Resolution to adopt the 2017 Capital Projects Fund Plan; Mrs. Sgouros seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Adoption of Resolution #1016-162 - Resolution to Adopt the 2017 Bus Replacement Fund – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of Resolution #1016-162 - Resolution to adopt the 2017 Bus Replacement Fund as discussed in previous meetings. Ms. Williams made a motion to adopt Resolution #1016-162 – Resolution to adopt the 2017 Bus Replacement Fund; seconded by Mr. Keevin. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Accept Donation – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended acceptance of school supplies donated for students within our district who are in need. Dr. Wargo made a motion to accept the donated school supplies; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 5-0.

8. **DIRECTOR OF FACILITY SERVICES REPORT**

Mr. Busse referred to his report provided in the board packet and asked for questions from the board. Mr. Busse said work continues at PLE on temperature issues and on the punch list. Mr. Busse asked for questions from the board; none were heard.

9. **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Dr. Schmidt reported:

- Mrs. Bush's presentation exemplified that our district has amazing teachers! It is fun to watch teachers develop something they are passionate about and it speaks volumes about the quality of educators we have in our district.
- PLE has made progress continuing to check items off the punch list and landscaping work done this week looks awesome.
- Mr. Parrish met with a reporter who was working on an article on the Alternative School. The Alternative School is just another awesome idea that was developed, grew and blossomed.
- Dr. Schmidt wished a Happy Birthday to Lilann Sgouros, Attorney Cheryl Zic, Omi Gloden and Dawn Gillespi.

10. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Williams reported that Stuff the Bus is a community fundraiser for the Porter Township Food Pantry and will be held on October 15.

11. SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. Donnell said staff members helped with landscaping work on Tuesday; Stuff the Bus is on Saturday and next week is Red Ribbon Week.
- Mr. Fuller said Mr. Lichtenberger is on the 4th grade field trip at Camp Tucumseh. Mr. Fuller said they are getting ready for Stuff the Bus and very excited because they received a \$500 donation today! Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on October 25 and 26.
- Mr. Corman reported that the volleyball championship game will be held tomorrow at 5:00; Football Senior night is Friday at 7:00; the Choir Concert will be held on Monday night and an AdvancED Accreditation team visitation will be held next week.
- Mr. Parrish said an article on the Alternative School will run in the Times on Monday. Additionally, two students recently graduated and he is expecting two more to graduate in the next few weeks.

12. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None**13. ADJOURNMENT – 6:57 p.m.**

Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mrs. Kovacik. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:57 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.