

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

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BOARD APPROVED  
DATE 10-12-2017

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**1. CALL TO ORDER** – Ms. Johanna Williams, President – 4:05 p.m.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Welcome Visitors

Board members present: Ms. Johanna Williams, Mrs. Nichole Kovacik, and Mrs. Lilann Sgouros; Dr. Natalie Wargo and Mrs. Laura Chavez were absent. Also present were: Business Manager, Aline Busse and Secretary to the Superintendent, Linda Dusek. There was no audience present.

**2. AGENDA ADJUSTMENT**: None

**3. BUSINESS**

**A. Public Hearing of 2018 Budget – Mrs. Busse**

- 1. **Hearing for 2018 Budget**
  - a) **Hearing of General Fund**
  - b) **Hearing of Debt Service Fund**
  - c) **Hearing of Debt Retirement/Severance Fund**
  - d) **Hearing of Transportation Operating Fund**
  - e) **Hearing of Bus Replacement Fund**
  - f) **Hearing of Capital Projects Fund**
- 2. **Hearing for Bus Replacement Plan**
- 3. **Hearing for Capital Projects Plan**

Ms. Williams said due to the fact that the Form 3 filing requirement on Gateway was overlooked, it is necessary to hold this special meeting of the Board of School Trustees for the purpose of the 2018 Budget Hearing

Mrs. Busse opened the public Hearing for the 2018 Budget. Mrs. Busse reported that the board will take action to approve the 2018 Budget at their board meeting on October 12, 2017. The 2018 budget has been developed based upon the rules associated with each fund. The General Fund is based upon funds received from the State of Indiana as calculated for each individual school corporation through the school funding formula. The Debt Service Fund and the Debt Retirement/Severance Funds are based upon the actual debt in our funds in our corporation. The Transportation Funds are based upon the money appropriated for the fleet, maintenance, fuel costs and wages. The tax levy for this fund is capped by the statute and is specific for each corporation. The overall tax rate being advertised this year is \$1.3303, which is lower than last year's advertised rate. Our goal has been to consistently try to maintain a neutral tax rate for our taxpayers. This has been accomplished even in the midst of a significant remodel at PLE and a construction of a new office. Mrs. Busse opened the public hearing of the 2018 Budget and since there was no audience present, Mrs. Busse closed the Hearing of the 2018 Budget.

Mrs. Busse opened the public Hearing for the Bus Replacement Plan. Mrs. Busse said the budget advertised represents a plan that has been developed by the needs of the fleet. There is a timeframe for maintaining and replacing busses and this year Bus 33 will be replaced. Mrs. Busse opened the hearing for public comments. Since there was no audience present, Mrs. Busse closed the hearing for the Bus Replacement Plan.

Mrs. Busse opened the public hearing for the Capital Projects Plan. Mrs. Busse explained that the Capital Projects Plan was developed based upon building needs, observations and evaluations of facility needs and then prioritizing those needs. The Capital Projects Plan is a rate driven plan and our district has seen an increase this year. Last year the advertised rate was \$520,000,000 and this year the advertised rate is \$532,000,000. Identified facility needs are: the HVAC system, lighting, plumbing, solar needs and the roof at BGMS/BGE; lighting and solar needs at the high school; and finalizing work completed during the summer of 2016 at PLE. Mrs. Busse opened the hearing for the Capital Projects Plan for public comment. Since there was no audience present, Mrs. Busse closed the Hearing for the Capital Projects Plan and completed the Hearing.

**4. ADJOURNMENT – 4:13 p.m.**

Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mrs. Kovacik. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.