

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

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BOARD APPROVED
DATE 11-12-15

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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, Mr. John Spangenberg, Mr. Tom Keevin and Mrs. Lilann Sgouros. Also present were: Superintendent, Dr. Stacey Schmidt; Business Manager, Aline Busse, Facilities Director, Bryan Busse and Secretary to the Superintendent, Linda Dusek. There were approximately 24 present in the audience.

2. AGENDA ADJUSTMENT: None

3. PRESENTATIONS:

- Boone Grove Elementary School Spell Bowl Competition – Mr. Lichtenberger and Spell Bowl Students challenged the Board to a Spell Bowl competition.
- Student Recognition of Heroism

Mr. Corman honored Ty Bothwell, a sophomore at Boone Grove High School, for his recent act of heroism in performing the Heimlich maneuver on another student and saving the student's life. Mr. Corman also shared several other displays of Ty's exemplary and unselfish character. Mr. Corman then presented Ty with a certificate for his heroic act.

4. SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT AMENDMENT – MS. WILLIAMS

Ms. Williams explained that the amendment to the Superintendent contract is to increase the superintendent's salary by 2% and to provide a one-time stipend of 1%, noting that this is the same increase that the board approved for the teachers, non-certified staff and all other administrators and that no other changes to the superintendent's contract are being proposed. Ms. Williams continued that the board has published notice of tonight's meeting along with the terms of the proposed contract in accordance with Indiana law. Ms. Williams explained that for purposes of this meeting, the board will only hear and consider comments regarding the terms of the proposed Superintendent's contract in the form of support of or objection to the proposed superintendent contract terms. Ms. Williams opened the hearing and asked for those wishing to speak to come forward; no requests for public comment were heard. Ms. Williams announced that the board will consider the proposed Superintendent's contract amendment as an agenda item for consideration at the next board meeting scheduled on Thursday, November 12, 2015. Ms. Williams closed the public 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 September 10, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., and approval of the following items listed on the Personnel Report waiving the readings and pending a clear background search:

- Approve Allison Young as a 6th Grade Math Teacher at Boone Grove Middle School beginning on September 28, 2015. Her salary will be paid as per contract at the zero (0) years of experience level with a Bachelor Degree.
- Approve Josh Russell as the Freshman Girls' Basketball Coach for the 2015-16 school year. His rate of pay will be based upon the ECA Salary Schedule at the zero (0) years of experience level.
- Approve Adam Metzger as the Middle School Wrestling Coach for the 2015-16 school year. His rate of pay will be based upon the ECA Salary Schedule at the zero (0) years of experience level.
- Approve Michael Kraushaar as a Boys' Bowling Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2015-16 school year.
- Accept the resignation of Samantha Mair as the Junior Varsity Girls' Volleyball Coach effective as of September 20, 2015. Her rate of pay will be adjusted based upon the ECA Salary Schedule at 50% of the zero (0) years of experience level for completion of half of the 2015-16 season.
- Approve Nicole May as the Junior Varsity Girls' Volleyball Coach for the remainder of the 2015-16 season. Her rate of pay will be based upon the ECA Salary Schedule at 50% of the zero (0) years of experience level.
- Approve Angelo Leal as a full-time Custodian at the Boone Grove Complex effective as of October 12, 2015. His rate of pay will be \$10.32 per hour for 40 hours per week.
- Approve Marcus Banning as the Boys' Freshman Basketball Coach for the 2015-16 school year. His rate of pay will be based upon the ECA Salary Schedule at the two (2) years of experience level.

- Approve Dean Hill as a Boys' Junior Varsity Basketball Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2015-16 school year.
- Approve Gary Steinhilber as a Boys' Varsity Basketball Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2015-16 school year.
- Approve McKenzie Cobban to fill a maternity leave position for a Math Teacher at the high school. The approximate start and end dates are October 19, 2015 through March 28, 2016.
- Approve Haley Clark, Kyle Isch, Brittany McKamey, Ginger Mikulich and Katelyn Sarnowski for High School Remediation positions for the 2015-16 school year. Their rate of pay will be \$13.93 per hour.
- Approve Larry Schiesser as the Boys' 6th Grade Basketball Coach for the 2015-16 school year. His rate of pay will be based upon the ECA Salary Schedule at the zero (0) years of experience level.

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 10, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., and approval of the items listed on the Personnel Report, waiving the readings and pending a clear background search; seconded by Mr. Spangenberg. Motion carried 5-0.

6. FINANCIAL REPORT – Dr. Schmidt

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

Dr. Schmidt referred to the financial report provided in the board packet providing the appropriation summary, fund report and investment report and asked for questions from the board; none were heard.

7. BUSINESS

A. PLE Project Update – Schmidt Associates & Emcor

Mr. Ron Fisher from Schmidt Associates gave a cost update on the project and discussed the schedule for the next 30 days including a pre-bid meeting scheduled on October 21, a bid opening scheduled on November 10 and anticipating a recommendation for bid to be provided at the November board meeting. Mr. Fisher asked for questions from the board and heard none. Dr. Schmidt commented that if the board does not have any questions, she would recommend that the board give permission to advertise and to release the documents for bid. Ms. Williams asked for a motion from the board. Mr. Keevin made a motion to give permission to advertise and to release the documents for bid; Mrs. Sgouros seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Mr. Brian Walker from Emcor gave an update on the status of the project as well.

B. Adoption of the 2016 Budget #1015-138 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 and discussed over the past few months and recommended adoption of the 2016 Budget. Ms. Williams asked for a motion from the board. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to adopt the 2016 Budget #1015-138 Ordinance or Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates; seconded by Mr. Keevin. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Adoption of Resolution #1015-139 – Resolution to Adopt the 2016 Capital Projects Fund Plan –

Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended the adoption of Resolution #1015-139 – Resolution to adopt the 2016 Capital Projects Fund Plan. Ms. Williams asked for a motion from the board. Mr. Spangenberg made a motion to adopt Resolution #1015-139 - Resolution to adopt the 2016 Capital Projects Fund Plan; Mrs. Sgouros seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Adoption of Resolution #1015-140 - Resolution to Adopt the 2016 Bus Replacement Fund –

Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of Resolution #1015-140 - Resolution to adopt the 2016 Bus Replacement Fund as discussed in previous meetings. Mr. Spangenberg made a motion to adopt Resolution #1015-140 – Resolution to adopt the 2016 Bus Replacement Fund; seconded by Mrs. Kovacik. Motion carried 5-0.

8. DIRECTOR OF FACILITY SERVICES REPORT

Mr. Busse referred to his monthly report provided in the board packet and asked for questions from the board; none were heard. Mr. Busse said his crew is preparing for snow plowing and they have been working on the soccer fields in preparation of sectionals. Ms. Williams commented that everything looks great.

9. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Dr. Schmidt

- Dr. Schmidt discussed the new assessment which was implemented in August and reported that test results are expected before the end of December.

- Dr. Schmidt discussed another concerning legislation related to dual credits that recently passed. Dr. Schmidt shared that many have worked hard to build our dual credits where students can use dual credits to prepare for college. The commission for Advanced Ed has decided that beginning in a few years, a teacher must have a Master Degree + 18 hours in their field to teach a dual credit course. Dr. Schmidt said we plan to advocate for the students in Indiana on this issue.
- Dr. Schmidt wished a Happy Birthday to Mr. Lichtenberger, Mrs. Sgouros, Attorney Zic, Omi Suiter and Dawn Gillespie.

10. **BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

Ms. Williams shared that Stuff the Bus is on October 17. The schools are helping to collect food for the Food Pantry and there will be a Soup Supper with various churches and Fire Departments participating.

11. **SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Mr. Corman reported that the Boys' Soccer Team will have their sectional championship on Saturday. Mr. Corman congratulated Soccer Coach, Brian Sherwin for earning his 200th win. Next Thursday is the first Choir Concert. Mr. Corman also commented that regarding the new standards, preparations are being made to include a good informative assessment piece working on trying out something new with pivot assessment. Mr. Corman also wished Dr. Schmidt "Good Luck" as she runs in the Chicago Marathon on Sunday.
- Mr. Parrish shared that the Alternative School students had a surprise pizza party for having over 90% attendance for the month of September. The teachers and students are doing a great job.
- Mr. Lichtenberger reported that things are going well at the Complex.
- Mr. Donnell reported that October 19 starts Red Ribbon week at PLE and BGE. Parent/Teacher Conferences are October 26 and 27.

12. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None**

13. **ADJOURNMENT – 7:20 p.m.**

Mr. Keevin made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Spangenberg. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 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.

