

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

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BOARD APPROVED
DATE 12-8-2016

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1. CALL TO ORDER – Ms. Johanna Williams, President – 6:37 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; Deputy Treasurer, Linda Bult; Attorney Cheryl Zic and Secretary to the Superintendent, Linda Dusek. There were approximately 6 present in the audience.

2. AGENDA ADJUSTMENT: None

3. PRESENTATION: 3rd Grade Voting Presentation – Mr. Donnell, PLE Principal

Mr. Donnell wanted to educate students about the voting process. Third Grade students could setup voting booths on their I-pads and sat with other students to fill out a registration card. It was a good opportunity to see what the voting process is all about.

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, October 13, 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:

- Approve James Daubenheyer as the Freshman Boys' Basketball Coach for the 2016-17 school year at the pay rate of \$2,100.00 as per the 2016-17 ECA Salary Schedule.
- Approve Larry Schiesser as the Boys' 6th Grade Basketball Coach for the 2016-17 school year at the pay rate of \$800.00 as per the 2016-17 ECA Salary Schedule.
- Approve Kelly Kraus as the Girls' 7th Grade Basketball Coach for the 2016-17 school year at the pay rate of \$900.00 as per the 2016-17 ECA Salary Schedule.
- Approve Richard Gabey as the Boys' Varsity Assistant Track Coach for the 2016-17 school year at the pay rate of \$500.00 as per the 2016-17 ECA Salary Schedule.
- Approve Larry Schiesser as the Girls' 6th Grade Basketball Coach for the 2016-17 school year at the pay rate of \$700.00 as per the 2016-17 ECA Salary Schedule.
- Approve Gary Steinhilber as a Varsity Boys' Basketball Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2016-17 school year.
- Approve Gary Steinhilber as a 7th Grade Boys' Basketball Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2016-17 school year.
- Approve Anna Cantwell as a Girls' Soccer Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2016-17 school year.
- Approve Tina Filbert as a Boys' Bowling Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2016-17 school year.
- Approve Thomas Magiera as a Middle School Wrestling Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2016-17 school year.
- Approve Thomas Magiera as a High School Wrestling Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2016-17 school year.
- Approve Charles Burford as a High School Wrestling Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2016-17 school year.
- Approve Dean Hill as a Junior Varsity Boys' Basketball Volunteer 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, October 13, 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 Mrs. Kovacic. 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. Approval of Amendment to Superintendent Contract - Ms. Williams

Ms. Williams reflected that Dr. Schmidt's contract has been reviewed and a hearing was advertised and held during last month's school board meeting to allow the board to receive public comments. Ms. Williams then asked for a motion from the board in regard to the superintendent's contract amendment. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to approve the amendment to the superintendent's contract as presented in the board packet; seconded by Mr. Keevin. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Adoption of Second Amended and Restated Agreement and Declaration of Trust of the Educational Service Center's Risk Funding Trust (ESCRFT) – Dr. Schmidt

Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to adopt the Second Amended and Restated Agreement and Declaration of Trust of the Educational Service Center's Risk Funding Trust (ESCRFT) as presented in the board packet; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Appointment of the Superintendent to Serve as the Trustee on ESCRFT – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt said along with approval of ESCRFT, a Trustee must be appointed to attend meetings and represent the school district. Dr. Schmidt recommended that the Superintendent should serve as the Trustee on ESCRFT. Mr. Keevin made a motion to appoint the Superintendent to serve as the Trustee on ESCRFT as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Kovacik. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Approval of First Student Contract – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt said First Student currently provides the transportation services for the district and recommended approval of the extension of the contract with First Student. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to approve the extension of the First Student contract as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 5-0.

E. Permission to Advertise for Tax Anticipation Warrant (TAW) – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt requested permission to advertise for tax anticipation warrant (TAW) to ensure the funds are available for required payments. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to grant permission to advertise for the tax anticipation warrant (TAW) as requested by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mr. Keevin. Motion carried 5-0.

F. Adoption of Resolution #1116-163 - Destruction of Records – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt said records are maintained according to a retention schedule and recommended adoption of Resolution #1116-163 to allow for destruction of records. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to adopt Resolution #1116-163 – Destruction of Records and to waive the reading; seconded by Mrs. Kovacik. Motion carried 5-0.

L. Adoption of Resolution #1116-164 - Budget Transfers 2016 – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended adoption of Resolution #1116-164 – Budget Transfers 2016 to allow Mrs. Busse to close the books and complete budget transfers. Mr. Keevin made a motion to adopt Resolution #1116-164 – Budget Transfers 2016 as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Kovacik. Motion carried 5-0.

H. Adoption of Resolution #1116-165 – Accepting Project Care Interlocal Cooperation Agreement – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt explained that Project Care is an outstanding program for senior citizens in our community and the Porter Township Trustee helps in providing funds for this program. Dr. Schmidt recommended adoption of Resolution #1116-165 to accept the Project Care Interlocal Corporation Agreement. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to adopt Resolution #1116-165 accepting the Project Care Interlocal Cooperation Agreement as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 5-0.

I. Accept Transfer Student – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended acceptance of an additional high school transfer student application received during the last posted application period which closed on October 14, 2016. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to accept a high school transfer student as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 5-0.

7. **DIRECTOR OF FACILITY SERVICES REPORT**

Mr. Busse referred to his report provided in the board packet and asked for questions from the board and heard none.

8. **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

- Dr. Schmidt discussed concerns with the current ISTEP+ assessment. She also discussed concerns with the committee appointed to develop an alternative assessment as it has been reported that they will be unable to make a recommendation for what should be done. Area Superintendents crafted a letter talking about their commitment to accountability but highlighting many concerns with the current assessment system. Dr. Schmidt sent the letter to 150 general assembly members and heard one response. Next week Dr. Schmidt is heading to the State Board of Education meeting to talk to them in person.

9. **BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

The Board congratulated Dr. Wargo as her term was uncontested and her term will be extended for an additional four years.

10. SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. Donnell announced that PLE had a 94% attendance rate during Parent/Teacher Conferences and shared appreciation for his staff for their hard work. The PLE Book Fair held this week was successful as well. Next week PLE will have a food drive and each donated item receives a ticket for a chance to throw a pie in the face at 2:00 on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving break.
- Mr. Lichtenberger said athletic events have begun and the boys' 7th and 8th Grade basketball teams have both defeated Ben Franklin! Mr. Lichtenberger invited everyone to attend the Veterans Days Program and Walk-a-Thon at the complex tomorrow along with the Fun Fair tomorrow night. Next week is the Spell Bowl on Thursday at North Judson at 5:00 p.m.
- Mr. Corman reported that Officer Chavez and Mr. Sebens helped with voting at the high school. He also reported that they received full accreditation from AdvanceEd.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None**12. ADJOURNMENT – 7:10 p.m.**

Mr. Keevin made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mrs. Kovacic. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 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.