

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

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BOARD APPROVED
DATE 1-14-16

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1. CALL TO ORDER – Ms. Johanna Williams, President – 6:31 p.m.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Welcome Visitors

Board members present: Ms. Johanna Williams, Mrs. Nichole Kovacik, Mrs. Lilann Sgouros and Dr. Natalie Wargo; Mr. Tom Keevin was absent. Also present were: Superintendent, Dr. Stacey Schmidt; Assistant Superintendent, Ben Parrish; Business Manager, Aline Busse; Director of Facilities, Bryan Busse and Secretary to the Superintendent, Linda Dusek. There were approximately 19 present in the audience.

2. AGENDA ADJUSTMENT: None

3. PRESENTATION: Elementary Online Day Presentation – Mr. Bob Lichtenberger

Mr. Lichtenberger and several students shared videos they created during their online day.

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, November 12, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., approval of the minutes of the special school board meeting held on Thursday, December 3, 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 Phillip Katona as a 8th Grade Boys' Basketball Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2015-2016 school year.
- Approve Andrew Willis as the Art Show Sponsor 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.

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, November 12, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., approval of the minutes of the special school board meeting held on Thursday, December 3, 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 Mrs. Kovacik. Motion carried 4-0.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT – Dr. Schmidt

- A. Appropriation Summary
- B. Fund Report
- C. Investments
- D. Financial Moment

Dr. Schmidt referred to the financial report provided in the board packet which provides the appropriation summary, fund report and investment report and asked for questions from the board; none were heard. During the Financial Moment, Dr. Schmidt said that this fall the budget was advertised and she has been notified that the full amount of the advertised General Fund has been approved; however, there are cuts totaling approximately \$1,000,000 in other areas.

6. BUSINESS

A. Approval of EMCOR Contract – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt said the contracts for the PLE project have been reviewed and revisions have been submitted to EMCOR. Since the revisions are still pending final review, Dr. Schmidt asked for approval of the EMCOR contract with all necessary revisions upon final review. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to approve the EMCOR contract with the necessary revisions; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 4-0.

B. Approval of Schmidt Associates and Larson-Danielson Contract – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt explained that EMCOR provides the guaranteed savings portion of the project and Larson-Danielson is working on the new office construction. Attorney Zic has reviewed the new Schmidt Associates and Larson-Danielson contract and revisions have been made. Dr. Wargo made a motion to approve the Schmidt Associates and Larson-Danielson contract as presented; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 4-0.

C. Adoption of Resolution #1215-143 – Authorizing Porter Township School Corporation to Issue Tax Anticipation Warrants for the General Fund, Capital Projects Fund and Transportation Fund in Anticipation of Current Taxes Levied in the Year 2015 and Collectible in the Year 2016 – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended adoption of Resolution #1215-143 authorizing Porter Township School Corporation to issue tax anticipation warrants for the General Fund, Capital Projects Fund and Transportation Fund in anticipation of current taxes levied in the year 2015 and collectible in the year 2016. Mrs. Sgouros made a

motion to adopt Resolution #1215-143 to authorize tax anticipation warrants for the General Fund, Capital Projects Fund and Transportation Fund as requested by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 4-0.

D. Adoption of Resolution #1215-144 – 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 with funds for the program. Dr. Schmidt recommended adoption of Resolution #1215-144 to accept the Project Care Interlocal Corporation Agreement. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to adopt Resolution #1215-144 accepting the Project Care Interlocal Cooperation Agreement as presented by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 4-0.

E. Accept Donation – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt shared that the John W. Anderson Foundation has provided a \$5,000 grant toward the Project Care Program. Dr. Schmidt recommended acceptance of the \$5,000 grant for the Project Care Program and thanked John W. Anderson Foundation for their continued support of this program. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to accept the \$5,000 grant received for the Project Care Program; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 4-0.

F. Approval of 2016-17 District Calendar – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt referred to the proposed calendar for the 2016-17 school year provided in the board packet explaining that efforts have been made to collaborate the beginning and ending dates for each school year along with the same winter breaks and spring breaks as the other Porter County schools. Dr. Schmidt further explained that since the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays fall on a Sunday next year, the holiday is observed on the following Mondays which will require a split of weeks for the winter break. Dr. Schmidt also noted that two (2) inclement weather days will remain on the calendar as in the past. Dr. Schmidt explained that preparations have been made to use online instruction days during any inclement weather days if possible; however, in the event of a power outage or unforeseen circumstances, on campus makeup days may be necessary if online instruction is impossible. Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of the 2016-17 district calendar as presented to the board. Dr. Wargo made a motion to approve the 2016-17 district calendar as presented by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Kovacik. Motion carried 4-0.

G. Approval of Five Star Technology Pivot Renewal – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt said Pivot provided by Five Star Technology Solutions has been provided this year for our data warehouse technology and for the newly adopted teacher evaluation model. Dr. Schmidt requested approval of the Five Star Technology Pivot Renewal as presented in the board packet noting that there is no increase in the fee. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to approve the Five Star Technology Pivot renewal as requested by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 4-0.

7. FACILITIES DIRECTOR REPORT

Mr. Busse referred to the report provided in the board packet. Mr. Busse said that today was the first day that the contractors were onsite at PLE and everything went very well.

8. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Schmidt also reported that the contractors were onsite at PLE for the first time today. Fences were rolled out at PLE and signs were posted blocking off the back area and cars will not be allowed to drive around to the back. Dr. Schmidt said winter break begins on December 21 and wished Mr. Busse a Happy Birthday next week.

9. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Williams welcomed Natalie Wargo to the board.

10. SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. Donnell reported that construction is underway at PLE and shared appreciation to his staff for handling all of the changes very well. Mr. Donnell also shared that all 42 names provided on the Angel Tree at PLE were helped. Mr. Donnell thanked his secretary, Carol Magurany, for all of her hard work in helping with the Angel Tree and also thanked the entire community for helping.
- Mr. Lichtenberger reported that the middle school Choir Concert will be held on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m., the Band Concert will be held on Monday and that all of the names we taken from the Angel Tree at BGMS.
- Mr. Corman reported that Mr. Parrish has done a great job at the Alternative School in providing for kids to be in the best possible situation. Upcoming high school events include: Drama Presentation this weekend, athletic events, band concert on Monday, homecoming week next week, basketball game on Friday and the dance on Saturday.
- Mr. Parrish reported that the Alternative School is still going well and they are planning a tour of the Ivy Tech campus after the winter break.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

12. ADJOURNMENT – 7:16 p.m.

Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mrs. Kovacik. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 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.