

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

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BOARD APPROVED
DATE 1-12-2017

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Ms. Johanna Williams, President – 6:45 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. Also present were: Superintendent, Dr. Stacey Schmidt; Ass't Superintendent, Mr. Ben Parrish; Business Manager, Aline Busse; Deputy Treasurer, Linda Bult; and Attorney, Cheryl Zic. There were approximately 4 present in the audience.

2. **AGENDA ADJUSTMENT**: None

3. **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 account payable vouchers, approval of the minutes of the regular board meeting held on Thursday, November 10, 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 resignation** of Cara Ovanek as Librarian at Boone Grove Middle School effective as of December 20, 2016.
- **Accept the resignation** of Cindy Slosman as a Cook in the Cafeteria at Boone Grove Middle School effective as of November 11, 2016.
- **Approve** Aimee Wentz as a Temporary Math Teacher at Boone Grove High School to fill a maternity leave beginning approximately December 1, 2016 through April 3, 2017.
- **Approve** Bill Cain as a Junior Varsity Softball Volunteer Assistant Coach for 2016-17 school year.
- **Approve** Bradley Skyler Mizgate as a Junior Varsity Boys' Basketball Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2016-17 school year.
- **Approve** the position change for Selena Hill from Cashier/Server to the position of Cook in the Cafeteria at Boone Grove Complex beginning on November 14, 2016. Her rate of pay will be \$10.31 per hour for 5.5 hours per day or as needed for up to 180 days as per the 2016-17 school calendar.
- **Approve** Doreen Whaley as a Server on the Café Staff at Boone Grove Middle School/Boone Grove Elementary School beginning on November 28, 2016. Her rate of pay will be \$8.55 per hour for 4 hours per day or as needed for up to 180 days as per the 2016-17 school calendar.

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 10, 2016 and approval of the items listed on the Personnel Report waiving the readings and pending clear background searches; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 4-0.

4. **FINANCIAL REPORT** – Dr. Schmidt

- A. Appropriation Report
- 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.

5. BUSINESS**A. Delegation of Board Authority – Resolution #1216 – 166 – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt explained that the Delegation of Board Authority Resolution was giving her the authority to settle, compromise or resolve an issues presented but mainly for the purpose of the underground storm water detention system and related improvements.

B. Approval of Educational Services Company Agreement – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt requested the Board to approve the Educational Services Company Agreement as presented in the Board packet, waiving the reading. She explained this contract was for the services of Dr. William Gall. Dr. Gall helps keep us on top of state issues and changes and assists with budget and other business matters as needed. She said Dr. Gall is invaluable to us. Dr. Wargo made the motion to accept the contract as presented in the packet, waiving the reading; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 4-0.

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

Dr. Schmidt asked the Board to approve the Pivot Renewal contract, waiving the reading. She explained that Five Star Pivot is instrumental in maintaining our Data warehouse, daily assessments for teachers to personalize learning for every student, assists with teacher evaluations and many other things for the staff. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to approve the Five Star Technology Pivot Renewal, waiving the reading; Mrs. Sgouros seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

D. Adoption of Resolution #1216-167 – Authorizing the 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 2016 and collectible in the year 2017 – Dr. Schmidt
Dr. Schmidt requested the Board to adopt Resolution #1216-167 as presented in the Board packet, waiving the reading. The Resolution title pretty much explains itself. Mrs. Sgouros made the motion to accept Resolution #1216-167 as presented in the board packet, waiving the reading; Dr. Wargo seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

6. DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES REPORT

With the absence of Mr. Busse, Dr. Schmidt directed the Board to the facilities report in the board packet and asked for questions from the board and heard none.

7. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Schmidt presented a report on state ADM funding, thanking Mr. Rob James from Lake Central for his hard work on putting of the information and history together. She stated that 38 of the top 44 funded schools are charter schools. The average funding for a charter school is \$6,492 and for a public school it is \$5,863. The state is forcing the lowest funding school corporation to go to their taxpayers for General Fund Referendums. Of the lowest 15 school corporation, 10 have had a General Fund Referendum with 9 of the 10 passing. Out of 370 school corporations, Porter Township is #355 in state funding. Ms. Williams commented that she had read an article in the newspaper stating that there were 20 referendums with 17 of the 20 passing. The Board thanked Dr. Schmidt for the informative report.

8. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS – None**9. SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Mr. Donnell said there will Christmas celebrations on Wednesday, December 14 at 5:30 p.m. and again at 7:00 p.m.
- Mr. Corman said the girls' basketball team was playing at the moment with plenty of games to come. There had been a band concert the night before and was well attended. The band and choir will be traveling to the elementary schools to perform on Friday, December 9, 2016. The student council donated 300 pounds of food and the National Honor Society donated \$1,400.00 to the food pantry from benefit proceeds at Homecoming. The Madrigal Dinner for the weekend of December 16 was sold out almost as soon as tickets were available to purchase. The baseball team is doing a fundraiser at Applebee's from 8-10 a.m., Saturday, December 10, 2016.
- Mr. Parrish said the Alternative School is going well. There have been 127 credits earned with 4 students graduating from the program. Expects more students at second semester.

10. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

11. ADJOURNMENT – Mrs. Sgouros made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m., seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 4-0.