

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

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BOARD APPROVED
DATE 3-9-2017

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1. CALL TO ORDER – Ms. Johanna Williams, President – 6:32 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/Treasurer, Aline Busse; Deputy Treasurer, Linda Bult; Director of Facilities, Bryan Busse; Attorney Cheryl Zic and Secretary to the Superintendent, Linda Dusek. There were approximately 11 present in the audience.

2. AGENDA ADJUSTMENT: None

3. PRESENTATION: Empty Bowls Presentation - Boone Grove Middle School

Nora Majors, sponsor of BGMS Art Club and Stacey Atwood, sponsor of BGMS Builder's Club shared about the upcoming 4th Annual Empty Bowls Event which is an international grassroots effort to fight hunger. Members of the school and the community work together to create hand crafted ceramic bowls. Guests are invited to a soup dinner donated by Catch 22 Bar and Grill on February 24. In exchange for a donation, guests are asked to keep the bowl as a reminder of all the empty bowls in the world. All proceeds will go to the Porter Township Food Pantry. The Board members, Dr. Schmidt, Mr. Parrish and administrators were invited to help in glazing bowls for the event.

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 Board of Finance meeting held on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 6:25 p.m., approval of the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on Thursday, January 12, 2017 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** a Family Medical Leave request beginning on January 9, 2017 for Kris Lopez, second grade teacher at Porter Lakes Elementary School, for up to 12 weeks as needed.
- **Approve** the request of Annie Blanchard, Secretary at Boone Grove Elementary School, for three (3) unpaid days on January 25, 26, and 27, 2017.
- **Approve** Nicole May as the Middle School Volleyball Coach for the 2016-2017 school year with compensation based upon the 2016-2017 ECA salary schedule.
- **Approve** Mallory Horvat as a Guidance Counselor at Boone Grove High School effective January 23, 2017 with compensation at the Master's Degree with zero (0) years of experience level.
- **Accept** the retirement request of Anthony W. Tinkel, Social Studies Teacher at Boone Grove High School, effective August 2, 2017.
- **Approve** Blake Howard as a Technician in the Instructional Technology Department effective January 30, 2017 for 260 days per year with a salary of \$30,000 annually.
- **Approve** Michael Soloe as a full-time Custodian effective February 10, 2017 for 40 hours per week, compensated at \$10.32 per hour.
- **Approve** Mark Zoll as a Volunteer Assistant Junior Varsity Softball Coach for the 2016-2017 school year.
- **Approve** Kylie Someson as the Girls' Middle School Track Coach for the 2016-17 school year.

Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to approve the consent agenda consisting of payroll claims and accounts payable vouchers, approval of the minutes of the Board of Finance meeting held on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 6:25 p.m., approval of the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on Thursday, January 12, 2017 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 Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 4-0.

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 Comprehensive Counseling Initiative Planning Grant - Clay Corman

Mr. Corman said the Lilly Endowment has provided many school corporations across Indiana with a wonderful opportunity focused on a comprehensive counseling initiative model. The main focus is on academic and college careers and social and emotional counseling to strive to provide the best opportunity to foster communication across the district, identify priorities and to structure programs according to those priorities. Mr. Corman said a substantial grant in the amount of \$30,000 has been provided for our district and we are excited for the possibilities for our staff and for our students. Mrs. Sgouros asked if training is limited to counselors or will training be provided for staff as well. Mr. Corman said teachers should be directly involved as well. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to approve the comprehensive counseling initiative planning grant as presented by Mr. Corman; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 4-0.

B. April Board Meeting Location Change – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt referred to the recent project at PLE and a final punch list is now finished. Dr. Schmidt said she would love to hold a school board meeting at PLE to incorporate a tour of the building to allow the board to see all of the classroom innovations. Dr. Schmidt proposed with the board's approval that the April school board meeting be held at Porter Lakes Elementary School on Thursday, April 13, 2017. Ms. Williams made a motion to change the location of the April school board meeting and hold the school board meeting at Porter Lakes Elementary School on Thursday, April 13, 2017; seconded by Mrs. Kovacik. Motion carried 4-0.

C. Approval of Overnight Field Trip – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt requested permission for an overnight field trip for the Boone Grove Middle School Cheer Team to travel to Indianapolis for a cheer competition on March 4 and 5, 2017. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to approve the overnight field trip for the Boone Grove Middle School Cheer Team to travel to Indianapolis for a cheer competition on March 4 and 5, 2017; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 4-0.

D. Legislative Update – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt discussed bills that are currently under review explaining that they may or may not pass. Dr. Schmidt reviewed House Bill 1003 which would replace ISTEP with the proposed ILEARN in 2019. House Bill 1004 is on a third reading and looks at preschool and includes vouchers. House Bill 1009 on the second reading affects our business office and classifying budget funds into three categories: Education, Operations and Debt Service would possibly go into effect in 2018-19. House Bill 1382 in the third reading has to do with Charter renewal and closure. House Bill 1591 and Senate Bill 534 Education Savings accounts in which so far not much has happened. The Senate Bill 534 applies only to students with special needs for expenses and tuition. Dr. Schmidt encouraged all to contact their representatives and also discussed how to effectively communicate in a respectful and educated manner.

7. DIRECTOR OF FACILITY SERVICES REPORT

Mr. Busse referred to his report provided in the board packet and reported that his crew is currently dealing with HVAC issues. Mr. Busse asked for questions from the board and heard none.

8. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Schmidt wished Mr. Corman a Happy Birthday on February 21. Dr. Schmidt also said district wide ISTEP testing will begin with part 1 of 2 on February 27.

9. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS – None

10. SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. Donnell said third quarter progress reports are a week away and PLE is gearing up for ISTEP testing.
- Mr. Lichtenberger said he attended ISSMA and he was astounded by the talent at both the middle school and the high school levels. Math Bowl is coming up on February 23 at the complex and 13 teams are expected.
- Mr. Corman shared his excitement in receiving the recent counseling grant and thanked everyone involved and thanked the Lilly Endowment for the wonderful opportunity. Mr. Corman agreed that ISSMA is always very impressive. ISTEP Round 1 begins the last week of February and the beginning of March and Round 2 will begin in April and May. Tuesday night Coach McKay will be honored for his dedicated service.
- Mr. Parrish shared that two alternative students recently finished their programs. Mr. Parrish said he is reviewing computer software to replace our current A+ program for credit recovery. Mr. Parrish said alternative school students recently were involved in mock job interviews with high school counselors, Mr. Corman, Dr. Schmidt, Jamie Coffin, Norma Martin, and Officer Chavez.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

12. ADJOURNMENT – 7:21 p.m.

Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

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