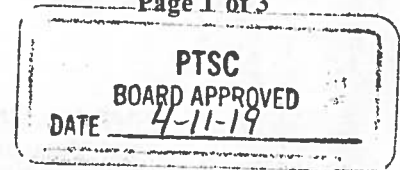


**MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
PORTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL CORPORATION**



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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. Lilann Sgouros, Dr. Natalie Wargo, Mrs. Nichole Kovacik and Mrs. Laura Chavez. Also present were: Superintendent, Dr. Stacey Schmidt; Assistant Superintendent, Ben Parrish; Board Attorney Chery Zic; Business Manager/Treasurer, Aline Busse; Deputy Treasurer, Linda Bult and Secretary to the Superintendent, Linda Dusek. There were approximately 21 patrons present in the audience.

2. AGENDA ADJUSTMENT - None

3. PRESENTATION – The Importance of Drama at the Middle School - Mrs. Schumacher

Middle school students, Muhammad Shaaban, Kailey Hanvey, Claire Long, Katie Ward and Maddie Epler, shared their rewarding experiences with Drama Club. Mrs. Schumacher invited everyone to their next play, The Wizard of Oz, the Deleted Scene, on April 18 at 6:00 p.m. There was a brief break for refreshments.

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, February 14, 2019 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 **Karie Lukas**, Treasurer at Boone Grove Middle School and Boone Grove Elementary School, effective as of February 28, 2019.
- Accept the resignation of **Lisa Broton**, Librarian at Boone Grove Elementary School, effective as of February 28, 2019.
- Approve **Lisa Broton** as the Boone Grove Complex Treasurer/Secretary beginning on March 1, 2019 with compensation of \$11.37 per hour for 211 days per school year for 40 hours per week.
- Accept the request of **Nicole Garcia**, Teacher at Boone Grove Middle School, for two (2) unpaid leaves of absence on April 11, 2019 and May 16, 2019.
- Approve **Brian Sherwin** as the Middle School Boys' Soccer Club Volunteer Coach for the 2018-19 school year.
- Approve **Frank Olivo** as the Middle School Girls' Soccer Club Volunteer Coach for the 2018-19 school year.
- Approve **Mark Zoll and Kelly Wilkening** as Junior Varsity Softball Volunteer Assistant Coaches for the 2018-19 school year.
- Approve **Tom Marcheschi and George Pate** as Volunteer Assistant High School Softball Coaches for the 2018-19 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 Regular School Board Meeting held on Thursday, February 14, 2019 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. Chavez. 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 the Second Reading and Adoption of the Following New Board Policies/Board Policy Revisions/Board Policy Deletion: Revision to Board Policy #1430–Administration–Leaves of Absence; Revision to Board Policy #1520.08–Administration–Employment of Personnel for Extra-Curricular**

Activities; Revision to Board Policy #1521–Administration–Personal Background Checks, References, and Mandatory Reporting of Convictions and Substantiated Child Abuse and Arrests; Revision to Board Policy #1662–Administration–Anti-Harassment; Revision to Board Policy #2221–Program–Mandatory Curriculum; New Board Policy #2414–Program–Reproductive Health and Family Planning and Human Sexuality Instruction; Revision to Board Policy #2700–Program–Annual Performance Report; Revision to Board Policy #3120.07–Professional Staff–Employment of Casual Resource Personnel; Revision to Board Policy #3120.08–Professional Staff–Employment of Personnel for Extra-Curricular Activities; Revision to Board Policy #3121–Professional Staff–Personal Background Checks, References, and Mandatory Reporting of Convictions and Substantiated Child Abuse and Arrests; New Board Policy #3139–Professional Staff–Staff Discipline; New Board Policy #3141–Professional Staff–Suspension of Teachers Without Pay; Revision to Board Policy #3362–Professional Staff–Anti-Harassment; Revision to Board Policy #3430–Professional Staff–Leaves of Absence; Revision to Board Policy #4120.08–Support–Employment of Personnel for Extra-Curricular Activities; Revision to Board Policy #4121–Support–Personal Background Checks, References, and Mandatory Reporting of Convictions and Substantiated Child Abuse and Arrests; Revision to Board Policy #4362–Support–Anti-Harassment; Revision to Board Policy #4430–Support–Leaves of Absence; Revision to Board Policy #5112–Students–Entrance Requirements; Revision to Board Policy #5330–Students–Use of Medication; Revision to Board Policy #5350–Students–Student Suicide Awareness and Prevention; Revision to Board Policy #5460–Students–Graduation Requirements; Revision to Board Policy #5517–Students–Anti-Harassment; Revision to Board Policy #5517.01–Students–Bullying; Revision to Board Policy #6210–Finances–Fiscal Planning; Revision to Board Policy #6621–Finances–Operations Cash Change Fund; Deletion of Board Policy #6655–Finances–School Technology Fund; New Board Policy #6800–Finances–System of Accounting; Revision to Board Policy #8340–Operations–Letters of Reference; Revision to Board Policy #8455–Operations–Coach Training; Revision to Board Policy #8462–Operations–Child Abuse and Neglect; Revision to Board Policy #8500–Operations–Food Services Program; Revision to Board Policy #8600–Operations–Transportation; New Board Policy #9160–Relations–Public Attendance at School Events - Mr. Parrish

Ms. Williams asked for a recommendation from the board regarding board policies. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to approve of the second reading and adoption of the new board policies, board policy revisions and a board policy deletion as listed on the agenda and provided in the board packet and to waive the readings; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Approval of Quote for Middle School Locker Replacement – Mr. Parrish

Mr. Parrish referred to three quotes for locker replacement at the middle school which are provided in the board packet. Mr. Parrish explained that savings from the middle school project will fund the locker replacements and recommended acceptance of the DeBourgh Manufacturing quote from the Lee Company, Inc. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to accept the DeBourgh Manufacturing quote from the Lee Company, Inc. for locker replacement at Boone Grove Middle School as recommended by Mr. Parrish; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Approval of Summer School – Mr. Parrish

Mr. Parrish said a list of summer school courses requested by teachers is provided in the board packet. These courses will be provided based upon student enrollment and approval from the state. Dr. Wargo made a motion to approve summer school courses as presented by Mr. Parrish; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Approval of Fundraisers – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of the fundraisers provided in the board packet. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to approve the fundraisers as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 5-0.

E. Approval of Go Solutions Contract – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt explained that approval of the Go Solutions Contract will allow the district to bill for Medicaid primarily through Porter County Educational Services in the areas particularly for Speech and OTPT. This billing could be used primarily for the purchase of equipment, supplies and materials and exploring what can be done with billing for nursing and transportation; however, it cannot be used for recurring expenses. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to approve the Go Solutions Contract as recommended by Dr. Schmidt and as provided in the board packet and to waive the reading; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 5-0.

F. Authorize Publication of Notice of Public Hearing on Potential Capital Projects and the Financing Thereof – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt reviewed that during the past few months, they have been reviewing architectural designs for a secure entrance at the high school and moving the main office to the front entrance while remaining tax neutral. Dr. Schmidt said financing is needed to proceed and recommended authorization to publish Notice of a public hearing on potential capital project and the financing thereof. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to authorize

publication of Notice of Public Hearing on the potential Capital Projects and the financing thereof as requested by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 5-0.

G. EMCOR Complex Solar Installation Presentation – Dr. Schmidt

Ms. Williams tabled the EMCOR Complex Solar Installation Presentation until the end of the meeting due to the late arrival of the presenter.

7. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT- Mr. Parrish

Mr. Parrish reported that everything continues to go well with New Horizons. Since the last board meeting, six students have finished and five new students have enrolled. Mr. Parrish announced that the Personnel Profile for this month is Kylie Komenda, who has been a Health and PE Teacher at Boone Grove Middle School for the past three years. Mrs. Komenda is a graduate of Portage High School and IUPUI. Mr. Lichtenberger said, "Mrs. Komenda is a very valuable member of our staff. Her personality allows her to communicate effectively with students, staff and parents. We are lucky to have her on staff as a teacher and a role model for the kids." Mr. Parrish said, "Mrs. Komenda does a great job and is another shining example of the stars we have here working with our kids and doing great things on a daily basis."

8. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt announced upcoming birthdays for Detective Boone at the end of the month and Johanna Williams on April 9. Dr. Schmidt gave huge applause for Aline Busse, Linda Bult and Kathleen Smith in the Business Office, who were phenomenal during the recent audit. The auditors actually made it a point during the Audit Exit Interview to discuss how amazing and efficient the Business Office is and that they were actually able to finish the audit early because they were so helpful in getting whatever they needed and explaining everything so well. Dr. Schmidt also congratulated the Business Office on receiving awesome audit marks. Dr. Schmidt then shared a presentation on "Voucher Impact 2019" by Dr. Phil Downs, Superintendent of Southwest Allen – Choice Scholarship Program Annual Report.

6. G. EMCOR Complex Solar Installation Presentation – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt welcomed Mr. Tim Pitts of EMCOR and Mr. Seth Parker of Melink Solar & Geo. Mr. Parker gave a presentation on the scope of the proposed project and the preliminary solar model and budget. Dr. Schmidt reminded the board that a letter of intent is included in the board packet if they are inclined to pursue this project. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to move forward with a letter of intent and proceed with a Guaranteed Savings Contract with EMCOR; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Mrs. Kovacik said, "Typical of any school project there is a time issue because you want to make sure you are doing the project at the optimal time. Also, if there is a chance they may be selling out of the solar panels, we want the best for the district sooner rather than later," Mrs. Sgouros said, "There is also more than a financial consideration here and we owe it to our students to do what we can to make their world a world that they can live in." After discussion, motion carried 5-0.

9. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS - None

10. SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. Corman said he enjoyed the band concert on Monday and also the Choir Concert last night; the second round of ISTEP retesting and the first part of ISTEP testing took place last week; the Academic Breakfast was held yesterday; and last week the Academic Team attended the Porter County competition at Purdue Northwest and took 1st Place!
- Mr. Ivanyo said BGE held Grandparents Day and the teachers did a great job. BGE is also preparing for the upcoming ILEARN.
- Mr. Donnell commended the PLE staff and students for a job well done during the severe weather warning today and for following directions to make everyone safe. Mr. Donnell also reported that tomorrow is the end of third grading period and IREAD testing is next week.
- Mr. Lichtenberger reported that 47 students recently finished NAEP testing and he was complimented on the good behavior of our students. Mr. Lichtenberger congratulated Coach Komenda and the Boys' Volleyball team on their PCC Volleyball Championship this past Wednesday. Mr. Lichtenberger said BGMS survived the severe weather warning and thanked the staff and bus drivers who did a great job to ensure the safety of the students. Lastly, Mr. Lichtenberger announced that an Apple representative will give a presentation on Monday, March 18 at 6:30 in the BG Complex Cafeteria to share the latest parent controls to help restrict their cell phones, etc.

12. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

13. ADJOURNMENT – 7:54 p.m.

Mrs. Chavez made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 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.

