

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
PORTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL CORPORATION
at PORTER LAKES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

PTSC
BOARD APPROVED
DATE: 5-11-2017

***The following is a partial transcript of the meeting. A recording of the actual meeting is available at the Administration Office and is kept on file for approximately 5 months after the date of the meeting. Approval of this transcript as official minutes will be at the next regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees.

*Building tours were given by PLE students from 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. to allow opportunities to view recent building renovations.

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 64 present in the audience.

Ms. Williams thanked Mr. Donnell and the PLE staff for hosting the school board meeting in their building and thanked the PLE students for providing the wonderful tours prior to the meeting. Dr. Schmidt and the Board presented certificates to the students who served as tour guides.

2. AGENDA AD JUSTMENT: 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 accounts payable vouchers, approval of the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on Thursday, March 9, 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 Family Medical Leave request of Jennifer Gibbs, BGMS Guidance Counselor, beginning on February 28, 2017 and returning on May 9, 2017.
- Approve a position change from Cook to Server for Teresa Ippolito, at Boone Grove High School Cafeteria effective as of April 3, 2017 with a pay change to \$8.89 per hour effective at the beginning of the 2017-18 school year. Her current pay rate of \$10.52 per hour will remain until the end of the 2016-17 school year.
- Approve a position change from Server to Cook for Tosha Hanvey at Boone Grove High School Cafeteria effective as of April 3, 2017 with a pay increase to \$10.52 per hour.
- Approve Matthew Polito as a Junior Varsity Baseball Assistant Volunteer Coach for the 2016-17 school year.
- Approve Bryan Hill as a Varsity Baseball Assistant Volunteer Coach for the 2016-17 school year.
- Approve Jerry Paul as a Varsity Baseball Assistant Volunteer Coach for the 2016-17 school year.
- Approve Olivia Laviolette as a Softball Assistant Volunteer Coach for the 2016-17 school year.

Dr. Wargo 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, March 9, 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 Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 4-0.

4. 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.

5. BUSINESS

A. Approval of First Reading of the 2017-18 Student Handbook – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of the first reading of the student handbook revisions for the 2017-18 school year. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to approve the first reading of the revised Student Handbook for the 2017-18 school year and waived the reading; Dr. Wargo seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

B. Accept Transfer Students for 2017-2018 School Year - Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt explained that fourteen (14) transfer applications were received during a recent open application period for accepting transfer student applications. Dr. Schmidt said all fourteen (14) applications meet the posted criteria and recommended acceptance of all fourteen (14) transfer students for the 2017-18 school year as listed in the board packet. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to accept fourteen (14) transfer students for the 2017-18 school year as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 4-0.

C. Accept Donations - Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt requested permission to accept the following donations presented to Boone Grove High School:

- \$500 from GE Foundation for the Band Department
- \$2,500 from RLM, Inc. for the Football Team
- \$75 from Urschel for the Boys' Soccer Team
- \$500 from R.H. Gabey, Jr. for the Boys' Track Team
- \$250 from George C. Patrick & Associates, P.C. for the Wrestling Team
- \$100 from Inter-State Studio & Publishing Co. for the Wrestling Team
- \$250 from Advanced Dental Concepts for the Wrestling Team

Ms. Williams said it is always wonderful when others are so generous in support of student activities. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to accept the donations for the high school as presented by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 4-0.

D. Approval of Price Increase for 2017-18 Student Lunches – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended a price increase of ten cents (\$.10) for student lunches for the 2017-18 school year. High school and middle school lunches will increase from \$2.25 to \$2.35 and the elementary school lunches will increase from \$2.10 to \$2.20. Breakfast prices would remain the same at \$1.20. Dr. Schmidt said the price increase is due to the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (sec.205) School Food Service Accounts Revenue, which reviews the revenue accounts and sets the student lunch prices accordingly. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to approve the recommendation for a price increase of ten cents (\$.10) for student lunches in 2017-18 school year as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 4-0.

E. Approval of Summer Hours – Mr. Parrish

Mr. Parrish said over the past several years the school buildings have scheduled special summer hours during summer break working four (4) ten (10) hour days, Monday through Thursday and closed on Friday each week. Mr. Parrish said this schedule has reflected an energy cost savings and recommended following the same summer schedule for the summer of 2017 and suggested that the Administration Building should follow the same summer schedule to allow for additional energy cost savings. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to approve the summer hours for all PTSC buildings including the Administration Building working four (4) ten (10) hours days, Monday through Thursday with all buildings to be closed on Friday during the summer break of 2017; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 4-0.

F. Approval of Odysseyware Credit Recovery Program – Mr. Parrish

Mr. Parrish said currently the district has been using A+ Credit Recovery Program which is now outdated and several other options have been considered. Mr. Parrish said Odysseyware has a more dynamic and rigorous user interface. Mr. Parrish recommended approval of Odysseyware Credit Recovery Program explaining that a 10% discount is given on the overall price with a five (5) year agreement and payments which would be evenly distributed over the five (5) year period. Ms. Williams asked if the students have used Odysseyware hands on. Mr. Parrish said the students have not, but the teachers have found that it is easy to customize courses, setting thresholds, embedding video and lessons and it allows freedom to setup courses however you wish. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to approve the Odysseyware Credit Recovery Program as recommended by Mr. Parrish; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 4-0.

G. Approval of Summer Maintenance Helpers – Mr. Busse

Mr. Busse requested permission to post for three (3) summer maintenance helpers for additional support of the maintenance crew with summer duties. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to approve three (3) summer maintenance workers for summer help; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 4-0.

H. Approval of 1st Source ACH Service Agreement – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of the 1st Source ACH Service Agreement provided in the board packet. Dr. Wargo made a motion to approve the 1st Source ACH Service Agreement as requested by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Kovacik. Motion carried 4-0.

6. DIRECTOR OF FACILITY SERVICES REPORT

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

7. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Dr. Schmidt said our voices need to be heard and suggested contacting legislators alerting them that the senate version of the budget, which has the additional monies for the school formula, is going to be better for public education.
- Dr. Schmidt wished a Happy Birthday to Jeremy Chavez on the 15th, Linda Bult on the 16th, Nick Cain on the 25th and Aline Busse on the 30th.

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

- Mr. Corman reported that ISTEP testing starts next week. Mr. Corman said they are pursuing Gold Star Counseling Program which aligns with our Lilly Counseling initiative and 8th Grade Parents Night is being held at the high school cafeteria this evening. Mr. BGHS is tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m. This year is the last year for the Kent's Run and Mr. Corman encouraged all to participate.
- Mr. Donnell thanked all of the student tour guides for doing such a great job tonight, thanked the parents for bringing the students tonight, thanked the PTO for providing the wonderful treats and decorations for tonight and thanked the PLE Staff for the preparation for tonight. Mr. Donnell also announced that the Spring Program is Wednesday April 26 for 2nd graders and Kindergarteners. PLE will also host a Blood Drive on Monday, May 1st. Ms. Williams praised the student guides who all did an excellent job and Dr. Schmidt shared that the entire PLE staff takes great pride in their building and has been working hard in preparation for tonight.
- Mr. Lichtenberger said Friday Night Live is next Friday at 6:30 p.m. and ISTEP testing starts next week. Mr. Lichtenberger thanked Mr. Corman and the high school counselors for helping with 8th grade scheduling. The 8th graders will also be at the high school on May 12th for freshman preparations. Mr. Lichtenberger said the accreditation team visited BGMS last week and proudly announced their building's accreditation passed! Mr. Lichtenberger announced that the 5th grade field trip will be held in May.
- Mr. Parrish said things are going well at the alternative school and they have recently enrolled ten (10) new students. Mr. Parrish thanked the board for their approval of Odysseyware program tonight and said the teachers are excited for the opportunities it will provide in helping the students move forward.

10. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None**11. ADJOURNMENT – 7:14 p.m.**

Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mrs. Kovacik. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:14 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.