

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

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BOARD APPROVED
DATE 7-9-15

***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.

1. CALL TO ORDER – Ms. Johanna Williams, President – 6:30 p.m.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
B. Welcome Visitors

Board members present: Ms. Johanna Williams, Mrs. Nichole Kovacic, Mr. John Spangenberg, Mr. Tom Keevin and Mrs. Lilann Sgouros. Also present were: Superintendent, Dr. Stacey Schmidt; Attorney Cheryl Zic; Business Manager, Aline Busse and Secretary to the Superintendent, Linda Dusek. There were approximately 5 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 accounts payable vouchers, approval of the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on Thursday, May 14, 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 Andrew Willis as the Art Teacher at Boone Grove High School for the 2015-16 school year. His salary will be paid at the zero (0) years of experience level with a Bachelor Degree.
- Approve Brittany Nevill as the Mathematics Alternative School Instructor at the New Horizons Learning Center. Her salary will be paid at the zero (0) years of experience level with a Bachelor Degree.
- Approve Wesley Short as the Alternative School Instructor at the New Horizons Learning Center. His salary will be paid at the zero (0) years of experience level with a Bachelor Degree.
- Accept the maternity leave request for Carrie Holmes-Rippe beginning on approximately November 9, 2015 and returning to work on January 4, 2016 provided there are no medical complications.
- Approve Marcus Banning as a part-time Grounds Keeper until the position is filled or August 14, 2015. His rate of pay will be \$10.32 per hour for 8 hours per day, not to exceed 30 hours per week.
- Accept the voluntary transfer of Katie Belcher from 2nd Grade Teacher to 1st Grade Teacher at the beginning of the 2015-16 school year.
- Accept the transfer of Wendy Holland from 4th Grade Teacher to 5th Grade Teacher at Boone Grove Elementary effective at the beginning of the 2015-16 school year.
- Accept the transfer of Angela Long from 3rd Grade Teacher at Porter Lakes Elementary School to 5th Grade Teacher at Boone Grove Elementary School.

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, May 14, 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 Mr. Spangenberg. Motion carried 5-0.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT – Dr. Schmidt

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

Dr. Schmidt referred to the financial report provided in the board packet providing the appropriation summary, fund report and investment report and no questions were heard. Dr. Schmidt reported some good news during her "Financial Report" that the Title I allocation for this year is \$2,800 more than last year!

5. BUSINESS

- A. Approval of the Second Reading of Revised or New Board Policies: Revised Policy #2221-Program-Mandatory Curriculum; Revised Policy #3120.08-Professional Staff-Employment of Personnel for ExtraCurricular Activities; Revised Policy #3122.01-Professional Staff-Drug-Free Workplace; New Policy #4120.08-Support Staff-Employment of Personnel for ExtraCurricular Activities; Revised Policy #4122.01-Support Staff-Drug-Free Workplace; New Policy #4170-Support Staff-Substance Abuse; Revised Policy #5340.01-Students-Student Concussions and Sudden Cardiac Arrest; Revised Policy #5530-Students-Drug Prevention; Revised Policy #8330-Operations-Student Records; and New Policy #8451-Operations-Pediculosis (Head Lice) – Dr. Schmidt**

Ms. Williams asked for a motion from the board regarding the board policies listed on the agenda. Mr. Keevin made a motion to approve and adopt the second reading of the revised or new board policies listed on the agenda and to waive the reading of the policies; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Accept Donations – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended acceptance of two donations in the amount of \$50.00 each for the Boone Grove High School Choir. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to accept two donations in the amount of \$50.00 each for the Boone Grove High School Choir; seconded by Mr. Spangenberg. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Accept Transfer Students – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt reported that applications for new transfer students for the 2015-16 school year were accepted during an application period recently posted on our webpage. Dr. Schmidt continued that she has reviewed the applications and recommended that the board accept the new transfer students for the 2015-16 school year as listed in the board packet. Ms. Williams made a motion to accept the new transfer students for the 2015-16 school year as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Kovacik. Motion carried 5-0.

7. DIRECTOR OF FACILITY SERVICES REPORT

Dr. Schmidt reported that Mr. Busse is on vacation this week and she wanted to recognize the hard work done by his crew on the softball and baseball fields, the cross country course and the landscaping at the high school. This week they have been cleaning up corn stalks after the flooding in the Boone Grove area.

8. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt congratulated the girls' softball team as they advance to the state championship on Saturday in Indianapolis. Dr. Schmidt wished a Happy Birthday to Melia Spicer on June 16, John Spangenberg on June 20 and Kevin Donnell on June 26.

9. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Mrs. Sgouros asked if the softball championship will be televised or streamed online. Mr. Lichtenberger reported later that the Softball championship will be live on Fox Sports Indiana or IHSAA TV.org.

Ms. Williams reported that a meeting to discuss the proposed firing range on 350 South just west of 725 West will be held on Wednesday at the Porter County Administration Building in the Commissioner's Room at 5:30 p.m.

10. SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mr. Lichtenberger reported that they have been dealing with corn stalks due to the recent flooding.
- Mr. Corman congratulated the Boys' Baseball team for winning their sectional and the Girls' Softball team for advancing to the State Championship. Mr. Corman also congratulated the BGHS Valedictorian, Isabel Tavaras and Salutatorian, Ben Tomasik and the graduating Class of 2015.

11. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION- None

12. ADJOURNMENT – 6:41 p.m.

Mr. Keevin made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mr. Spangenberg. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:41 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.