



**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 – 6:36 p.m.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Welcome Visitors

Board members present: Ms. Johanna Williams, Mrs. Nichole Kovacic, Dr. Natalie Wargo, Mrs. Lilann Sgouros and Mrs. Laura Chavez. Also present were: Superintendent, Dr. Stacey Schmidt; Assistant Superintendent, Ben Parrish; Deputy Treasurer, Linda Bult; Board Attorney, Cheryl Zic; and Secretary to the Superintendent, Linda Dusek. There were two (2) patrons 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 10, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.; approval of the following items listed on the Personnel Report waiving the readings and pending clear background searches:

- Accept the termination of the employment of **Teresa Ippolito** as a Server at the Boone Grove High School Cafeteria effective as of May 23, 2018.
- Accept the resignation of **Patrick Antone** as an Instructor at the New Horizons Alternative School effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.
- Approve the transfer of **Kristin Mucha**, Kindergarten Teacher at Porter Lakes Elementary School to the Pre-School Teacher/Pre-School Development/Remediation position at Porter Lakes Elementary School at the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year.
- Approve the title change for **James Rosinia** from Dean of Students at Boone Grove High School to Assistant Principal at Boone Grove High School with no additional compensation effective as of July 1, 2018.
- Approve the position change of **Tonia Batesole** from Operations Manager at Boone Grove High School Cafeteria to Director of Food Services for Porter Township School Corporation effective as of July 1, 2018 with the annual compensation of \$45,000 for 210 days per school year.
- Approve **Stanley Sarnowski** as the High School Treasurer effective at the beginning of the 2018-19 school year with compensation of \$10.44 per hour for 204 days and 7 paid holidays and 5 paid days for training during the summer of 2018.
- Approve the transfer of **Jennifer Gibbs** to Guidance Counselor at Boone Grove High School at the beginning of the 2018-19 school year.
- Approve **Mallory Horvat** as the Summer Odysseyware Remediation Monitor at Boone Grove High School with compensation of \$25.00 per hour.
- Approve **Mallory Horvat** as the Girls Freshman Basketball Coach for the 2018-19 school year with compensation as per the 2018-19 ECA Salary Schedule with compensation as per the 2018-19 ECA Salary Schedule.
- Approve **Linda Eleftheri** to be compensated at 100% of 2018-19 ECA Salary Schedule for the position of the Head Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach for the 2018-19 school year.
- Approve **Kylah Adkins** as a Varsity Dance Team Co-Coach for the 2018-19 school year with compensation of 75% of the 2018-19 ECA Salary Schedule for this position.
- Approve **Sharon Kimes** as a Varsity Dance Team Co-Coach for the 2018-19 school year with compensation of 25% of the 2018-19 ECA Salary Schedule for this position.
- Approve **Ron Saunders** as the Girls' Middle School Softball Coach for the 2018-19 school year with compensation as per the 2018-19 ECA Salary Schedule.
- Approve **Christine Dixon** as a Boys' Varsity Volleyball Coach for the 2018-19 school year with compensation based upon the 2018-19 ECA Salary Schedule.
- Approve **Melissa Rippe** as the Varsity Cheerleading Coach for the 2018-19 school year with compensation based upon the 2018-19 ECA Salary Schedule.
- Approve **Rochelle McNamara, Jacy Schutkovske and Lori Jones** as Varsity Cheerleading Volunteer Assistant Coaches for the 2018-19 school year.

- Approve **Lori Jones** as the Middle School Cheerleading Coach for the 2018-19 school year with compensation based upon the 2018-19 ECA Salary Schedule.

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, May 10, 2018 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 5-0.

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 Fundraisers – Dr. Schmidt

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

B. Approval of Transfer Students for the 2018-19 School Year – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt said two transfer student application periods were recently posted at the district's website and applications have been accepted and reviewed. Dr. Schmidt recommended acceptance of thirteen (13) additional transfer students for the 2018-2019 school year as listed in the board packet. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to accept the transfer students for the 2018-2019 school year as provided in the board packet; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Approval of Revision to BGE Student Textbook Fees – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt said a calculation error was found and requested approval of a revision to the BGE student textbook fees. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to approve the revision to the BGE student textbook fees as requested by Dr. Schmidt and presented in the board packet; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Approval of Revision to Approved 2018-2019 Student Handbook – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt said due to a recent legislative change it is necessary to update language in the student handbook in regard to bullying to be in compliance with the law. Dr. Schmidt requested permission to add the following provision to the bullying policy to expand to bullying through the use of data or computer software accessed through a computer or computer system, computer network or a cellular telephone or other wireless or cellular communications device. Dr. Wargo made a motion to approve the revision to the 2018-19 student handbook in regard to the bullying as requested by Dr. Schmidt and provided in the board packet; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 5-0.

E. Approval of Apple Lease Purchase Agreement – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of the Apple Lease Purchase Agreement and authorization for Dr. Schmidt to sign the agreement. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to approve the Apple Lease Purchase Agreement provided in the board packet and to authorize Dr. Schmidt to sign the agreement; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 5-0.

F. Approval of Ivy Tech Agreement of Affiliation School of Nursing – Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt said she is excited for a partnership with Ivy Tech and recommended approval of the Ivy Tech Agreement of Affiliation School of Nursing and to authorize Dr. Schmidt to sign the agreement. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to approve the Ivy Tech Agreement of Affiliation School of Nursing as presented in the board packet and to authorize Dr. Schmidt to sign the agreement; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 5-0.

G. Accept the HPS Bid for July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 - Dr. Schmidt

Dr. Schmidt said documents are provided in the board packet regarding the HPS bid. Dr. Schmidt explained that through other districts who have gone through their recent auditing process, we have learned about procurement. Dr. Schmidt said documents provided have multiple years including some that are passed. Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of the HPS bid for July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to accept the HPS bid for July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 as presented in the board packet and recommended by Dr. Schmidt; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 5-0.

H. Approval of Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Porter County Sheriff's Officers – Mr. Parrish

Mr. Parrish recommended extension of the current Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with Porter County Sheriff Department which is provided in the board packet. Mr. Parrish explained that this agreement allows Porter

County Officers to serve as SROs in our district. Dr. Wargo made a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Porter County Sheriff's Officer as requested by Mr. Parrish; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 5-0.

I. Approval of MOU for FOB/ID Access for Police Emergency Responders – Mr. Parrish

Mr. Parrish said provided in the board packet is another MOU drafted in cooperation with the Sherriff Department and the Porter County Safe Schools Commission which will allow emergency responders and the local police department FOB access to PTSC buildings to be used in emergency situations. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to approve the MOU for FOB ID access for the local police department and emergency responders; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 5-0.

J. Approval of MOU for Surveillance Camera Access for Police Emergency Responders – Mr. Parrish

Mr. Parrish recommended approval of the MOU for surveillance camera access for police and emergency responders provided in the board packet. Mr. Parrish said this agreement will allow the local police department and emergency responders to set up a command post and to access surveillance cameras in case of an emergency and/or to neutralize a threat in an active 911 situation. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to approve the MOU for surveillance camera access for police and emergency responders as presented by Mr. Parrish; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 5-0.

6. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Mr. Parrish said the New Horizons summer session has just begun with 30 kids and is going well. Mr. Parrish announced the Personnel Profile for this Month is Sandy Pauer, the Athletic Secretary/Secretary to the Assistant Principal at Boone Grove High School. Sandy is a Hammond Morton High School graduate and has been employed with PTSC for 16 years. Mr. Parrish said Sandy is an excellent secretary who does a great job and is just another fine example of the great people who work at PTSC!

7. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Dr. Schmidt said she attended the last meeting with the State Board of Education regarding Graduation Pathways. The Graduation Pathways proposal is expected to go to the State Board of Education for the anticipated approval in July. If approved, it will then be turned over to the Department of Education for implementation. Work has begun at the BG Complex and the ceilings and lights are now torn out of the front offices. A progress meeting was held today and addressed some concerns. The Baseball team is headed to State Finals on Saturday which is an extremely exciting time for the kids! Mr. Donnell's birthday is at the end of the month.

8. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS – None

9. SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

10. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

11. ADJOURNMENT – 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 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.