

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

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BOARD APPROVED  
DATE 2-8-2018

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Ms. Johanna Williams, President – 6:33 p.m.
  - A. **Pledge of Allegiance**
  - B. **Welcome Visitors**  
Board members present: Ms. Johanna Williams, Mrs. Nichole Kovacik, Dr. Natalie Wargo, Mrs. Lilann Sgouros and Mrs. Laura Chavez. Also present were: Superintendent, Dr. Stacey Schmidt; Assistant Superintendent, Ben Parrish; Board Attorney, Cheryl Zic; Business Manager/Treasurer, Aline Busse; Deputy Treasurer, Linda Bult and Secretary to the Superintendent, Linda Dusek. There were approximately five (5) patrons present in the audience.
2. **AGENDA ADJUSTMENT - None**
3. **PRESENTATION - Technology Use at Porter Lakes Elementary – Mr. Donnell**  
Mr. Donnell gave a presentation on Kindergarten students using QR codes for classroom assignments on their iPads.
4. **ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**
  - A. **Oath of Office - None**
  - B. **Election of Officers**
    1. **President**  
Ms. Williams asked for a motion from the Board for Board President. Mrs. Kovacik nominated Johanna Williams as Board President; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 5-0.
    2. **Vice-President**  
Ms. Williams asked for a motion from the Board for Board Vice-President. Dr. Wargo nominated Nichole Kovacik as Board Vice-President; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 5-0.
    3. **Secretary**  
Mrs. Williams asked for a motion from the Board for Board Secretary. Mrs. Chavez nominated Natalie Wargo as Board Secretary; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 5-0.
  - C. **Determination of Member Compensation**  
Mrs. Williams asked for a motion from the Board regarding member compensation. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion for Board compensation to remain as status quo; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 5-0.
  - D. **Determination of Meeting Dates and Times**  
Mrs. Williams asked for a motion from the Board regarding determination of meeting dates and times. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion for the Board meeting dates and times to remain as status quo; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 5-0.
  - E. **Appointment of Corporation Treasurer**  
Mrs. Williams asked for a motion from the Board for appointment of the Corporation Treasurer. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to appoint Aline Busse as the Corporation Treasurer; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 5-0.
  - F. **Appointment of Corporation Deputy Treasurer**  
Mrs. Williams asked for a motion from the Board for appointment of the Corporation Deputy Treasurer. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to appoint Linda Bult as Corporation Deputy Treasurer; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 5-0.
  - G. **Appointment of Board Attorney**  
Mrs. Williams asked for a motion from the Board for appointment of the Board Attorney. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to retain the services of Attorney Cheryl Zic of Crist, Sears & Zic, LLP as Board Attorney as status quo; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 5-0.
  - H. **Disclosure Statements**  
Ms. Williams asked for action from the Board regarding a disclosure statement presented in the board packet. Mrs. Sgouros made a motion to accept the disclosure statement as presented in the board packet; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 5-0.
5. **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, December 14, 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:

- Approve Abigail Stahr as the Art Teacher at Boone Grove Middle School and Boone Grove Elementary School beginning on Monday, January 8, 2018. Her compensation will be paid as per contract with a Bachelor Degree and zero years of experience.
- Approve George Pate as a Varsity Softball Volunteer Assistant Coach for the 2017-18 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, December 14, 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. Chavez. Motion carried 5-0.

6. **FINANCIAL REPORT – Dr. Schmidt**

- Appropriation summary
- Fund Report
- 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.

7. **BUSINESS**

**A. EMCOR Presentation – Scope of Project – Matt Griffey & Tim Pitts**

Matt Griffey from EMCOR gave a presentation to the Board regarding the scope of proposed project(s) and options with pricing for proposed repairs and upgrades within Boone Grove Elementary School, Boone Grove Middle School and Boone Grove High School.

**B. Adopt Resolution #0118-179 – Resolution Approving Holding Joint Project and Preliminary Determination Hearings and Selecting Members of Financing Team – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt said the district has significant facility needs which will require the board to consider funds outside of the Capital Projects Fund. Dr. Schmidt recommended adoption of Resolution #0118-179 which is a resolution approving the Board to hold joint Project and Preliminary Determination Hearings and selecting members of a financing team. Dr. Schmidt also recommended that the Board schedule a special school board meeting on Thursday, February 1, 2018 to begin the process by holding the first Joint Project and Preliminary Determination Hearing. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to adopt Resolution #0118-179 – resolution approving holding joint project and preliminary determination hearings and selecting members of financing team and also to schedule a special school board meeting on Thursday, February 1, 2018 to hold the first Joint Project and Preliminary Hearing; seconded by Mrs. Sgouros. Motion carried 5-0.

**C. Approval of 2018-2019 District Calendar – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt said the proposed 2018-2019 district calendar reflects returning to a Wednesday start for the first day of the school year. Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of the 2018-2019 district calendar as presented in the board packet. Dr. Wargo made a motion to approve the 2018-2019 district calendar as presented in the board packet; seconded by Mrs. Kovacik. Ms. Williams commented that it is nice to have the semester end before the Winter Break. Motion carried 5-0.

**D. Accept Donations – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt recommended acceptance of the following donations: \$1,000 for the Athletic Department, \$500 for the High School Football Program, \$300 for the Wrestling Fund and \$10 for the Drama Department. Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to accept donations as presented; seconded by Dr. Wargo. Motion carried 5-0.

**E. Approve Fundraisers – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt recommended approval of two fundraisers for the BGE Library; one for a Spring Book Fair and one for selling Valentine Pencil-Grams. Mrs. Chavez made a motion to approve the fundraisers as recommended by Dr. Schmidt; Mrs. Sgouros seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

8. **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Dr. Schmidt**

Dr. Schmidt shared updates on recent discussion regarding graduation pathways, diploma requirements and accountability. Dr. Schmidt also shared that she was invited to become a member of the Superintendent's Advisory Committee and she recently attended their first meeting.

9. **ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Mr. Parrish**

Mr. Parrish reported that New Horizons gained four new students this week with 45 kids currently enrolled and 196 credits issued this school year. Mr. Parrish announced the Personnel Profile of the Month is Annie Blanchard, the Secretary at Boone Grove Elementary School. Annie has been employed for four years and is a Munster High School graduate and also a graduate of St. Petersburg College with a Bachelor Degree in Business Management and Organizational Leadership. Mr. Ivanyo said Annie is an amazing asset and a fine example of another great employee.

**10. BOARD COMMUNICATIONS**

Mrs. Sgouros announced that a former BGHS graduate, Tracy Autenrieth Roberts, is running for State Representative in one of the districts near Indianapolis. Tracey is also a Ball State Architecture graduate.

**11. SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Mr. Corman said the PCC Banquet will be held next Sunday and the tourney is next week. Mr. Corman also said he has been doing his best to stay on top of the Pathway meetings and discussions.
- Mr. Ivanyo said the Science Bowl will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and he is looking forward to his first 100<sup>th</sup> day celebration.
- Mr. Donnell announced next week is Cyber Safety Week with planned activities using internet safety and other good ideas sponsored by the PTO.

**12. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None**

**13. ADJOURNMENT - 7:41 p.m.**

Mrs. Kovacik made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Mrs. Chavez. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

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