

**PORTAGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
JUNE 14, 2017 6:30 P.M.**

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Portage Area Board of School Directors was called to order. Erik Thrower, board president, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. Members and others present were: JT Bandzuh; Susan Berardinelli; Jason Corte; Matthew Decort; Kathy Hough; John Jubina; Christian Smith; Dennis Squillario; Erik Thrower; Ralph J. Cecere, Jr., Junior-Senior High School Principal; Christian Serenko, Elementary School Principal; Jeff Vasilko, Business Manager, Patricia Moore, Solicitor and Denise Moschgat, Recording Secretary. Absent were Eric Zelanko and Pete Noel.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

There were no visitors who wished to speak.

INFORMATION ONLY

1. Review of Policy 249 Bullying/Cyberbullying. This is a routine review of the policy.
2. High School Auditorium Stage Curtains. Mr. Vasilko reported that he met with a vendor regarding the condition of the stage curtains. He discussed the options for replacement. The board asked him to get another recommendation/cost estimate.
3. Work will begin on the baseball field on June 26th (weather permitting) Mr. Vasilko noted that we are ready to go on this project and will be awaiting the contractor to begin.
4. Conversion of sick time for scholarship fund. Per the terms of Mr. Zelanko's contract, 25 sick days will be converted to cash and put into the Portage Area Scholarship Fund.

ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Approving final 2017-2018 school year budget. Mr. Vasilko reported that the only change to the budget since he reported in April is a \$13,000 increase in athletics due to an adjustment in other areas. The budgeted numbers remain the same, there was merely an adjustment.
2. Adopting Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion. This is a routine matter and will be considered during the regular meeting.
3. Exoneration of tax collectors. This is a routine matter to be considered during the regular meeting.
4. Insurance coverages for the 2017-2018 school year. Mr. Vasilko noted that he met with Buddy DeYulis of Ebensburg Insurance to discuss insurance coverages. The district's rates have remained the same but values have increased.
5. Renewing various agreements as listed in the regular agenda. These are routine matters of renewing agreements and will be considered during the regular meeting.
6. Approving resolution to amend and restate health reimbursement arrangement. Mr. Vasilko reported that because of the buyouts there were some amendments necessary to the current agreement. This is a routine matter and will be considered during the regular meeting.
7. Approving final 2017-2018 school year calendar. The board will consider minor adjustments to the 2017-2018 school year calendar during the regular voting meeting.

**PORTAGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
JUNE 14, 2017 6:30 P.M.**

8. Purchasing math series for grades K through 6. Mr. Serenko reported that as he had discussed at the May meeting, he would like the board to consider the purchase of a new math series. The board will consider this item during the regular meeting.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (Executive Session 6:42 to 6:57 p.m.)

1. Staff hires/volunteer coaching additions
2. Staff resignations
3. Personnel matters
4. Advertising for positions
5. Contract negotiations

POINTS OF DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD

Time: 6:57 p.m.