

**PORTAGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 2015**

<u>Mr. JT Bandzuh</u>	2019_____
<u>Mrs. Susan Berardinelli</u>	2019_____
<u>Mr. Jason Corte</u>	2017_____
<u>Mr. Matthew Decort</u>	2017_____
<u>Mrs. Kathy Hough</u>	2019_____
<u>Mr. John Jubina</u>	2017_____
<u>Mr. Christian Smith</u>	2017_____
<u>Mr. Dennis Squillario</u>	2019_____
<u>Mr. Erik Thrower</u>	2019_____
<u>Mr. Eric A. Zelanko</u> Superintendent of Schools	_____
<u>Mr. Ralph J. Cecere</u> Junior-Senior High School Principal	_____
<u>Mr. Christian Serenko</u> Elementary School Principal	_____
<u>Mr. Pete Noel</u> Supervisor of Special Education	_____
<u>Mr. Michael Kunko</u> Business Manager	_____
<u>Mrs. Denise Moschgat</u> Recording Secretary	_____
<u>Dennis McGlynn, Esquire</u> Solicitor	_____

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Portage Area Board of School Directors will please come to order. Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence will be led by the board Vice-President.

II. ROLL CALL

The Recording Secretary will please call the roll.

III. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Those who wish to speak should limit their remarks to three but no longer than five minutes.

IV. INFORMATION ONLY

- Homestead/Farmstead Exclusions Summary
- Solvency Fee – PA Unemployment
- Cafeteria Inspection
- Health Consortium meeting

V. THIRD READING OF PROPOSED DISTRICT POLICIES

No. 307 Student Teachers/Interns
No. 918 Title 1 Parental Involvement
No. 138 English as a Second Language/Bilingual Education Program

VI. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The Reorganization Meeting will be held _____, _____ beginning at _____ p.m. in the elementary school auditorium with the Regular Meeting immediately following.

2. APPROVING THE MINUTES

Motion_____Second_____Vote_____

The Administration recommends approving the November board meeting minutes, with a correction to the assistant junior high softball coach's salary as discussed during the Committee of the Whole meeting. A copy of the minutes was distributed with the advance agenda.

3. REPORTS

Vo-Tech Operating Committee representative **Erik Thrower**

Superintendent **Eric A. Zelanko**

High School Principal **Mr. Ralph Cecere**

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School Solicitor **Dennis McGlynn, Esquire**

Business Administrator **Michael J. Kunko**

4. APPROVING TEACHERS' CONTRACT

Motion _____ Second _____ Vote _____
(Roll Call Vote)

The Administration recommends approving a five year contract between the district and the PAEA as reviewed.

5. APPROVING FINAL BUDGET TRANSFERS

Motion _____ Second _____ Vote _____
(Roll Call Vote)

The Administration recommends approving the Final Schedule of Budget Transfers for the 2014-2015 school year. The schedule of transferred amounts was provided with the advance agenda.

6. APPROVING ACCELERATED BUDGET OPT OUT RESOLUTION

Motion _____ Second _____ Vote _____
(Roll Call Vote)

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of Portage Area School District, makes the following unconditional certifications:

1. The school district's various tax levies and other revenue sources will be sufficient to balance the school district final budget for the next fiscal year (2016-2017) based on maintaining current tax rates or increasing tax rates by an amount less than or equal to the Act 1 index applicable to the school district as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. This conclusion is based on the school district preliminary budget or other information available to the School Board.
2. The applicable index for the next fiscal year is 2.4%, and the School Board will not for the next fiscal year increase the rate of its real estate tax, or any other tax for the support of public education, by an amount that exceeds the applicable index.

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3. The School Board has to date and in the future will comply with the rules set forth in School Code §687 for adoption of the school district proposed and final budgets for the next fiscal year.
4. The School Board understands that the school district will not be eligible to use Act 1 referendum exceptions for the next fiscal year.

VII. PERSONNEL MATTERS

1. ADDITIONS TO THE SUBSTITUTE LISTS

Motion_____Second_____Vote_____
(Roll Call Vote)

The Administration recommends adding the following individuals to the substitute lists:

Mario DaSilva	IU 08 Substitute Teacher
Travis Moschgat	Substitute Custodian

All individuals added to the substitute lists will provide all necessary clearances and certifications prior to having any contact with the students.

2. APPROVING REDUCTION IN FOURTH GRADE CLASS TEACHERS

Motion_____Second_____Vote_____

The Administration recommends approving a reduction in the number of third grade teacher from four teachers to three teachers commencing with the 2016-2017 school year.

3. APPROVING ADDITION IN FIFTH GRADE CLASS TEACHERS

Motion_____Second_____Vote_____

The Administration recommends approving an increase in the number of fourth grade teacher from three teachers to four teachers for the 2016-2017 school year.

4. ADDING VOLUNTEER COACH

Motion_____Second_____Vote_____

The Administration recommends adding Sharon Nolan as a volunteer girls' basketball coach for the 2016-2017 school year.

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VIII. BOARD REQUESTS / USE OF FACILITIES

Motion _____ Second _____ Vote _____
(Roll Call Vote)

Request for Approved Field Trip:

Requester	Destination	Date(s)	Approximate Cost	Budgeted Y/N
Kelly Myers	Take the a cappella ensemble to sing at Rebekah Manor and Maple Winds	December 16, 2016 9:30 a.m. – 2:35 p.m.	\$144.24	Yes
Kelly Myers	A cappella ensemble to sing at the Chatterbox for Winterfest*	December 11, 2015 5:15 p.m. - ?	No Charge	N/A

*The students will meet at the Chatterbox and leave after their performance. No transportation will be necessary.

Requests for Use of Facilities:

Requester	Purpose	Facility	Date(s)	Rental Fee/ Amount
Tim Trusick, Portage Elementary Wrestling	Elementary Wrestling Practice	Wrestling Room	November 16, 2015 – February 20, 2016 M-F 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. S 9:00 am–12:00 pm Sun 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	No Charge
Vanessa Hildebrand, Spinning Sapphires	Dance and Baton Competition	Len Chappell Gymnasium, HS Auditorium, locker rooms and rest rooms	May 1, 2015 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	\$10/hour
Vanessa Hildebrand, Spinning Sapphires	Baton practice	Len Chappell Gymnasium	Dec thru May as available	\$10/hour
Vanessa Hildebrand, Spinning Sapphires	Dance and Baton Competition	Len Chappell Gymnasium, HS Auditorium, locker rooms and rest rooms	March 6, 2015 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	\$10/hour
Rick Alexander	Youth Baseball	Len Chappell Gymnasium	Dec thru Feb as available	No Charge

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION (_____ TO _____)

X. MOTION TO MAKE THE AGENDA PART OF THE MINUTES

Motion _____ Second _____ Vote _____

XI. MOTION SHOULD BE MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING

Motion _____ Second _____ Vote _____

Time: _____