

**PORTAGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
APRIL 10, 2019 6:30 P.M.**

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Portage Area Board of School Directors was called to order. Kathy Hough, board vice 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; Kathy Hough; John Jubina; Christian Smith; Dennis Squillario; Erik Thrower; Eric A. Zelanko, Superintendent of Schools; Ralph J. Cecere, Jr., Junior Senior High School Principal; Christian Serenko, Elementary School Principal; Pete Noel, Supervisor of Special Education; Jeff Vasilko, Business Manager; Dennis Squillario, Esquire, Solicitor and Denise Moschgat, Recording Secretary. Absent was Matthew Decort.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Tammy Rodgers, elementary art teacher, reported to the board on the CCS Art Show which will be held at the Old Log Cabin in Westmont May 5 through 24, 2019. She also noted that the museum offers art camps over the summer for students.

Jennifer Thomas, elementary school teacher, asked the board if any of the members would consider speaking to the elementary students on career day. She asked anyone interested to contact her or Mr. Serenko.

INFORMATION ONLY

- Transfer of professional staff – Mr. Zelanko noted that Kaitlin Cawley will be transferring to a Title position with the 2019-2020 school year. He further noted that they will advertise for an secondary ELA position over the summer.
- Budget Update – Mr. Vasilko provided the board with a detailed budget summary for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Junior High Mountain Conference Wrestling Tournament – The board discussed the wrestling program looking into the possibility of hosting the tournament. They discussed the arrangements that would need to be put in place and all that hosting the tournament would entail.
- Delinquent Tax Collectors – Mr. Zelanko advised the board that he had a meeting with representatives from State Wide Tax Recovery regarding the collection of delinquent earned income taxes. He noted that their rate of recovery is very good and the district would like to switch over to them.

ROUTINE MATTERS

1. IU 08 General Operating Budget – This is a routine matter that the board will consider during the regular meeting.
2. Ignite Agreement – This is a contract renewal. The district currently has one aide through this company.
3. Vo Tech Budget – Mr. Vasilko discussed the budget with the board noting that there was a 3.25% increase over last year.
4. PIAA Official Salary – Mr. Zelanko noted that to keep in line with other districts, the district is asking the board to consider increases to officials' salaries as detailed in the regular agenda.

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PERSONNEL MATTERS (Executive Session if Necessary)

1. Staff resignation/hires – the board briefly discussed the various items in the personnel matters section of the agenda. These items will be considered during the regular meeting.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD

Time: 7:00 p.m.