

**PORTAGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 8, 2015**

<u>Mr. JT Bandzuh</u>	2015_____
<u>Mrs. Cindy Brickley, Secretary</u>	2015_____
<u>Mr. Jason Corte</u>	2017_____
<u>Mr. Matthew Decort</u>	2017_____
<u>Mrs. Kathy Hough, Vice President</u>	2015_____
<u>Mr. John Jubina</u>	2017_____
<u>Mr. Christian Smith</u>	2017_____
<u>Mr. Dennis Squillario, Treasurer</u>	2015_____
<u>Mr. Erik Thrower, President</u>	2015_____
<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. THIRD READING OF PROPOSED NEW DISTRICT POLICY

Policy 819 – Suicide Prevention

V. ROUTINE MATTERS

1. NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next Committee of the Whole Meeting will be held August 5, 2015 beginning at 6:30 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 June board meeting minutes. 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**

Elementary School Principal **Mr. Christian Serenko**

Supervisor of Special Education **Mr. Pete Noel**

School Solicitor **Dennis McGlynn, Esquire**

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Business Administrator **Michael J. Kunko**

4. ARCHITECT APPROVALS FOR PAYMENT

Motion_____Second_____Vote_____ (Roll Call Vote)

The Administration recommends approving the following application for payment which has been reviewed and approved by CJL Engineering, Inc., in regard to the elementary school roof project.

5. APPROVING FEE FOR AMBULANCE COVERAGE FOR HOME FOOTBALL GAMES

Motion_____Second_____Vote_____ (Roll Call Vote)

The Administration recommends approving fees for ambulance coverage during home football games at the following rates:

Varsity football games (One ambulance committed to games)	\$200
Junior varsity and junior high games (one ambulance stand-by at games)	\$50

6. GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR 2015-2016; WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION COVERAGE FOR 2015-2016 AND SCHOOL ACCIDENT INSURANCE FOR 2015-2016

Motion_____Second_____Vote_____ (Roll Call Vote)

Mark Matthews, Agent of Record, recommends the following coverages:

PSBA Trust (Workmen's Coverage)	\$36,779
PSBA Trust (Package)	
• Property	\$30,499
• Crime	\$371
• General Liability	\$11,840
Government Crime	\$1,051
Automobile (PSBA)	\$6,149
Boiler & Machinery	\$3,141
School Leaders' Legal Liability (PSBA)	\$9,226
Excess Liability (PSBA)	\$6,396
Goodwin & Gruber	\$18,196

7. APPROVING REVISIONS TO SCHOOL PROFILE CONFIGURATION FOR EdNAv2

Motion_____Second_____Vote_____

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The Administration recommends approving revisions to the district's school profile configuration on the PDE's Education Names and Addresses site. The revisions are to clarify that the district has a half day K4 program and a full day K5 program and delete from the profile full day K4 and half day K5 programs.

8. APPROVING STUDENT HANDBOOKS

Motion _____ Second _____ Vote _____

The Administration recommends approving the elementary and junior-senior high school handbooks as presented at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

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Motion _____ Second _____ Vote _____

The board RESOLVES to adopt and approve the response and the Corrective Action Plan in regard to the one finding in the Auditor General's audit for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2007 and June 30, 2008.

VI. PERSONNEL MATTERS

1. HIRING A READING SPECIALIST

Motion _____ Second _____ Vote _____
(Roll Call Vote)

The Administration recommends hiring _____ as a full-time permanent reading specialist teacher beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. Salary will be Step ____, with benefits based on the contract between the district and the PAEA.

2. HIRING A READING SPECIALIST

Motion _____ Second _____ Vote _____
(Roll Call Vote)

The Administration recommends hiring _____ as a full-time permanent reading specialist teacher beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. Salary will be Step ____, with benefits based on the contract between the district and the PAEA.

3. HIRING AN ELEMENTARY TEACHER

Motion _____ Second _____ Vote _____
(Roll Call Vote)

The Administration recommends hiring _____ as a full-time permanent elementary teacher beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. Salary will be Step ____, with benefits based on the contract between the district and the PAEA.

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4. HIRING A LEARNING SUPPORT/SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER

Motion_____Second_____Vote_____ (Roll Call Vote)

The Administration recommends hiring _____ as a full-time permanent reading specialist teacher beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. Salary will be Step ____, with benefits based on the contract between the district and the PAEA.

5. HIRING A PARAPROFESSIONAL TEACHERS' AIDE

Motion_____Second_____Vote_____ (Roll Call Vote)

The Administration recommends hiring Glenna Grecek as a paraprofessional teachers' aide beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. Salary will be as outlined in the agreement between the district and the paraprofessionals.

6. APPROVING REQUEST FOR SABBATICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Motion_____Second_____Vote_____

The Administration recommends approving Tina Yingling's request for a sabbatical leave of absence for the 2015-2016 school year, per district policy.

7. ACCEPTING LETTER OF RESIGNATION

Motion_____Second_____Vote_____

The Administration recommends accepting, with regret, the resignation of Carole Conant as a reading specialist. The district further requests permission to advertise this position.

VII. BOARD REQUESTS / USE OF FACILITIES

Motion_____Second_____Vote_____ (Roll Call Vote)

Request for Approved Travel:

Requester	Destination	Date(s)	Approximate Cost
John Smithmyer*	SNAPa Annual Conference in Gettysburg	August 2-5, 2015	\$645.18
Amanda Faight	Attend the 2015 PA Community on Transition Conference in State College	July 22-24, 2015	\$150.00
Amanda Faight	Attend the National Autism Conference in State College	August 3-6, 2015	\$175.00

*Mr. Smithmyer will be able to training the cafeteria staff for the SaveServe certification once he completes this training.

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VIII. MOTION TO MAKE THE AGENDA PART OF THE MINUTES

Motion_____Second_____Vote_____

IX. MOTION SHOULD BE MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING

Motion_____Second_____Vote_____

Time: _____