

**PORTAGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
APRIL 10, 2024 - 6:30 P.M.**

The Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Portage Area Board of School Directors was called to order. Members and others present were: Susan Berardinelli (6:31 p.m.); Jason Corte; Matthew Decort; Kathy Hough; John Jubina; Jacob Myers; Nancy Sherbine; Brian Shope; Christian Smith; Pete Noel, Superintendent of Schools; Jeff Vasilko, Business Manager; Troy Eppley, Director of Special Education; Jeremy Burkett, Junior Senior High School Principal; Jennifer Pisarski, Elementary School Principal; Dennis McGlynn, Esquire and Denise Moschgat, Recording Secretary.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

There were no visitors who wished to speak.

INFORMATION ONLY

1. Staff Transfers. Mr. Noel advised the board of upcoming staff changes and open positions that are to be filled.
2. Stadium project update. Mr. Noel provided the board with an update to the stadium projects.
3. Science curriculum. Mr. Noel reported to the board that Mrs. Mignogna has been looking into a new science curriculum for grades 1-8 for the next school year. Mrs. Mignogna added that she has been looking at the FOSS system. It will most likely be on the May agenda for board consideration.
4. PAES Lab. Mr. Noel reported that our students currently go to the Vo Tech for PAES and the district is looking into operating it's own in house to provide more control over the program and allow for greater access to students. The cost would be approximately the same as it is now with the Vo Tech. This item may be on the May agenda for board consideration.
5. Navigating AI in Education presentation. Mr. Noel provided the board with a flyer for a webinar on this topic and advised them if they wanted to attend to notify Denise and she would register them.

ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Payment Application and Change Order for new locker room project. Mr. Noel reported that these pay apps will be coming through board meetings as the project progresses. He added that the change order is for drinking fountains.
2. Final Payment Application for bleacher rehabilitation project. Mr. Noel reported that the punch list is completed and the board should approve the final payment on the bleacher rehab project. He added that there is nice storage now under the grandstands.

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3. IDEA Funding documents. Mr. Noel advised the board this is a standard procedure for IDEA funding which is funded through the IU08.
4. Student teacher assignments. Mr. Noel told the board that these assignments will take place in the next school year.
5. Adopting district policy. This policy is now ready to be adopted by the board.
6. Special Education Plan. Mr. Noel noted that the plan has moved through the public comment and question period and is now ready to be submitted to the state.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (Executive Session 6:38 p.m. to 7:07 p.m.)

1. Personnel matters as listed on the regular agenda.

BOARD AGENDA REQUEST/USE OF FACILITIES

POINTS OF DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD

1. Volunteer coaches using the fitness center
2. Families of employees using the fitness center
3. Use of facilities by staff members

The board discussed these points of discussion and will open the agenda to add the first one for board consideration.

Time: 7:07 p.m.