

**PORTAGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2022 - 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 president, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. Members and others present were: Susan Berardinelli; Jason Corte; Kathy Hough; John Jubina; Dennis Squillario; Todd Dishong, Superintendent of Schools; Ralph J. Cecere, Jr., Junior Senior High School Principal; Jeff Vasilko, Business Manager; Dennis McGlynn, Esquire and Denise Moschgat, Recording Secretary. Absent were Matthew Decort, Tina Latoche, Christian Smith, Pete Noel and Jennifer Pisarski.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

There were no visitors who wished to speak.

INFORMATION ONLY

There were no items to discuss.

ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Agreements with outside facilities for counseling and other student services. Mr. Cecere reported to the board that Cambria County received a substantial amount of money as a result of the Opioid lawsuit settlement and that money has been earmarked to provide counselling services to school districts. Through the R.E.A.C.H. program, the district will have access to a counselor as well as masters and doctorate level interns. The district will only need to provide them with a confidential space to meet with students. The services will be provided here in the district and students will not need to have health insurance to participate. Because of the proximity of our buildings elementary school students can also be seen. This program will probably begin in mid-November.
2. Contribution to the Portage Volunteer Fire Company. In the past, the district has contributed \$200. The board will consider this matter during the regular meeting.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (Executive Session to be held after the regular meeting.)

1. Personnel matters as listed on the regular agenda. The items listed on the regular agenda were reviewed and will be considering during the regular meeting.

BOARD AGENDA REQUEST/USE OF FACILITIES

POINTS OF DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD

Time: 6.42 p.m.