

**PORTAGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MARCH 16, 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 (6:32 p.m.); Jason Corte; Matthew Decort; Kathy Hough; John Jubina; Tina Latoche; Christian Smith; Dennis Squillario; Eric A. Zelanko, Superintendent of Schools; Pete Noel, Elementary School Principal; Jeff Vasilko, Business Manager; Dennis M. McGlynn, Esquire, Solicitor and Denise Moschgat, Recording Secretary. Absent were Erik Thrower and Ralph Cecere

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

There were no visitors who wished to speak.

INFORMATION ONLY

1. Transportation contract. Mr. Zelanko reported to the board on on-going discussions with Bob Koban at Tri-County Transportation regarding proposed terms of a new transportation contract. Mr. Zelanko noted that he recognizes that costs have gone up and is looking to work out terms that benefit both the district and the transportation company. He hopes that he will be able to bring something to the board at the April meeting. He concluded that TCT has provided excellent service and the best drivers.

ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Piano quotes. Mr. Zelanko noted that this item is back on the agenda for board consideration. Mrs. Hough added that Mr Holyfield feels that the best quote comes from the Piano Guys.
2. Cooperative Agreement with Mount Aloysius. Mr. Zelanko replied that this agreement renewal covers dual enrollment for high school students who wish to earn college credits.
3. Advertise for bids for coal, milk and bread. This is a routine matter for board consideration.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (Executive Session 6:37 p.m. to 7:32 p.m.)

1. Staff matters

BOARD AGENDA REQUEST/USE OF FACILITIES

1. Found and Favored Ministries Request. The board discussed this request and will not take action on it. Mr. Zelanko added that the organization requires more room and amenities, including manpower, than the district can accommodate.

POINTS OF DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD

Time: 7:35 p.m.