

**PORTAGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
OCTOBER 9, 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: Jason Corte; Kathy Hough; John Jubina; Jacob Myers; Nancy Sherbine; Brian Shope; 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. Absent were: Susan Berardinelli, Matthew Decort and Christian Smith.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

There were no visitors who wished to speak.

INFORMATION ONLY

1. Grant update. Mr. Noel reported that we have concluded last year's safety/mental health grants. The DCED grant has been pushed back to October 22 due to the amount of applications and partial awards.
2. PFM bond information. Mr. Noel provided the board with a chart to explain funding options for the district for projects such as sidewalks, boilers, lighting, repointing of the stadium and doors. The amount funded will depend on the grant amount awarded. Mr. Noel advised that he will know more in the upcoming months.
3. Winterizing new locker rooms. Mr. Noel advised the board that after the powder puff game on November 2, Montgomery Bros will come and winterize the new locker rooms. The objective is to learn how to do it so that our maintenance staff can do it next year.
4. Gas line repairs at the elementary school. Mr. Noel reported that the gas company will be out next Monday to fix the gas line.
5. Mustang Family Christmas 2024. Mr. Noel provided an update on the second annual event.

ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Payment application. Mr. Noel noted that this is the final payment application in regard to the new locker room project.
2. Service contract with IU. Mr. Noel advised the board that this agreement will be for the science curriculum review and update.
3. Contribution to the fire company. Annually the district makes a contribution to the fire company in the amount of \$200.
4. Energy Service Company selection. Mr. Noel advised that this is to select a company to do an investment grade audit to provide hard numbers for the boilers, etc.

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5. Student Observers. These are pre-student teachers from various colleges/universities who reach out to Mr. Noel who passes them along to the principals who ask the staff for anyone who would like to supervise.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (Executive Session 6:40 to 7:07 p.m.)

1. Personnel matters as listed on the regular agenda
2. Student issues

BOARD AGENDA REQUEST/USE OF FACILITIES

POINTS OF DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD

Time: 7:07 p.m.