

**PORTAGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2025 - 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; Jason Corte; Matthew Decort; Kathy Hough; John Jubina; Branden Miller; 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.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Steven Lutz and Steven Fuller, residents of the school district addressed the board to ask them to consider reestablishing a junior high wrestling program.

INFORMATION ONLY

1. Update on district website/parent portal. Mr. Noel reported that the transition is progressing and we're almost ready to go. We should be fully using it in March.
2. Current and upcoming audits. Mr. Noel noted that currently the cafeteria is being audited and the ESSER audit is happening tomorrow.

ROUTINE MATTERS

1. IDEA-B Federal Awards. Mr. Noel reported that these are pass through funds which are annually awarded and approved by the board.
2. Single Audit Report. Mr. Noel noted that Cara from Wessel & Company presented the audit report in December and the board will consider approving it in the regular agenda.
3. Fund Transfers. Mr. Vasilko advised the board that because of fund balance limitations will have to move money to assigned fund balances to comply with these regulations.
4. Contribution to the Portage Public Library. Mr. Noel noted that the board annually makes a \$1,200 contribution to the library.

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5. Elementary math series. Mr. Noel reported that this would renew or extend the math series.
6. Solar Site Lease Agreement. Mr. Noel noted that this item was tabled at the December meeting and is therefore on the agenda this month for board consideration.
7. Solar Power Purchase Agreement. Mr. Noel noted that this item was tabled at the December meeting and is therefore on the agenda this month for board consideration.
8. Bond Resolution. Mr. Vasilko reported that this is a necessary step for the financing and that the district could opt for a bank loan with M&T due to favorable interest rates.
9. Land purchase. Mr. Noel reported that as discussed, the district was interested in a parcel of land that would eventually be utilized to house our vehicles.
10. Adopting District policy. The board will consider adopting this policy during the regular meeting.
11. Activities Clubs and Advisors. The board will consider this routine matter during the regular meeting.
12. Student teaching assignment. The board will consider approving this request during the regular meeting.

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PERSONNEL MATTERS (Executive Session 6:49 pm to 7:31 pm)

1. Personnel matters as listed on the regular agenda
2. Other matters as permitted under the Sunshine Act.

BOARD AGENDA REQUEST/USE OF FACILITIES

POINTS OF DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD

Time: 7:31 pm