

**PORTAGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MARCH 12, 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; 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. Absent were Matthew Decort and Jacob Myers

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

There were no visitors who wished to speak.

INFORMATION ONLY

1. Dust collector unit at high school. Mr. Noel reported that the unit has needed repair for some time and that we will be getting a quote for repairs.
2. Ambulance services for 2025-2026 football season. Mr. Noel reported that he has spoken with Forest Hills Ambulance Association to cover football games for the upcoming seasons. He will be meeting with them next week and hopes to get a contract for board approval in April.
3. Kick off meeting for boiler project. Mr. Noel reported that there will be a kick off meeting with the project manager on March 25. The goal is to have this project completed in July.
4. Update on solar project. Mr. Noel reported that a survey crew was out recently to look at the site. They will be coming back to complete their work.

ROUTINE MATTERS

1. Boiler project payment. Mr. Noel noted that this payment is for 30% of the project.
2. IU8 General Operating Budget. Mr. Noel reported that this is an annual line item for the board's consideration.

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3. Safety Consulting Agreement. Mr. Noel reported that this is a renewal of the agreement for board consideration. He further noted that the fee is paid through a grant.
4. Board Affirmation Statement. Mr. Noel reported that this is for the district's comprehensive plan and once signed it will be uploaded to the PDE.
5. School Nurse software. Mr. Noel noted that this software will replace the current software the nurses are using. It will integrate better with our student information system and it less expensive.
6. Heating/cooling system at locker rooms. Mr. Noel discussed the installation of a heating/cooling system at the stadium locker rooms quote from McCarl's for the board's consideration.
7. Annual agreements. Mr. Noel reported that these are annual agreements for board consideration.
8. MOU with the PAEA. Mr. Noel noted that this MOU pertains to adding to the list of approved providers for 403(b)/tax shelter annuities for staff members to chose from.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (Executive Session 6:36 p.m. to 7:03 p.m.)

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: 7:03 p.m.