

**PORTAGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
APRIL 13, 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; Matthew Decort; Kathy Hough; John Jubina; Tina Latoche; Christian Smith; Dennis Squillario; Todd Dishong, Superintendent-Elect of Schools; Ralph J. Cecere, Jr., Junior Senior High School Principal; Jeff Vasilko, Business Manager; Dennis McGlynn, Esquire and Denise Moschgat, Recording Secretary. Absent was Eric Zelanko and Pete Noel.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

There were no visitors who wished to speak.

INFORMATION ONLY

1. Kyle Fritz from The EADS Group addressed the board concerning the football stadium grandstands. He provided the board with options for either rehabilitating or replacing the deteriorating section of the grandstands with costs estimates and the pros and cons of each option. Based on their preliminary inspection and observations, the EADS Group recommended closing the middle section of the grandstands as well as the locker rooms until work is completed. The board will consider this project at a later date.

ROUTINE MATTERS

1. IU 08 General Operating Budget for 2022-2023. Mrs. Hough noted that she could not attend the last meeting but that this is a routine matter that the board will consider during the regular meeting.
2. IU 08 Substitute Teaching Consortium renewal. Mrs. Hough reported that this is a routine matter to be considered during the regular meeting.
3. Replacing the fire alarm panel in the high school. Mr. Vasilko stated that the current panel is going bad and needs replaced. It will be a CoStars project.
4. Advertising for bids for cafeteria items. Mr. Vasilko stated that the numbers in the cafeteria are looking good and these upgrades will be close to the last in the high school.
5. Agreement with Peerstar, LLC. Mr. Vasilko reported to the board that this is a routine matter and that the district would incur no costs unless they place a student in the program.
6. School calendars. The 21-22 calendar has been revised to reflect three snow days. The 22-23 calendar is presented for consideration during the regular meeting.
7. Graduation. Mr. Cecere noted that graduation will be in the auditorium considering the condition of the grandstands at the stadium.

PERSONNEL MATTERS (Executive Session 6:45 p.m. to 7:26 p.m.)

1. Staff matter
2. Student matter
3. Personnel matters

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BOARD AGENDA REQUEST/USE OF FACILITIES

POINTS OF DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD

Time: 7:26 p.m.