

# **PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

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January 8, 2018

Gerstenkorn Administration Building

## **School Board Meeting - Minutes**

1. 1.1 Call to Order - Open Meeting Declaration - Roll Call  
The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. and declared an open meeting by President Steve Pate. Roll Call – Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Brown – yes, Pate – yes.
- 1.2 Board Members Present: Pate, Reckling, Shlimovitz, Brown (by phone), and Foster. Student Representative: Aaron Jacobson. Board Members Absent: Edwards, Garrigan.
- 1.3 Administrators Present: Poches, Rudolph, Hibner, Meyer, Thistle, Conner, Messer, Kvalo, Haak, Rueth, Paulsen, Wolfe.
- 1.4 Media Present: Daily Register
- 1.5 Guests Present: Rich Hemler, Ryan Hansen, Ben King, Kevin Zarecki, Karin Exo, Tom Pinion, Thom Wielgus, Tim Bressers, Kelli Fritz, Miranda Shanks, Logan Slama, Jacob VanWormer, Bo Owen, Mike Hurd, Bob Hepp, Sharon Kibby, and Jenny Karpelenia.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Motion by Foster, second by Brown to approve the agenda as amended (adding payment of monthly bills under Finance Committee). Roll Call – Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Brown – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 5-0.
4. Board Updates
  - A. Student Representative Report – Aaron Jacobson discussed upcoming events at the high school.
  - B. Greater Portage Youth Education Foundation – GPYEF President Tim Bressers discussed the Foundation’s vision for 2018, ways to increase grant support to teachers and efforts to increase scholarship opportunities.
  - C. High School STEM Academy – STEM teachers and students discussed about what the program entails at PHS and how the students learn various subjects in a hands-on environment.
  - D. Elementary Attendance Update – Salina Thistle and Jason Meyer presented the Board with a progress report on their building-level efforts to increase student attendance.
  - E. Administrative Reports – Tim Rueth said he has also been working with his staff to increase attendance at BMS. The Family and Consumer Science class conducted mock interviews with other district staff. Sue Conner said the district’s communication committee has its next assignment to set goals and objectives. Robin Kvalo said finals are coming up. The collaborative STEM enterprises are working on projects. Matt Paulsen said scheduling is underway at PHS. PAA is conducting interviews for new students. The sharing supper is the last Monday of the month at BMS. Barb Wolfe said the district has some new students enrolling. She is tracking some of the new processes districts are expected to follow. Tim Haak provided a winter sports update. Salina Thistle said 6 million pop tabs have been collected so far towards a student project to support Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin.

Endeavor's PTO is hosting this month's sharing supper on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Jason Meyer said John Muir students and staff are preparing for winter assessments and the NBC 15 School Shout Outs.

5. Public Comments – none.

6. Action Items

A. Motion by Reckling, second by Foster to approve the consent agenda (minutes) as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Brown – yes, Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 5-0.

7. Committee Reports

A. Motion by Foster, second by Reckling to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Report (Monthly Bills, District Audit Contract, Beverage Sales and Vending Agreement, September membership report revision, Budget Transfer, and Gifts to the District) as presented. Roll Call – Brown – yes, Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 5-0.

**December 2017**

Fund 10	\$1,922,126.32
Fund 27	\$240,716.97
<u>Fund 50</u>	<u>\$87,516.48</u>
Total Expenditures	\$2,250,359.77

B. Motion by Reckling, second by Shlimovitz to approve the Strategic Planning Committee report (no action) as presented. Roll Call – Brown – yes, Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 5-0.

C. Motion by Foster, second by Reckling to approve the Athletic Committee report (PHS Ice Fishing Club) as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Reckling – yes, Brown – yes, Foster – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 5-0.

D. Motion by Foster, second by Reckling to approve the Personnel Committee report (Resignations/Retirements- Tammy Wood, Aide-4.75 hrs/day, Lewiston; Angela Zarecki, Cross-Categorical Teacher, Rusch (pending the hiring of a suitable replacement); Kerry Melby, Health Education Teacher/Assistant Dean, Middle School; Kylee McWilliams, Copy Center Student Assistant, Hires- Rochelyn DeYoung, 3 hrs/day Food Service, Middle School; Permission to Post- Aide-4.75 hrs/day, Lewiston, Cross-Categorical Teacher, Rusch Copy Center Student Assistant 3 hrs/day and emergency license loans) as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – no, Reckling – yes, Brown – yes, Foster – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 4-1.

E. F. Motion by Reckling, second by Foster to approve the new course request and Fresh Start contract as presented. Roll Call – Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Brown – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 5-0.

G. Motion by Foster, second by Reckling to approve the open enrollment capacity report as presented. Roll Call – Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Brown – yes, Foster – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 5-0.

8. Motion by Reckling, second by Foster to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. Sec. 19.85(1)(c) for consideration and review of performance evaluation data regarding District Administrator employment and consideration of District Administrator

employment/contract at 8:03 p.m. Roll Call –Brown – yes, Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Pate –yes. Motion carried: 5-0.

9. Motion by Reckling, second by Brown to return to open session at 8:35 p.m. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Brown – yes, foster –yes, Reckling – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion by Foster, second by Shlimovitz to accept the terms of the resignation of Dr. Charles Poches. Roll Call – Reckling – yes, Foster – yes, Brown – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 5-0.

10. Motion by Reckling, second by Brown to adjourn at 8:39 p.m. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Brown – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 5-0.

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Recording Secretary

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