

PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Portage, WI 53901

October 10, 2016

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 6:34 p.m. and declared an open meeting by President Matt Foster. Roll Call – Pate – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Foster – yes.
 - 1.2 Board Members Present: Pate, Reckling, Garrigan, Shlimovitz, Brown, Edwards, and Foster and Student Representative Erin Kibby. Board Members Absent: None.
 - 1.3 Administrators Present: Poches, Rudolph, Hibner, Messer, Thistle, Paulsen, Meyer, Haak, Kvalo, Wolfe, Conner, Meicher.
 - 1.4 Media Present: Daily Register
 - 1.5 Guests Present: Michael Wohlfert, Colleen Jamison, Joe Pease and Karen Meierdirk.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
 3. Motion by Pate, second by Garrigan to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call – Pate – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Brown –yes, Edwards – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
 4. Public Input
 1. None
 5. Board Updates/Committee Reports
 - A. Student Council Representative Report – Erin Kibby said homecoming week went well. Pink Ribbon Angels of Columbia County will benefit from the fundraising done during the week.
 - B. Seclusion and Restraint Report – Barb Wolfe presented the report.
 - C. Criteria for Success - Matt Paulsen, Joe Pease and Karen Meierdirk of the Portage Academy of Achievement presented an overview of the PAA’s history, objectives, highlights and goals.
 6. Action Items
 - A. Motion by Edwards, second by Pate to approve the previous meeting minutes from September 12th as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
 - B. 1. Motion by Garrigan, second by Pate to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Report excluding Check #309840, Check #161700042 and School Perceptions Survey (Monthly Bills - Checks #309600-309829, 309841-310018, 161700028-161700041, 161700043-161700053, Stadium Sound System, Bus Ridership and Routing, Special Education Assistant Job Description Revision, Membership Counts (Summer and September), Gifts to the District, and Field Trip Request) as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate –yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz –yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried 7-0.
 - 2a. Motion by Reckling, second by Edwards to approve the payment of Monthly Bills, Check 309840 as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – abstain, Foster – yes. Motion carried 6-0 with 1 abstaining.
 - 2b. Motion by Reckling, second by Pate to approve the payment of Monthly Bills, Check 161700042 as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – abstain, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried 6-0 with 1 abstaining.

2c. Motion by Reckling, second by Pate to approve the School Perceptions survey contract at a cost of up to \$6000. Roll Call – Garrigan – no, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – no, Foster – yes. Motion carried 5-2.

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Fund 10	\$1,863,039.12
Fund 27	\$168,717.58
Fund 50	\$66,730.58

Total September Expenditures \$2,098,487.28

- C. Motion by Edwards, second by Shlimovitz to approve the FFA field trip request as presented. Roll Call – Pate – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried 7-0.
 - D. Motion by Brown, second by Edwards to approve the Curriculum/Co-Curricular Committee report as presented. Roll Call – Brown – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Garrigan – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried 7-0.
 - E. Motion by Reckling, second by Shlimovitz to approve the expansion of the immunization exclusion as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Pate – yes, Reckling – yes, Edwards – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Foster- yes. Motion carried 7-0.
 - F. Motion by Pate, second by Shlimovitz to approve the personnel as presented – (Hires- Amanda Thiele, Teacher’s Aide, Middle School, Jenni Paske, 5.75 hr/day Spec. Ed. Aide, Woodridge; Coaches- Brian Conner; 8th Grade Boys Basketball, Rob Duley, Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach; Leave of Absence/Extension Requests - Sandy Stanley – Extension, Amanda Thiele, Sarah Beaulieu) as presented. Roll call – Shlimovitz – yes, Brown – yes, Reckling – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Garrigan – yes, Foster – yes. Motion passed: 7-0.
 - G. Motion by Edwards, second by Brown to approve the 2017-2018 school calendar amendment as amended (with full day in-service 11-27-17). Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Brown – yes, Reckling – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Garrigan – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
 - H. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Pate to approve the special board meeting for October 24th at 6 p.m. as presented. Roll Call – Brown – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Edwards –yes, Pate – yes, Garrigan – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
7. A. Administrators’ Reports – Tim Haak said soccer lights were installed last week and should be tested this week. Fall sports are winding down. Robin Kvalo talked about her trip to the National Principals of the Year program, including legislative meetings and collaborating with other principals. Homecoming was a great week with a lot of spirit and participation. Barb Wolfe said the department had training on dealing with students with significant behavioral issues. She attended the National/State conference and found many of the topics and issues being consistent across the country. Bob Meicher said dance attendance has increased and the behavior has been great. They are planning their next courage retreat day. They have had very productive early release days this year. They received \$800 in school supplies to start off the school year. Sue Conner said the SLATE conference is coming up. The recent Business Education Conference included presentations regarding Clarity data and the PHS iTeam. Larry Messer said work is still being done to repair lightening damage at Rusch, including three controllers for heating and cooling. New boilers at the middle school are coming online. Jason Meyer said the first month of school went very smoothly with no referrals as they focus on “What I Need” time with interventions. Matt Paulsen said the Portage Sharing Supper is October 31st at BMS. A total of 185 people attended in September. The CTE dinner is coming up and will focus on youth apprenticeships. Salina Thistle thanked the Portage and Endeavor-Moundville Fire Departments for their recent visits to buildings to teach students

about fire prevention. Jane Hemming's class from PHS is partnering to send high school helpers to Woodridge. Parent-teacher conferences had great participation. They are conducting a climate survey at all elementary schools. She is appreciative of the family support at both buildings. Peter Hibner said the fall testing would be complete this Friday. The school report card results are embargoed until November. He has been meeting with teachers during elementary grade level math meetings. Margaret Rudolph said on October 19th, there will be both Personnel and Building Trades committee meetings.

B. District Administrator's Report – Charles Poches thanked the board members for their commitment to the district in honor of School Board Week and talked about the WASB state convention in January (Robin Kvalo and Steve Pate to be honored).

8. Motion by Reckling, second by Brown to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

District Secretary