

PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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October 9, 2017

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 (left at 6:50 p.m.), Brown, Edwards (arrived at 6:40 p.m.) and Foster. Student Representative: Mackenzie Rietmann. Board Members Absent: Garrigan.
 - 1.3 Administrators Present: Poches, Hibner, Schoenborn, Meyer, Messer, Conner, Kvalo, Rueth, Wolfe.
 - 1.4 Media Present: Daily Register
 - 1.5 Guests Present: Charlotte Doro, Tim Drager, Christine Robinson, Annabelle Luschei, Michael Parise, Kerry Melby, Molly Voigt, Natalie Weidner, Riley Wood, Ruby Vanetta and Ruby Atkinson, others.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
 3. Motion by Foster, second by Reckling to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call – Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Brown – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 5-0.
 4. Board Updates
 - A. Student Representative Report Mackenzie Rietmann provided a wrap-up of homecoming events including new activities on Friday and the various buildings being included in the homecoming parade.
 - C. Christina Robinson shared highlights from her summer school class.
 - B. Tim Rueth with BMS staff and students shared an overview of the many student groups available at BMS, including Art club, yearbook, STARS, Island Science, FFA, HOSA, Battle of the Books, Jazz and Swing Choir, Garden Club, sports and more.
 - D. Administrative Reports – Tim Rueth said the start to the year at BMS is going well and they have been focusing on increasing student achievement and attendance. Homecoming went well. Larry Messer said the end of fall sports means winterizing facilities. Several district staff members participated in safety training at Divine Savior Hospital. Nikki Schoenborn said staffing restructuring has created opportunities for systems to be in place to better support teachers and students. Jason Meyer said John Muir staff is making gains on attendance. The Color Run was a great event and they are shifting their attention to the sock hop and family fun night. Sue Conner said the ITAB will meet next Monday. The first step of the clarity survey is complete. Robin Kvalo said the no-cell phone policy is going well. She is looking forward to having students, staff and families meet on October 18th to learn more about the impact cell phones have on our society. Matt Paulsen and Brad Meixner have been working on attendance. The German exchange students will arrive soon for the 42nd year of the program. Barb Wolfe presented the seclusion/restraint report including 47 students being secluded or restrained down from 64 the year prior. In-service training of trauma-informed schools is going well. Peter Hibner discussed the fall screening. Charles Poches provided an overview of upcoming events including the WASB Region 10 meeting and the legal conference. He expressed appreciation for all seven board members as part of School Board Appreciation week last week.
 5. Public Comments – none.

6. Action Items
 A. Motion by Brown, second by Foster to approve the consent agenda (minutes) as presented. Roll Call – Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 5-0.
7. Committee Reports
 A. Motion by Reckling, second by Edwards to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Report (payment of monthly bills except checks 312591 and 312769, Membership Reports-Summer School and September Membership, Policy 4800 System of Accounting revision, Policy 5530 Lending of District-Owned Equipment revision, 2018-19 School Calendar, Budget Transfer, Gifts to the District). Roll Call –Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 5-0.

September 2017

Fund 10	\$1,886,697.21
Fund 27	\$354,222.10
<u>Fund 50</u>	<u>\$83,726.53</u>
Total Expenditures	\$2,324,645.84

- A.1. Motion by Reckling, second by Brown to approve the 2018-2019 District Calendar with graduation on Friday evening. Roll Call – Reckling – yes, Edwards – yes, Brown – yes, Foster – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 5-0.
- B. Motion by Foster, second by Brown to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee report – payment of checks 312591 and 312769 as presented. Roll Call – Brown – yes, Edwards – abstain, Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Pate – yes, Motion carried: 4-0 with one abstaining.
- C. D. E. Motion by Edwards, second by Brown to approve the Curriculum/Co-Curricular, Safety and Strategic Planning committee reports (no action items in committees) as presented. Roll Call – Reckling – yes, Edwards – yes, Brown – yes, Foster – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 5-0.
- F. Motion by Foster, second by Edwards to approve the Personnel/Negotiations Committee report (Hire- Janelle Schmidke, Special Ed. Paraprofessional, Rusch, Resignations/Retirements- Kay Crawford, Educational Assistant, BMS, Rebecca Pfile, Educational Assistant, Endeavor, Permission to Post- BMS Assistant, Endeavor Assistant, 5-hour Copy Center Specialist, 4-hour Deliver/Copy Center Specialist, Coaches- Tim Belleau, Freshman Girls Basketball, Fritz Hammer, 8th Grade-B Team Girls Basketball, Ryan Hansen, 7th Grade-A Team Girls Basketball, Paul Herrick, Co-coach for 7th Grade-B Team Girls Basketball, Taa Egli, Co-coach for 7th Grade-B Team Girls Basketball, Kody Brost, Freshman Boys basketball) as presented. Roll Call – Edwards – yes, Brown – yes, Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 5-0.
- G. Motion by Reckling, second by Foster to approve special board meeting for October 23rd as presented. Roll Call – Edwards – yes, Brown – yes, Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 5-0.
- H. Motion by Brown, second by Foster to approve the FFA field trip request to the national conference as presented. Roll Call – Brown – yes, Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 5-0.
8. Motion by Reckling, second by Foster to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Roll Call – Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 5-0.

 Recording Secretary

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