

## PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Portage, WI 53901

November 9, 2015

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 6:32 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, Foster, and Student Representative Grace Wilson. Board Members Absent: None.
- 1.3 Administrators Present: Poches, Hibner, Rudolph, Haak, Meyer, Kvalo, Conner, Wolfe, Paulsen, Messer, Meicher, Thistle, Schoenborn.
- 1.4 Media Present: Daily Register
- 1.5 Guests Present: Lisa Roche, Lori Burbach, Jen Martens
  
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
  
3. Motion by Edwards, second by Shlimovitz 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 Report – Grace Wilson said the student council’s blood drive collected 69 pints. The council is preparing for a leadership conference next week as well as Secret Santa for staff. The council hosted meals for staff during parent teacher conferences.
  - B. Creative Arts Festival – Jen Martens shared highlights from the first ever Portage Community School District Creative Arts Festival for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students to explore a variety of art activities.
  - C. Elementary Guidance Update – Lori Burbach and Lisa Roche presented information on how students at the elementary level are learning self-regulation methods as part of their social emotional learning skills.
  - D. 2016 Referendum Presentation – Charles Poches and Peter Hibner presented an overview of the 2016 referendum, the district’s referendum history and what this referendum will mean for residents.
  
6. Action Items
  - A. Motion by Reckling, second by Garrigan to approve the previous meeting minutes from October 12<sup>th</sup> and October 19<sup>th</sup> as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Brown – abstain, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Reckling, – yes, Garrigan – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 6-0 with one abstention.
  - B. 1. Motion by Pate, second by Garrigan to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Report segments including: the Monthly Bills- Checks 306362-306631, 306633-306718, 306721-306847, & 306849-306904, Revised Budget and Budget Transfers, Portage Warrior Athletics Light and Water the Field Project, Policy Review Company, and Gifts to the District as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate –yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz –no, Foster – yes. Motion carried 6-1.

2. Motion by Reckling, second by Pate to approve Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Report segment Monthly Bills- Checks #306632 and #306848 as presented. Roll Call – Brown – yes, Reckling - yes, Edwards – abstain, Pate – yes, Garrigan – abstain, Shlimovitz – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried 5-0 with two abstentions.

**October 2015**

10 Fund \$1,721,648.82

27 Fund \$417,767.99

50 Fund \$100,437.14

Total October Expenditures \$2,239,853.95

- C. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Brown to approve the Curriculum/Co-Curricular report (including STEM Manufacturing New Course Proposal and Health 21 Online Resource) 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 Edwards, second by Shlimovitz to approve the personnel (Hires- Nick Sainsbury, Light Maintenance/Buildings and Grounds, District, Samantha Dixon, 3-hour server, TBD, Jacqueline Gonzalez Mahr, ESL Teacher, District, Retirement, Shari Rataczak, Custodian, High School, Resignation- Ashley Meeks, Teacher’s Aide, Endeavor, Permission to Post- Custodian, Assignment TBD, Endeavor Teacher’s Aide, Coaches- Dan Kremer, Volunteer Wrestling Coach, Middle School, Donn Trinrud, Football Varsity Assistant Coach, High School, Co-Curricular Contracts- Ann Soderman, Chemical Hygiene, Individual Mentor 1st year, High School, Mark Hoffmann, FFA, Middle School, Erin Wheelock, German Club, High School, Holden Pratt, FBLA Asst. Advisor, High School, Jennifer Martens, Individual Mentor 1st year, John Muir, Jesse Huset, Individual Mentor 1st year, Robotics, High School, Holly Atkinson, Drama Director (Musical), High School, Michelle Doherty, German Exchange Coordinator, High School, Jan Imhoff, Building Technology Coordinator, High School, Bill Gill, Building Technology Coordinator, High School) as presented. Roll Call – Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Brown – yes, Garrigan – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
- E. Motion by Reckling, second by Brown to approve the Resolution authorizing the school district budget to exceed revenue limit by \$2,600,000 per year for five years for non-recurring purposes. as presented. Roll call – Edwards – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Pate – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
- F. Motion by Reckling, second by Edwards to approve the Resolution providing for a referendum election on the question of the approval of a resolution authorizing the school district budget to exceed revenue limit by \$2,600,000 per year for five years for non-recurring purposes as presented. Roll call – Pate – yes, Brown – yes, Garrigan – yes, Reckling – yes, Edwards – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
- G. Motion by Brown, second by Edwards to approve the policy first readings and revisions (Policy 310N-District Registrar (1st Reading), Policy 396-Portage Academy Teaching Assistant (1st Reading), Policy 394-Interventionist Assistant (1st Reading), Policy 310E-Elementary Administrative Assistant (Revision), Policy 371-Head Cook (Revision), Policy 372-Kitchen Cook (Revision), Policy 373 Satellite Kitchen Service (Revision), Policy 376-Lunch Administrative Assistant (Revision), Policy 390-Regular Education Classroom Assistant (Revision), Policy 391- Title One Classroom Assistant (Revision) ) as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
- H. Motion by Reckling, second by Brown to approve the board resolution in opposition to proposed legislation restricting school districts’ ability to seek a referendum as presented. Roll Call – Edwards –yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Pate – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
7. A. Administrators’ Reports –Bob Meicher discussed the fall concert and a planned trip to Kalahari on the next early release day. Tim Haak said winter sports are starting. Matt Paulsen discussed 93% of students in 1st quarter had 0-1 office referral at the high school. He said eight new students at

PAA are in new interview selections, and all PAA students are doing well, with two graduates so far this year. Also mentioned Portage Sharing Supper November 30 at BMS 5:00-6:30. Salina Thistle said Nov. 11- Veteran's day program at 9am in the library (Endeavor) and Sue Johnson will attend a ceremony in Stevens Point - Endeavor is receiving a Rural School Grant for \$500 to buy books to hand out at the Sharing Suppers with Sharon Trecek, upcoming parent-teacher conferences and the Scholastic Book Fair, Nov. 24th is a Family Literacy Night at Endeavor from 5-6, Nov. 18 is the Sharing supper at Endeavor, Nov. 25 First grade students at Woodridge are having a "Charlie Brown style" thanksgiving feast. Barb Wolfe said a new BMS/PHS guidance counselor has been hired and will be starting soon. The special education department is conducting a self-audit. A Medicaid reimbursement audit is also underway. Sue Conner attended the WISPR Conference. They are working on a clarity survey to assess student use of technology. Robin Kvalo thanked the board members for their support of the German exchange program. She had 90 students visit five manufacturers in the county. Emily McAleavey received an award at the Wisconsin World Language Conference. Portage Prep students visited Madison College. They are sending postcards to students who had a positive first quarter at PHS. Cabaret showcased a number of talented choral students in the district. The students and staff are preparing for the Veteran's Day program. Nikki Schoenborn said her students and staff have been concentrating on acts and lessons involving being good citizens. Lewiston had a tremendous Veteran's Day program. Lewiston students and staff also recognized pancreatic cancer awareness. They are collecting soda can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Jason Meyer said they are celebrating their Growth Mindset progress. Staff members are gearing up for conferences. The reading committee is organizing staff dressing up as their favorite characters. Staff members also participated in mental wellness training. Margaret Rudolph said the district's staff bowling league just wrapped up and it was fun for all involved.

B. Director of Instructional Services' Report – Peter Hibner discussed the district's selection of CESA 6 as the provider for the Educator Effectiveness was a good one.

C. District Administrator's Report – Charles Poches discussed the Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance conference he attended last week. Fred Reckling will be a member of the Board of Directors for WiRSA next year. Next week is National Public Education Week. Several administrators will be attending the Boardman/Clark legal conference next week.

8. Motion by Reckling, second by Garrigan 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.

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District Secretary