

PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Portage, WI 53901

December 14, 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 6:34 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, Foster, and Student Representative Rachel Hicks. 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: Sue Cadwell, Ryan Hansen, Dave Schmitz, Jody Steinhaus and Jolene Routson.
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 – Rachel Hicks said the student council has been busy preparing for another blood drive, collecting toys for a toy drive, and Secret Santa. The student council teamed up with FBLA to provide water bottle dispensers for the high school.
 - B. College Preparatory Math Presentation – Dave Schmitz, Ryan Hansen and Sue Cadwell gave the board an overview of the CPM curriculum and what the changes have meant for students and staff.
 - C. Endeavor Elementary School National Blue Ribbon Award Update – Jody Steinhaus and Jolene Routson shared their experiences traveling to Washington, D.C., to receive the Blue Ribbon Award.
 - D. 2016-2017 Building Trades Program – Steve Pate said he was looking for board input into the development of next year’s lot for Building Trades so students could begin the new house design component of the program. The board’s consensus is to build on Lot 1 next school year.
 6. Action Items
 - A. Motion by Brown, second by Garrigan to approve the previous meeting minutes from November 9th 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 Edwards to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Report segments including: the Monthly Bills, Checks 306719-307061, 307109-307156, 307158-307315, & 201500093-2015000102, Membership Revision, and Gifts to the District as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz –yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried 7-0.
 2. Motion by Pate, second by Garrigan to approve Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Report segment Monthly Bills- Check #307157 as presented. Roll Call – Brown –

yes, Reckling - yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Garrigan – yes, Shlimovitz – abstain, Foster – yes. Motion carried 6-0 with one abstention.

November 2015

10 Fund	\$1,790,551.97
27 Fund	\$250,981.38
<u>50 Fund</u>	<u>\$91,676.81</u>

Total November Expenditures \$2,133,210.16

- C. Curriculum/Co-Curricular Committee report contained no action items.
- D. Motion by Edwards, second by Brown to approve the personnel (Retirement- JoAnn Armson, Head Volleyball Coach, High School, Resignation- Matt Gaffney, JV Wrestling Coach, High School, Ann Weaver, Food Service 3.5 hrs/day, High School, Permission to Post- High School Food Service, Coaches- Dustan Garrigan, JV Wrestling Coach, High School, Nick Kovalaski, Volunteer Curling Coach, High School, Co-Curricular Contracts- Barb Church, Costume Director (Musical), High School, Nathan Booth, Asst. Director (Musical), High School, Nathan Russell, Asst. Director (Musical), 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 Pate, second by Shlimovitz to approve the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 school calendars as presented. Roll call – Pate – yes, Brown – yes, Garrigan – yes, Reckling – yes, Edwards – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
- F. Motion by Reckling, second by Brown to approve the 2015-2016 District Crisis Plan as presented. Roll call – Shlimovitz – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
- G. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Edwards to approve the policy second readings and revisions (Policy 310N-District Registrar (2nd Reading), Policy 396-Portage Academy Teaching Assistant (2nd Reading), Policy 394-Interventionist Assistant (2nd Reading), Policy 510 – Portage High School Graduation Requirements (Revision)) as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Reckling – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
- H. Motion by Garrigan, second by Pate to approve the board commendations 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 – Barb Wolfe said the new ELL staff member has started. Salina Thistle said Endeavor had 100% attendance at parent-teacher conferences and Woodridge had above 90% attendance. Endeavor families were surveyed about the balanced school year proposal. The holiday programs are fast approaching. Matt Paulsen said the Portage Sharing Supper has been moved to Dec. 21st. PAA interviews for four prospective students will be held Jan. 6th. Jason Meyer said this year’s holiday program at John Muir was a huge success. Other day-to-day successes include 9300 books read so far this school year, a focus on self-control for students and teacher effectiveness. Bob Meicher said many middle school students are performing at Tivoli. He also discussed the \$10,000 grant written by Jessica Brown for her efforts for the Day of Code. Preparations are underway for the talent show. Robin Kvalo said post-secondary night was a success and the winter band concert was wonderful. She is looking forward to the winter choir concert. The finishing touches are being put on next year’s course book. She attended the SLATE conference with Sue Conner and several staff members. Larry Messer said he is loving the lack of snow. Sue Conner said the computer science group did a great job for the Hour of Code activities. She enjoyed the SLATE conference and is assisting Portage athletics with their social media efforts. Nikki Schoenborn said she is looking forward to Lewiston’s holiday program and Rusch’s in January. Students at Lewiston and Rusch have been busy caroling at Tivoli, Heritage House and their buddy families. A focus has been on staff well-being and working with new staff to make them feel welcomed. Summer School will have the same routine and schedule. Tim Haak said bases are going

in Jan. 11th for the lighting project on the athletic fields. The Badger Conference alignment will remain the same. He is looking forward to live streaming athletic events in the near future.

B. Director of Instructional Services' Report – Peter Hibner said changes at the federal level regarding student achievement will hopefully mean the return of more local control for school districts. The ACT results are still embargoed.

C. Board President's Report – Matt Foster said he is looking for a board member interested in serving on the environmental education committee. He would like to see board policies reviewed by the administrators responsible for the respective topics as Neola begins to review them.

D. District Administrator's Report – Charles Poches said it is a very busy time of year. Several bills are the subject of public hearings at the state level, including a bill meant to restrict referendums by school districts, as well as a licensure bill that expands previous changes to business education and family and consumer education. Another bill being discussed would include crime data as part of a school district's report card.

8. Motion by Reckling, second by Shlimovitz to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Foster- yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

District Secretary