

PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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February 12, 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, Garrigan – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes.
- 1.2 Board Members Present: Pate, Reckling, Garrigan, Shlimovitz, Brown, Edwards and Foster. Student Representative: Aaron Jacobson.
- 1.3 Administrators Present: Poches, Rudolph, Hibner, Meyer, Thistle, Conner, Messer, Kvalo, Haak, Schoenborn, Rueth, Paulsen, Wolfe.
- 1.4 Media Present: Daily Register
- 1.5 Guests Present: Amanda MacLeish

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Motion by Foster, second by Shlimovitz to approve the agenda as presented. Roll Call – Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

4. Board Updates
 - A. Student Representative Report – Aaron Jacobson discussed upcoming events at the high school, including the upcoming Student Council/GSA dance, Marsh Madness, ACT testing and honor society induction ceremonies (National, Spanish and German.) FBLA has 37 students moving on to State contests.
 - B. Administrative Reports – Administrative Reports – Robin Kvalo said PHS students and staff are busy with ACT preparation. She recently attended the AWSA State Conference where the focus was on school culture. Tim Haak provided a summary of upcoming athletic events. Nikki Schoenborn shared the AGR winter data update with the board. Rusch staff is volunteering at Culver's to raise funds for the book room. Rusch and Lewiston students and staff are preparing for the Forward exam. Lewiston's 5th grade class met reading goals and had a lunch celebration. Salina Thistle said 200 people attended Donut Day. Preparations are underway for Read Across America. March 1st is Reading and Math Fun night and March 8th is Muffins in the Morning. Jason Meyer said John Muir students are making some gains on attendance and students were featured on NBC 15's School Shout Outs. Tim Rueth also attended the AWSA State Conference. February 20th BMS will host an honor roll and improvement breakfast. Scheduling and schedule restructuring is in the works for next school year. Sue Conner said preparations are underway to continue to improve the district's online registration process. Digital Learning Day is coming up. Matt Paulsen said he attended the assistant principals' conference where mental health was a main focus. The sharing supper at BMS continues to host 150-175 people each month.

5. Public Comments – Amanda MacLeish shared her support for the idea of creating a drama instructor/auditorium manager position.

6. Action Items
 - A. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Foster to approve the consent agenda (minutes) as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – abstain, Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – abstain, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 5-0 with two abstaining.
7. Committee Reports
 - A. Motion by Garrigan, second by Edwards to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Report (Monthly Bills, June 30, 2017 District Audit, Building Trades 17-18 House Listing, Copy Machine Maintenance Agreement, Wisconsin Deferred Compensation Program and Resolution for Inclusion Under the State of WI Deferred Compensation Program, January Membership Report amended September and January Reports, Budget Transfer, Gifts to the District and Field Trip) as presented. Roll Call – Reckling – yes, Brown – yes, Garrigan – yes, Edwards – yes, Foster – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

January 2018

Fund 10	\$2,045,705.05
Fund 27	\$503,750.73
<u>Fund 50</u>	<u>\$97,068.78</u>
Total Expenditures	\$2,646,524.56

- B. Motion by Foster, second by Garrigan to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee report- payment of Check 313555 as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – abstain, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 6-0 with one abstaining.
 - C. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Edwards to approve the Curriculum/Co-Curricular Committee report as presented. Roll Call – Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Foster – yes, Garrigan – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
 - D. Motion by Brown, second by Foster to approve the Personnel Committee report (Resignations/Retirements- Ron Poniatowski, Art Teacher, High School; Deb Virta, Math Teacher, High School; Hires- Mary Kamin, 3 hr./day Food Service, High School; Lakota Brenner, 4 hr./day ALC, Middle School; Holly Telford, Teacher’s Assistant, Endeavor) as presented. Roll Call – Foster – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
 - E. Motion by Reckling, second by Garrigan to approve the Athletic Committee report (Coaches- Dave Mills, Volunteer Softball Coach, High School; Megan Jahoda, Volunteer Softball Coach, High School; Laura Bell, Track Coach, Middle School; Terry Gilman, Track Coach, Middle School) as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Brown – yes, Reckling – yes, Edwards – yes, Foster – yes, Garrigan – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
 - F. Motion by Brown, second by Foster to approve the board commendation (District Nurse Valerie Hon) as presented. Roll Call – Foster – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Reckling – yes, Edwards- yes, Brown – yes, Garrigan – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
8. Motion by Reckling, second by Foster to go into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1) (e), (f), and (g) for consideration, including action if appropriate, regarding the investing of public funds and conducting other public business that requires a closed session, for consideration of social or personal histories of specific persons which if discussed in public would likely have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person

referred to in such histories, and for conferring with legal counsel concerning strategy with respect to litigation in which the Board is or is likely to become involved. The purpose of the closed meeting is to consider and discuss strategy concerning litigation on a particular matter. and pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) for consideration, including action if appropriate, regarding employment, performance evaluation data, and compensation of specific individual potential candidates for the district administrator position and pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) considering employment or performance evaluation data of a professional staff member and (f) considering medical or personal histories which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of a professional staff member referred to in such histories about which there are minutes under consideration for approval at 7:25 p.m. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Edwards – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Pate –yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

9. and 10. Did not return to open session to take action.

11. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Foster to adjourn at 10:40 p.m. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Foster –yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

Recording Secretary

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