

PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Portage, WI 53901

February 8, 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 6:30 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, Rudolph, Haak, Meyer, Kvalo, Conner, Wolfe, Paulsen, Messer, Meicher, Thistle, Schoenborn.
- 1.4 Media Present: Daily Register
- 1.5 Guests Present: Kellie Kilde, Donda Daniels, and Leah Schroeder.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Motion by Pate, second by Garrigan to approve the agenda as amended (eliminating 8-A). Roll Call – Pate – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Shlimovitz – no, Brown, - yes, Edwards – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 6-1.
4. Public Input
 1. None
5. Board Updates/Committee Reports
 - A. Student Representative Report – Rachel Hicks talked about upcoming events at the high school including the upcoming dance Student Council is cohosting with GSA and Marsh Madness.
 - B. Rusch Rally – Kellie Kilde gave the board a sampling of what goes on during daily Rusch rallies and how they have impacted the culture among Rusch students.
 - C. Data-driven Decision Making – Jason Meyer, Donda Daniels and Leah Schroeder discussed how they utilize student data to improve student achievement.
6. Action Items
 - A. Motion by Reckling, second by Edwards to approve the previous meeting minutes from January 10th and January 19th 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 (Monthly Bills, Checks #307544-307781 and Checks #307783-307885 September Membership Count Revision, January Membership Count, Budget Transfers, Transportation Contract, 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 Reckling, second by Edwards to approve the payment of Check #307782 as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – abstain, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried 6-0 with one abstention.

January 2016

10 Fund \$1,702,948.75

27 Fund	\$242,395.49
<u>50 Fund</u>	<u>\$70,508.40</u>

Total January Expenditures \$2,015,852.64

- C. Motion by Pate, second by Shlimovitz to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Redemption of the District's General Obligation Promissory Notes, Dated July 1, 2008 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 Pate, second by Edwards to approve the Resolution to affirm the prior Board approved 403(b) plan: vendor agreement and hold harmless agreement dated October 13, 2008 as presented. Roll Call – Brown – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Garrigan – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried 7-0.
- E. Curriculum/Co-Curricular Committee Report – No action taken.
- F. Motion by Reckling, second by Garrigan to approve the personnel (Retirements- Barb Smith, Special Education Teacher, High School, Robin Ruhland, Speech/Language, John Muir, Lori Sulik, Special Education Teacher, John Muir, Jeff Good, Music Teacher, Middle School, Resignations- Dan Rolling, JV Girls Soccer Coach, Gigi Hilgendorf, Educational Aide, Rusch, Mary Beth Gladem, Teacher, Rusch, Sue Lurvey, Food Service, Middle School, Permission to Post, Junior Varsity Soccer Coach, Kindergarten Aide- Rusch, Special Education Aide-Rusch, 2.75 hour/day Food Service – Middle School, Co-Curricular Contracts- Kevin Brown, Talent Show Advisor, John Muir, Leave of Absence Request- Sandy Stanley, Instructional Aide, High School, Coaches- Matt Denman, Volunteer Baseball Coach, Jacob Nelson, Volunteer Baseball Coach, Karen Layman, JV Girls Soccer Coach, Adam Killian, Volunteer Girls Soccer Coach, Kristin Maass, Varsity Volleyball Coach) as presented. Roll call – Brown – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Garrigan – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
- G. Motion by Edwards, second by Pate to approve the elementary summer school handbooks as presented. Roll Call – Brown – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Garrigan – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
- H. Motion by Reckling, second by Garrigan to approve the board commendations (Robin Kvalo, Kellie Kilde, Connie Wampler, Tim Belleau, and Rich Hemler) 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 – Jason Meyer said John Muir staff members are preparing for parent teacher conferences and Digital Learning Day. Matt Paulsen said Portage Academy students will now learn a financial literacy component to the program. Sharing Supper will be February 29th. Salina Thistle said Woodridge and Endeavor are also busy getting ready for parent teacher conferences and Digital Learning Day. Woodridge students have been collecting change for River Haven. Endeavor students are teaming up with Royal Bank staff to prepare weekend backpacks filled with groceries for students who need them. Robin Kvalo said they are busy with registering students for next year at PHS. They are working on adding an additional PIE course, Math 143. A total of 54 FBLA students have qualified for State. They are busy preparing the iCenter's "Maker Space" for its grand opening soon. Barb Wolfe said the student services department has been busy. Larry Messer said his crew has been busy keeping the sidewalks clean and the buildings warm. Tim Haak said winter sports teams are busy competing and heading towards regionals and State competitions. Sue Conner said Digital Learning Day plans are in the works. Nikki Schoenborn said applications are out for teachers for summer school. Lewiston and Rusch students have been participating in kindness challenges recently to raise funds for ill children or students in impoverished nations. Bob Meicher said 8th grade students have been busy writing their own books and sharing their stories with students at Woodridge and residents at Tivoli. Students at BMS are busy with an honor level assembly, 24 tournament and the solo and ensemble contest. Margaret Rudolph said the Building Trades program house is now listed for sale on Zillow.

B. District Administrator's Report – Charles Poches discussed the Endeavor balanced school year survey, upcoming referendum presentations and the state legislative session with actions against public schools.

8. Motion by Reckling, second by Edwards to go into closed session at 7:35 p.m. under Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) (e) and (f): District Administrator Evaluation Roll Call – Edwards – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Pate – yes, Foster- yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
9. Motion by Reckling, second by Shlimovitz to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz –yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Foster –yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

District Secretary