

PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Portage, WI 53901

March 14, 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, Shlimovitz – yes, Edwards – yes, Foster – yes.
 - 1.2 Board Members Present: Pate, Reckling, Shlimovitz, Edwards, Foster, and Student Representative Emily Narel. Board Members Absent: Brown, Garrigan.
 - 1.3 Administrators Present: Poches, Rudolph, Hibner, Haak, Meyer, Kvalo, Conner, Wolfe, Paulsen, Messer, Meicher, Thistle, Schoenborn.
 - 1.4 Media Present: Daily Register
 - 1.5 Guests Present: Holly Kobza, Eileen Marshall, Dahlia Werner, Rick Dodd, Bill Tierney.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
 3. Motion by Reckling, second by Edwards to approve the agenda as amended (moving V-C ahead of V-B). Roll Call – Pate – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Edwards – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 5-0.
 4. Public Input
 1. None
 5. Board Updates/Committee Reports
 - A. Student Representative Report – Emily Narel talked about upcoming events at the high school including the musical, FBLA’s state contest, the forensics team’s district contest, and FFA State. Recent events include Foreign Language Week and Marsh Madness, which benefitted local charities.
 - C. Eileen Marshall, Holly Kobza, and Dahlia Werner presented information about the Makerspaces at the various buildings.
 - B. Mayoral Candidates – Rick Dodd and Bill Tierney talked about their visions for Portage and what they planned to do if elected mayor.
 6. Action Items
 - A. Motion by Pate, second by Edwards to approve the previous meeting minutes from February 8th as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Reckling – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 5-0.
 - B. 1. Motion by Garrigan, second by Pate to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Report (Monthly Bills, Checks 307886-308072, 308121-308235, and 308237-308287, 2016-2017 Operational Budgets, Partnering Pre-School Contracts, Ahlhorn Loans, Gifts to the District, and Budget Transfers) as presented. Roll Call –Edwards – yes, Pate –yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz –yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried 5-0.
 2. Motion by Reckling, second by Pate to approve the payment of Check #308236 as presented. Roll Call –Edwards – abstain, Pate – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried 4-0 with one abstention.

February 2016

10 Fund \$1,745,515.96

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| 27 Fund | \$248,994.75 |
| <u>50 Fund</u> | <u>\$86,762.79</u> |

Total February Expenditures \$2,081,273.50

- C. Motion by Edwards, second by Shlimovitz to approve the Athletic Committee report (including hockey co-op agreement) as presented. Roll Call – Pate – yes, Edwards – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Reckling – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried 5-0.
- D. Motion by Reckling, second by Pate to approve the Information Technology Advisory Board report (including telephone upgrade bid) as presented. Roll Call - Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried 5-0.
- E. Motion by Pate, second by Edwards to approve the Building Trades Committee report as presented. Roll Call – Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Foster- yes. Motion carried 5-0.
- F. Motion by Pate, second by Reckling to approve the personnel (Resignations- Jennefer Killoran, Aide, Lewiston, Julie Zimmerman, 5th grade Teacher, Lewiston, Joel Caulum, Boys Curling Coach, High School, Hires- Vicky Sugden, 2.75 hr/day Food service, BMS, Noah Smith, Volunteer Track Coach, Tim Amend, Volunteer Track Coach, Steve Aldridge, Volunteer Track Coach, Permission to Post- Aide (4.75 hours/day), Lewiston, Boys Curling Coach, Special Education Teacher (HS, 2 Elementary), Middle School Band Teacher, Speech/Language Pathologist, Co-Curricular Contracts- Lori Sulik, Individual Mentor 1st year, Contract Reduction Request, Denise Brown from 100% to 75% for the balance of 2015-2016 school year) as presented. Roll call – Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 5-0.
- G. Motion by Edwards, second by Reckling to approve the 2016-2017 CESA 5 Contract as presented. Roll Call –Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 5-0.
- H. Motion by Reckling, second by Shlimovitz to approve the board commendations (PHS instrumental and vocal music and cheer team) as presented. Roll Call –Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Edwards –yes, Pate – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 5-0.
7. A. Administrators’ Reports –Bob Meicher said BMS hosted a 7th grade courage retreat at PHS for students to learn more about how they treat themselves and others. This week is Middle Level Education Week. Sue Conner said the referendum video is ready to air. Salina Thistle said Endeavor is preparing for their Spring Fling on April 15th at 6 p.m. which includes raffles and the Blue Ribbon School celebration. Woodridge students celebrated Read Across America week and are hosting “Muffins with a Special Friend” day. Nikki Schoenborn said Rusch students have been working on the Respect campaign. Lewiston students have been busy with the Jump Start program and the PTO has been busy planning some fun field trips. Larry Messer said spring got here early. Concession stands are ready for spring sports. Jason Meyer said Thursday is math/science night. They are planning a root beer float party to honor a student battling leukemia. April 1st is the next growth mindset gathering. Barb Wolfe said parents will be invited to participate in a parent satisfaction survey on student services. Tim Haak said spring sports are gearing up and the lighting project is beginning. Robin Kvalo said staff is getting ready for parent teacher conferences. The ACTs and Workkeys are complete. Joel Caulum invited IDS class students to curl at the Portage Curling Club. She said 43 students were inducted into the National Honor Society. Matt Paulsen said they interviewed nine students for four openings. They are working on financial literacy for students. Sharing Supper will be the last Monday of March. The Young Eagles program will be partnering with the EAA to provide students ages 8-18 with flights and science education. Margaret Rudolph said new bus plans have been implemented including a reading program for riders. Peter Hibner said the elementary reading committee met and came to a consensus on a new reading program. They successfully completed a grant for peer reviews and mentoring with Poynette. Forward exams are coming up.

B. District Administrator's Report – Charles Poches discussed the upcoming referendum presentations, Culvers receiving the Bert Grover Child Advocate award, and Robin Kvalo being named a Kohl Leader.

8. Motion by Reckling, second by Edwards to go into closed session at 7:58 p.m. under Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) (e) and (f): District Administrator Evaluation Roll Call – Edwards – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Pate – yes, Foster- yes. Motion carried: 5-0.
9. Motion by Reckling, second by Pate to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Roll Call –Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Foster –yes. Motion carried: 5-0.

District Secretary