

PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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May 15, 2017

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 6:03 p.m. and declared an open meeting by President Steve Pate. Roll Call – Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Brown – yes, Pate – yes.
- 1.2 Board Members Present: Pate, Reckling, Garrigan, Shlimovitz, Brown, Edwards (arrived at 6:15) and Foster. Board Members Absent: None.
- 1.3 Administrators Present: Poches, Hibner, Rudolph.
- 1.4 Media Present: Daily Register
- 1.5 Guests Present: James Wescott, Ed Carlson.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Motion by Reckling, second by Garrigan to approve the agenda as amended (moving V. F before V. A). Roll Call – Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Brown – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
4. Information/Discussion
A. Board Listening Sessions – The board discussed the idea of members conducting listening sessions at buildings. They will try one session at the high school yet this spring and report back to the board. At that point, the board will determine if further sessions will be conducted. Board President Steve Pate designated Dan Brown and Fred Reckling as the board members to conduct the initial listening session.
5. Action Items
F. Motion by Garrigan, second by Shlimovitz to approve the 127 School Road purchase with the lease as presented to the Board and authorize the Director of Business to undertake actions in connection with the closing of the transaction. Roll call – Brown – yes, Reckling – yes, Foster – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Garrigan – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 6-0.
A. Motion by Reckling, second by Brown to approve the high deductible plan option for the employee health insurance. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – no, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – abstain, Pate – yes, Motion carried: 5-1 with one abstention.
B. Motion by Foster, second by Edwards to approve the first reading of the 2017-2018 professional employee handbook as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan - abstain, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz –yes, Pate –yes. Motion carried: 6-0 with one abstention.
C. Motion by Reckling, second by Brown to approve the first reading of the 2017-2018 paraprofessional employee handbook 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 Edwards, second by Garrigan to approve the personnel (Hires- Robert Hepp, Language Arts/Social Studies Teacher, Middle School and Varsity Football Coach, High School, Dominic Leising, Instrumental Music Teacher, Middle School; high school summer school contracts) as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Reckling – yes, Edwards – yes, Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Foster – yes, Pate –yes, Motion carried: 7-0.

- E. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Brown to approve the revision to Policy 0150 as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Edwards – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Brown – yes, Foster- yes, Reckling – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
- G. Motion by Reckling, second by Foster to approve the personnel committee report (including the 2017-2018 Negotiated Agreement for Certified Teaching Personnel and 2017-2018 Compensation for Professional Teaching Staff) as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – abstain, Brown – yes, Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Edwards – yes, Shlimovitz – no, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 5-1 with one abstention.
- H. Motion by Garrigan, second by Edwards to approve the field trip requests as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Brown – yes, Foster – yes, Edwards – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
6. Motion by Reckling, second by Foster to go into closed session per Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) to consider approval of the 2017-2019 Administrative Contracts at 6:49 p.m. Roll Call – Edwards – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Foster – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
7. Motion by Reckling, second by Foster to return to open session at 7:53 p.m. Roll Call – Foster – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
8. Motion by Edwards, second by Reckling to approve the administrative contracts as presented and to offer an administrative contract to Angie Gulrud. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Foster – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
9. Motion by Reckling, second by Edwards to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Foster – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

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