

**PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

Portage, WI 53901

June 13, 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 6:34 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, and Foster.  
Board Members Absent: None.
- 1.3 Administrators Present: Poches, Rudolph, Hibner, Messer, Paulsen, Meyer, Schoenborn, Haak, Kvalo, Conner, Wolfe, Meicher.
- 1.4 Media Present: Daily Register
- 1.5 Guests Present: Rachelle Murphy, Kellie Kilde, Shannon Kreuziger, Kathy Tofson and Nancy Ziegler.
  
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
  
3. Motion by Reckling, 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. Rachelle Murphy spoke regarding the proposed changes to the employee health insurance.
  
5. Board Updates/Committee Reports  
A. Elementary/Middle School Interventionist Presentation- Barb Wolfe, Bob Meicher, Jason Meyer and Nikki Schoenborn discussed the Interventionist program and how it is helping student achievement.  
B. 2016-2017 WASB Membership Renewal – Board members discussed the possibility of rejoining the WASB.
  
6. Action Items  
A. Motion by Pate, second by Edwards to approve the previous meeting minutes from May 9th as presented. Roll Call – Shlimovitz – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – abstain, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 6-0 with 1 abstaining.  
B. 1. Motion by Pate, second by Garrigan to approve the Finance, Facilities and Transportation Committee Report (Monthly Bills: Check numbers: 308818-308946, 308977-309079, & 309081-309131, Policy 570 revision, HS choir student fee of \$10 for robe cleaning, Gifts to the District (DekoRRa Products and Gumz Farms for planters and soil for the BMS garden project), FFA Field Trip, and SkillsUSA Field Trip) 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 Brown, second by Reckling to approve the payment of Monthly Bills, check 309080, as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – abstain, Pate – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried 6-0 with 1 abstaining.

**May 2016**

10 Fund	\$2,033,007.94
27 Fund	\$520,851.29

<u>50 Fund</u>	<u>\$91,163.63</u>
Total May Expenditures	\$2,375,022.86

- C. Curriculum/Co-Curricular Committee report – No action taken.
- D. Motion by Pate, second by Reckling to approve the Personnel Committee report (including wages for paraprofessionals and administrators and liquidated damages) as presented. Friendly amendment to separate wages from liquidated damages. Motion by Shlimovitz, second by Pate to amend the motion to separate wages for paraprofessionals and administrators. Roll call on amendment – Brown – no, Reckling – no, Shlimovitz – yes, Edwards – no, Pate – no, Garrigan – yes, Foster – no. Motion failed 2-5. Roll Call on original motion – Brown – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – no, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Garrigan – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried 6-1. Motion by Reckling, second by Pate to approve the liquidated damages as presented. Roll Call – Brown – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Edwards- yes, Pate – yes, Garrigan – yes. Foster – yes. Motion carried 7-0
- E. Motion by Edwards, second by Garrigan to approve the personnel (Resignations- Allison McMillen, 2nd Grade Teacher, John Muir, Kyle Braatz, Math Teacher, Middle School, Sara Jeisy, Special Education Teacher, Middle School, Rachael Struble, 4th Grade Teacher, Rusch, Allen McReath, Custodian, Lewiston, Alice Welsh, Paraprofessional, John Muir, Ryan Tienhaara, Guidance Counselor, High School/Middle School; Permission to Post- Special Education Teacher, BMS, 2nd Grade Teacher, Muir, Custodian, Lewiston, Interventionist, Rusch, Paraprofessional, Muir, Guidance Counselor, Middle School/High School; Hires- Ellen Dunahee, Special Education Teacher, Muir, Minta Brandsma, 7th Grade Teacher, Middle School, Sarah Beaulieu, K/1st Grade Teacher, Endeavor, Gretchen Legler, 5th Grade Teacher, Muir, Nathan Metzger, Tech. Ed. Teacher, High School/Middle School, Amber Lainberger, Kindergarten Teacher, Woodridge, Heather Voigt, Food Service 9 hrs/week, Kyle Homan, Science Teacher, High School, Emily Janes, Music Teacher, Elementary, Michelle Ernst, Interventionist, Muir, Trinidad Mascote, Elementary Guidance, Muir, Amy Van Treeck, 3rd Grade Teacher, Muir, Laura Bell, Math Teacher, Middle School; Contract Addendums- Tim Belleau, Amy Cole, Lisa Roche, Laura Kallenbach, Eileen Marshall, Theresa Schiferl, Lori Schulz, Dahlia Werner, Erin Eslinger, Kellie Kilde; Contract Reduction- Denise Brown, from 100% to 80%) as presented. Roll Call – Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Brown – yes, Garrigan – yes, Foster- yes. Motion carried 7-0.
- F. Motion by Reckling, second by Brown to approve the recommendation of the District Leadership Team of option 3 for employee health insurance as presented. Roll call – Pate – no, Brown – yes, Garrigan – abstain, Reckling – yes, Edwards – no, Shlimovitz – no, Foster – no. Motion failed: 2-4 with 1 abstaining.
- G. Motion by Edwards, second by Foster to approve the 2016-2017 Elementary Student Handbook 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 Pate to approve the 2016-2017 High School Student Handbook as presented. Roll Call – Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Edwards –yes, Pate – yes, Brown – yes, Garrigan – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
- I. & J. Motion by Edwards, second by Pate to table the 2016-2017 Professional and Paraprofessional Employee Handbooks’ first readings. Roll Call – Edwards – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Pate – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
- K. Motion by Pate, second by Edwards to approve the Neola Policies (Intro-0170) first reading as presented. Roll Call – Brown – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – no, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Garrigan – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 6-1.
- L. Motion by Pate, second by Edwards to approve the 2016-2017 Wisconsin Rural Schools Alliance membership as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Foster – no. Motion carried: 6-1.

- M. Motion by Brown, second by Pate to approve the 2016-2017 Association for Equity in Funding membership as presented. Roll Call – Brown – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Garrigan – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
- N. Motion by Edwards, second by Reckling to approve the board commendations (John Muir and Woodridge being named RtI PBIS Schools of Merit) as 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 – Margaret Rudolph congratulated Steve Pate on his 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the Board of Education. He was appointed June 9<sup>th</sup>, 1986.  
B. Board President’s Report – None.  
C. District Administrator’s Report – Charles Poches said the staff hiring is going well and he will present a detailed status report in July.
8. Motion by Edwards, second by Pate to go into closed session at 8:14 p.m. pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 19.85(1)(c), (e), (f), and (g):  
1. During this closed session, the Board will also be conferring with legal counsel who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the Board with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. The Board may also take action during this closed session, as appropriate.  
2. Administrative Contracts  
3. Establishment of 2016-2017 PEA Negotiation Strategies.  
Roll Call – Pate – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
9. Motion by Reckling, second by Foster to return to open session at 9:43 p.m. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
- Motion by Reckling, second by Pate to approve the administrative contracts for 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – no, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 6-1.
10. Motion by Reckling, second by Shlimovitz to adjourn at 9:47 p.m. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

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District Secretary