

PORTAGE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Portage, WI 53901

August 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 6:34 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, Thistle, Paulsen, Meyer, Schoenborn, Kvalo, Conner, Meicher.
- 1.4 Media Present: Daily Register
- 1.5 Guests Present: Michelle Doherty, Erin Wheelock, Tessa Wierichs, John Clemmons, Mikayla Thompson.

2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Motion by Reckling, second by Garrigan 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. None

5. Board Updates/Committee Reports
 1. Michelle Doherty and Erin Wheelock, along with students John Clemmons, Tessa Wierichs and Mikayla Thompson told the board about their recent trip to Germany as part of the exchange program.
 2. Margaret Rudolph presented the preliminary 2016-2017 budget information to the board.

6. Action Items
 - A. Motion by Edwards, second by Reckling to approve the previous meeting minutes from July 11th 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 #309307-309487, 161700001-161700009, and 309489-309520, 2016-2017 Budget, WASB 2016-2017 Membership, Intergovernmental Development Agreement, Resolution Authorizing Temporary Borrowing in an Amount not to Exceed \$3,500,000: Issuance of Tax and Revenue Anticipatory Promissory Notes; and Participation in the Wisconsin School District Cash Flow Administration Program, Transportation Contracts and Gifts to the District) as presented. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate –yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz –no, Foster – yes. Motion carried 6-1.
2. Motion by Reckling, second by Pate to approve the payment of Monthly Bills, check 309488 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.

- C. Motion by Brown, second by Edwards to approve the Curriculum/Co-Curricular Committee Report (including Standards Resolution and early graduation requests) 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 Reckling, second by Brown to approve the personnel (Resignations- Danielle Johnson, Aide, Rusch, Jessica Brown, Business Education Teacher, Middle School, Holden Pratt, Business Education Teacher, High School, Rowan Burk, Elementary Teacher, Lewiston, Donda Daniels, Interventionist, John Muir, Carly Thiel, Volleyball Coach, Middle School, Kim Ostrowski, Teacher's/LMC Assistant, Woodridge, Susan Johnson, Administrative Assistant, Endeavor, Kim Lloyd, Food Service, Rusch, Permission to Post- Middle School Business, Education Teacher, High School Business Education Teacher, 6th Grade Bartels Middle School – 2 positions, Muir Interventionist, Woodridge/Endeavor Interventionist, Woodridge Administrative Assistant, Endeavor Administrative Assistant, Rusch Food Service 2.5 hrs/day, High School Special Education Aide, Hires- Nicole Trescari, Special Education Teacher, John Muir, Rachel Kidd, 4th Grade Teacher, Rusch, Lynda Morrison, 3 hr/day Food Service, John Muir, Rhonda Hamburg, 2.5 hr/day Food Service, Middle School, Devin VanDerSchaege, Interventionist, Rusch, Jacqueline Warren, Business Education Teacher, High School, Jennifer Timko-Butka, 5.75 hr/day Aide, Michelle Parker, 6th Grade Teacher, Middle School, Summer School Contract- Kyle Homan, John Muir, Leave Request- Sandra Stanley, Coaches- Hayley Wolfe, Assistant Fall/Winter Cheer Coach, High School, Cory Hamre, Volunteer Wrestling Coach, Middle School/High School, Carissa Apfelbeck, Volleyball Coach, Middle School, Contract Amendment- Stefanie Zehner, From 50% to 100%, Middle School, Paul Zuelke, From 50% to 100%, High School) 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 Brown, second by Edwards to approve the first reading of Neola policies 1000-1400 as presented. Roll Call – Brown – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – no, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Garrigan – yes, Foster- yes. Motion carried 6-1.
- F. Motion by Edwards, second by Shlimovitz to approve the 2016-2017 Professional Employee Handbook second reading as presented. Amendment by Shlimovitz, second by Foster to include BMS FBLA Advisor in the handbook. Roll call on amendment- Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Brown – yes, Garrigan- abstain, Foster – yes. Amendment passes. Roll call on amended handbook – Reckling – no, Shlimovitz – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – no, Brown – no, Garrigan – abstain, Foster – yes. Motion failed: 3-3 with 1 abstaining.
- G. Motion by Reckling, second by Shlimovitz to approve the 2016-2017 ParaProfessional Employee Handbook second reading as presented. Roll Call – Edwards – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Pate – no, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 6-1.
- H. Motion by Pate, second by Edwards to allow administrators to approve in-district transfer requests between now and the beginning of the school year. Roll Call – Edwards –yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Pate – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.
- I. Motion by Brown, second by Reckling to approve the special board meeting for September 7th at 6 p.m. Roll Call – Pate – yes, Brown – yes, Edwards – yes, Shlimovitz – no, Reckling – yes, Garrigan – yes, Foster – no. Motion carried: 5-2.
7. A. Administrators' Reports – Larry Messer said the district is preparing for an active shooter training with local emergency responders. Summer projects are wrapping up, including parking lot paving and boiler replacement. Bob Meicher said BMS is busy preparing for back-to-school. Robin Kvalo is gearing up for registration and new staff members. Matt Paulsen is looking forward to a PBIS Conference. PAA students will be at the Oct. 10th board meeting. Portage Sharing Supper is August 29th. Jason Meyer said John Muir staff members are gearing up for the Color Run on September 17th and their open house. Salina Thistle said Woodridge and Endeavor are both gearing up for registration nights. Nikki Schoenborn said summer school has gone well. Rusch and Lewiston

are getting ready for registration. Sue Conner said several large information technology projects have been accomplished this summer, including a library automation system and several Sisco switches. Peter Hibner said professional development has focused on a new reading program and refresher math.

B. District Administrator's Report – Charles Poches reviewed upcoming back-to-school activities, including the new teacher luncheon and the opening in-service session.

8. Motion by Reckling, second by Pate to adjourn at 7:31 p.m. Roll Call – Garrigan – yes, Brown – yes, Reckling – yes, Shlimovitz – yes, Edwards – yes, Pate – yes, Foster – yes. Motion carried: 7-0.

District Secretary